



# Paw Prints

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April 1, 2015

**An Easter Blessing** - *“May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear, And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.”*

**Spotlight on Teachers** - This week we spotlight Ms. Meghan Ramey, 3rd Grade Teacher! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall”.

**Tuesday Folder Items** - Please make sure you get the papers from the Tuesday folder from your youngest child. There should be a tuition letter from me along with an Auto-Debit Form that must be completed. Please send this in before May 1. The 7th and 8th grade students should be bringing home information about the Red Cross Leadership Camp - an excellent experience, and the 8th grade students should be bringing home Camp Joy papers to be returned by April 15. The dates of Camp Joy are April 22 - 24.

**Important Dates for Next Year** - Here are some dates to help you with your plans for the 2015-16 school year: Open House/Meet the Teacher - Sun., Aug. 16; First Day of School - Wed., Aug. 19; Christmas Break - Dec. 21- Jan 1; Easter Break - March 24 - Apr. 1; Last Day of School - June 2.

**Standardized Testing** for grades 3 - 7 begins Wednesday after Easter Break, April 15. Please make sure your child/ren get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast.

**Uniforms** - Over break, please check your child/ren’s uniforms including skirt and jumper length as well as pant and short color. Shorts can be worn beginning May 1. Boys in grades 7 and 8 must have the uniform khaki color that can be purchased at Schoolbelles, Penneys, Sears, Target and Kohls. Also, please pay attention to what shoes your children are wearing. Slippers are not appropriate.

**Grandparents/Grandfriends Day** is drawing near. It is Friday, April 17th from 8:00-10:15 am. We are looking for volunteer parents to help that morning with directing people to the proper places, traffic flow from the church to Milligan Hall and assisting with the morning activities. Please email Beth Hagen, [hagendbosc@yahoo.com](mailto:hagendbosc@yahoo.com) if you can help out. Also, reminders: RSVP to your

homeroom teacher by April 13th, review the video lines with your children for the teachers assisting in this endeavor, and please turn in your family tree by April 15th to the office.

**Panther Pulse!** Click [here](#) to check out pictures of activities that have been happening at SPX! You can also access the link through our website by clicking on the Panther Pulse heading.

**Spirit Wear On-line store is open from April 1-17.** All orders will be available for pickup (or sent home with your child) the week of May 4. Contact Michelle Price ([michelle.price@protiviti.com](mailto:michelle.price@protiviti.com) or 513-253-3030) with any questions.

**Second Trimester Honor Roll** - Congratulations to the 7th and 8th students who made First or Second Honors last trimester. Please click [here](#) for a complete list.

**Easter Meals for the Needy** – No Cooking Involved!! What better way to cap off your Lenten experience than providing Easter dinner groceries for a needy family in the Northern Ky. Area? Groceries provided for an Easter feast generally consist of ham, vegetable, potatoes, and dessert. This is an easy service opportunity for families, clubs, scouts, prayer groups, parish committees, or classroom projects. If you'd like to help a needy family's Easter celebration be a special one, please contact Danette Doggett ([kadogman@yahoo.com](mailto:kadogman@yahoo.com) or 344-1235) or Becky Maschinot ([bmaschinot1@gmail.com](mailto:bmaschinot1@gmail.com) or 859-426-0523 to get more information and a family name assignment (we will give you the family name you will be buying for along with family size).

**Schoolbelles Spring Sale** starts today, April 1, featuring *10-30% OFF* select warm-weather items (including short sleeve shirts, walking shorts & First Communion) plus *FREE SHIPPING* on all orders over \$50 (*see flyer*). Please note that we will be closed on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Apr. 3 and 4.

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** will be held **Saturday, April 4**, in Milligan Hall. This is the we will be 8th annual event and is free to all parishioners kindergarten and younger. Please help out by volunteering at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E48ACAB2AA0FC1-breakfast](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E48ACAB2AA0FC1-breakfast). Student and parent volunteers are invited to help out! Click [here](#) for a flyer with the details of the event.

**Service Opportunity** - During the St Pius X Lenten speaker series we have heard from Catholic Charities each week regarding their involvement across the Diocese. To bring the work of Catholic Charities to life here at St Pius, we are planning for a St. Pius Outreach Day on **Sunday April 12th from 1-4 pm**. If you were unable to sign up at the speaker series and are interested in joining us for this volunteer day please contact fellow parishioner Dan Meier at [dsmeier@fuse.net](mailto:dsmeier@fuse.net) or 859-331-9323.

**Enchanted Evening Sign Up Parties** - It's not too late to join in the fun from the Enchanted Evening...we have availability in 3 of the sign up parties left still. If you are interested in Boys Night Out Brewery Tour, Lucky Strikes Bowling, or St. Pius Karaoke please see the attached [flyer](#) for

dates and specifics. Space is limited. Please contact Jenni at [jen\\_m\\_ward@yahoo.com](mailto:jen_m_ward@yahoo.com) or Lori at [loriten717@gmail.com](mailto:loriten717@gmail.com) if interested.

**Handicap Parking** - Please do not use these spots for quick drop off and/or pick up as they are reserved for those who need them. I have alerted our School Resource Officer, Officer Chin, and he will be checking for valid permits to park there.

**Do you have an old I-Pod or I-Phone?** Have you had an upgrade lately and found that you are just shoving your old device in your closet or junk drawer? Please consider donating them to SPX. There are so many things that even the most outdated device can be used for here at school, including recording text for struggling readers, recording students while reading, helping with student organization, and installing apps that reads with the students or help with math and reading practice. All donated devices will be reset to the factory settings and wiped clean per manufacturer directions. Please send them to the school office. Thanks!

**Last Day of School** is Friday, June 5, with an All-School Mass and end of year awards. Dismissal will be at 10:30 am. Please try to wait until after that time to start your vacation plans.

**Done with Bullying** is a free anti-bullying seminar for children ages 8-14 who are Edgewood Residents that will be held at the Edgewood Senior Center **Saturday, April 11th** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Cov Cath Grade School Football Sign ups** - Come learn about and sign up for Cov Cath's Colonels Youth Football for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade on **Saturday, April 11** from 11 am – 1 pm in the foyer of the Cov Cath gym (enter through front gym doors). The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team is new for 2015! Fee for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade is \$75 and 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> is \$125. Go to [www.covcath.org](http://www.covcath.org), click on Athletics, click on Colonels Youth Football or contact Bob Morris at [harpomorris76@gmail.com](mailto:harpomorris76@gmail.com).

**DCCH Foster Care/Adoption** - A meeting is scheduled for **April 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. We currently have seen a 350% increase in children who need homes in our region. These children need families and a safe place to grow and thrive. Please look in your hearts to help our cause! See the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

**Cincinnati Museum Center** spring special for annual family membership passes giving you unlimited access to all 3 museums and this summer's Science of Sports exhibit, free parking, discounts on food, retail and Omnimax. This special is only available **March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more details.

**American Red Cross' Leadership Development Center (LDC)** - This four-day, three-night summer [camp](#) provides students ages 13-17 a taste of living on a college campus, the American Red Cross' mission and values, leadership, diversity, and a lot of fun! July 9-12 at Xavier University; cost is \$200 with options for assistance. There is an application required (**priority deadline of April 15, final deadline of May 15**), and here is a link to learn more about the logistics of camp, and the online application: <http://www.redcross.org/oh/cincinnati/local-programs/leadership-development>

**Chastity Speaker**-The Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office and St. Elizabeth Healthcare invite students and their parents to attend *Authentic Love* featuring Mr. Charles Marks, on **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:30pm at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Ave, Covington (across from the Cathedral). This [presentation](#) is appropriate for students in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School. For more information, please contact the Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1500 or [ppiccola@covdio.org](mailto:ppiccola@covdio.org).

**Terrific Toys** is a free event for children Ages 5-12 that will be held **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00–11:30 am at The Edgewood Senior Center. “**Amazing Race**” **Road Rally** is for any group of 2-6 people **Saturday, April 25** 6:30 p.m.; Freedom Park Yard Sale **Saturday, May 16** 9 am - 12 pm. Click [here](#) for flyers.

**School Choice Bill** - Representatives Tommy Thompson and David Floyd have filed House Bill 384 that helps parents exercise their right to choose the educational environment most appropriate for their children. It would accomplish this goal by increasing the amount of tuition assistance available to children enrolled in nonpublic schools, including Catholic schools. More information on the bill can be found [here](#). We need families and school employees to contact their state representatives and ask them to co-sponsor House Bill 384. This can be done by calling 1.800.372.7181 and leaving a message. You can also send your representative an electronic message by visiting [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov). Your voice is important.

You can also spread the word by [sharing](#) the CCK blog on Facebook or by [retweeting](#) it. Please contact Andrew Vandiver at the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK) with any questions or concerns. He can be reached at [avandiver@ccky.org](mailto:avandiver@ccky.org).

**St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards** - Our latest check from Kroger was \$ 2,014.28, and we are up to 203 households participating. Thanks so much for your support! The *re-registration period* will be coming up in *April*. Instructions will be coming soon. If you are not signed up already, you can sign up at any time at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Click [here](#) for more information. Please contact Stefanie Reid at 578-9939 or [stefa5678@gmail.com](mailto:stefa5678@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Youth Group Information**- Any 6-8th grade parent who wants to be on the youth group email distribution list please email Ashley Marshall at [abb171@gmail.com](mailto:abb171@gmail.com).

**Computer Programming Summer Camp** - Have you ever wanted to animate your own stories or write your own computer games? We will do so this summer at St. Pius X in the computer lab. There will be a morning and afternoon summer camp the week of 6/15 - 6/19. The morning summer camp is from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and will cover Scratch for \$90.00. The afternoon summer camp is from 12:30 to 2:30 and will cover ALICE for \$90.00. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**Thomas More Summer Basketball Camp** hosted by the women's basketball team will be offered for girls 7 and up. The emphasis will be on improving individual basketball skills for all levels. Click [here](#) for more information.

**CINSAM 2015 Summer Camps at NKU** - Rockets, robots, stars and more to explore for your child this summer... Information in the [attached](#) flyer. Additional information and registration can be found at <http://cinsam.nku.edu/Student-and-Parents/SummerCamps.html>

**SPX Has An App!** We use our SchoolWay app as one way to notify you of important announcements. If you have not had a chance to download the free app from the app store, do it today! See <http://myschoolway.com/StPius> for more information.

**Paper Retriever Recycling Bin** has been removed from our property because the company has gone out of business. Please recycle your paper products through your home recycling program. We are working on how to continue recycling of paper at school.

**Cafeteria Workers Needed** from 10 am - 1 pm every day! Please call Sharon Depenbrock at 341-4900 x104 or e-mail [sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com) if you can help out.

**Playground Duty Openings!** Teachers need help on the playground during recess. Please sign up to be a recess monitor at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AF22A6FE3-recess>

**Cafeteria Charges** - Please check your child's account and take care of any debts. There is a Diocesan policy on charging found on our website.

**Prayer Group!** Please join school families in the small chapel on the first and third Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:45 am. Children welcome!

**Religion Courses Offered** through the Diocese are open to all parents. Go to [www.covingtondiocese.org](http://www.covingtondiocese.org) for a complete listing and directions on how to register.

**Does your child like to sing?** - St. Pius X Schola Choir is open to all children of the parish in grades three to seven. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Share the Good News!** Help us celebrate the accomplishments of our current and former St. Pius X Panthers. If you come across any articles highlighting current or past students' accomplishments, please send them to the school office or email them to [kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com).

**Remke Reloadable Gift Cards** are available at the school or church office. Kroger Community Rewards program is available by registering your Kroger Plus Card and designating SPX at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).

**Diocesan Facebook Page!** - The Diocese of Covington has a Facebook page that shares the good news of our schools with everyone we can. Check out all the exciting things happening in our schools at <https://www.facebook.com/faithfillededucation?ref=hl>. And don't forget that we should only post good things about our school!

**World Youth Day 2016** – Registration is now open for the Diocese of Covington's pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, July 24 through August 2, 2016! Itinerary, cost, and registration details are included in the [attached](#) pamphlet.

**Lunch Menu** – Click [here](#) for a copy of the lunch menu.

### Looking Ahead

April	2	Holy Thursday - NO SCHOOL
	3	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
	6	Easter Sunday
	6- 10	Easter Break
	14	PTG Meeting 7 pm
	15	Iowa Testing Begins (gr. 3 - 7)
		Skyline Night
	17	Grandparent's Day
	17-18	7th and 8th gr. play - <i>Willy Wonka</i>

*Happy Easter and Happy Easter Break!*  
*Mrs. Gerwe*