



# Paw Prints

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April 16, 2015

***"...I have designed you to live by faith, not by sight." - Jesus Calling, 4/16***

**Spotlight on Teachers** - This week we spotlight Ms. Nikki Rauen, school counselor! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her "wall".

**Grandparents/Grandfriends Day** is tomorrow from 8:00-10:15 am! We look forward to a great morning with the children and their special guests.

**Standardized Testing** for grades 3 - 7 has begun. There will be no testing tomorrow, April 17, due to Grandparent's Day and the preview of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Monday we will test on Usage/Expression and Math Concepts/Estimation; Tuesday is Problem Solving and Math Computation; Wednesday will be Social Studies and Science; and Thursday is Maps/Diagrams and Reference Materials. We will be administering the CogAT Test beginning Friday of next week. Please make sure your child/ren get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast.

**Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** will be performed by the 7th and 8th grade SPX students at 7 pm Friday, April 17, and at 2 pm and 7 pm Saturday, April 18. Please join us in the PAC for the show!

**Terrific Toys** is a free event for children Ages 5-12 that will be held **Saturday, April 18th** from 10:00–11:30 am at The Edgewood Senior Center. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**Auto-Debit Forms** for next year are due May 1. Please get those into the school office.

**Pringles Needed!** We are trying a new game at the festival this summer called the Pringle Can Ring Toss and are asking each family to donate one can of Pringles to the festival. Please send them in with your child.

**Teacher Appreciation Week** will be held May 4-8. As part of the celebration we would like for the students to write/draw thank you cards to their current and past teachers. Place the cards in an envelope marked "Office: Teacher Letters." Please turn these in by May 6.

**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.

**Congratulations** to the March Students of the Month and the student from each homeroom who was recognized for his/her efforts in Music. Click [here](#) for a list of students.

**Spirit Wear** - Congratulations to Paige Neuhaus for having her spirit wear design chosen as the best by her classmates!! She received a \$25 gift card to ToysRUs and will receive a free shirt with "#panthernation" on it!! Check out the winning design at <http://www.proforma.com/saintpius>. Spirit wear items will be available for purchase through April 24. Samples and help ordering will be available during Grandparents Day, this Friday from 8-10am. Contact Michelle Price (513-253-3030) with any questions.

**Uniforms** - Have you checked 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.

**Computer Camp**- Give your 4th through 8th grade student the wonderful opportunity to write computer games or animate stories this summer. The summer camp programming projects will encourage creative and critical thinking. The two summer sessions are being offered the week of 6/15 to 6/19 at SPX. Scratch programming is from 9:30 to 11:30 for \$90 and ALICE programming is from 12:30 to 2:30 for \$90. The enrollment will be limited to 12 students per session. Click [here](#) for a registration form.

**Laffalot Summer Camp** brings back a little bit of yester-years...Remember when kids played in their backyards? When Eenie, Meenie, Minie, Moe determined teams? Games like "Hide and Seek", "Ghost in the Graveyard", "Kick the Can", and "King of the Hill"? Coming to a fair compromise and not really caring who won or lost 5 minutes after the game was over? Being exhausted at the end of the day from playing, but excited about getting up the next day and start all over again? Have your children come join the fun at SPX July 20-24, 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. for boys and girls ages 6-12. Cost is \$110 - Directed by Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Julie Abeling. Online registration available at [www.laffalotcamps.com](http://www.laffalotcamps.com). Come see what the Laff-ter's all about! Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**Debbie Day Scholarship** - Applications are now being accepted for the Debbie Day Scholarship. Debbie Schulenberg Day was a St. Pius X School music teacher who dedicated her life to Catholic elementary school music education. The scholarship is open to students in grades K - 7 who have an A or B average in music and maintain academic quality in all subject areas. Families applying should show some financial need and provide a copy of the latest tax return. Applications can be found on the school website (<http://stpiusx.com/school/scholarships/>) and are due May 1st in the school office. Recipients of the scholarship will be announced at the final school liturgy.

**Florence Wormald / Rita Ward Fund**-Applications are now being accepted for the Florence Wormald/Rita Ward Fund. This tuition aid fund was established in honor of Florence Wormald and Rita Ward to help deserving students from St. Pius X Parish obtain a Catholic High School Education. These students are selected from families who, because of financial considerations, may not otherwise have the opportunity for their child to attend Covington Catholic, Notre Dame, Villa Madonna, or Covington Latin. Applicants should be from active and participating family of the parish. Applications can be found on the school website (<http://stpiusx.com/school/scholarships/>), in the school office, in the back of the church and in the parish office. Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup> and should be returned to St. Pius X School Office, Attn: Board of Total Catholic Education, c/o Principal.

**BOTCE Nominations** - The Board of Total Catholic Education (BOTCE) is accepting nominations for three member at large positions. St. Pius X BOTCE is a policy making body that acts as consultants to the Pastor, Director of Religious Education and the School Administration in the operation and evaluation of the catechetical and educational programs of the parish. This is for a three year term. Any active member of the parish, 18 years or older, is eligible. Those interested should contact BOTCE Chairman Chris Schutte ([kbk@fuse.net](mailto:kbk@fuse.net) or 859-743-7163). Nominations are due by May 3, 2015.

**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.

**St. Pius Athletic Association** will have two spots to fill on the the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee guides the direction of the Athletic program at St. Pius X. This is not for a specific position as the committee decides on those once the committee is elected. This is a great way to get involved at St. Pius and interact with many of the other groups at St. Pius. Anyone interested or who has questions should contact Josh Browning at [joshuabrowning@gmail.com](mailto:joshuabrowning@gmail.com).

**Thank You for the Wonderful Books!** Many thanks to the following students who participated in the Library Birthday Club on March 25th: Gwen Brown, Liela Brown, Ayden Laake, Christine Sova, Ava Gerwe, Emily Brennen, Jake Dickman, Tristan Clifton, Malia Christensen, Will Dusing, Sean Dusing, Henry Barlage, Ava Hehman, Zoe Doerger, Nolan Bonta, RJ Wilson, Evan Thacker, Ben Reeves, Maddi Walker, Max Ward, Josh Tucker, Maddie Janszen, Charlotte Little, Teagan Kruer, Ivy Mullins, Brooklyn Boren, Gabby Goetz, Luke Goetz, Gavin Bain, Andrew VonLehman, Anna Neubacher, Matthew Vann, Abigail Carnes, Charlie Reeves, Garrett Berkemeier, Anna Kremer, Trinity Callahan, Eva Weinel, Hannah Knapke, Owen Knapke, Faith Bent, Drew Kaufman, Grant Krummen, Patrick Butler, Carson Schmidt, Will Fuller, Emily Creed, Adison Witajewski, Olivia Eibel, Will Ward, Alexandria Starke, Emily Ehrman, Gwendolyn Whelan, Sam Johnson, Maya Dailey, Ellie Williams, Lauren Pence, Emma Pohlman, Emma Gates, Kate Davey, Mitchell Davey, Rachel Neuhaus, Kimmie Woeste, Emma Brauch, Jack Blau, Madison Hagedorn, Kirtley Hanna, Carly Hagedorn and Ty Copeland Through the generosity of these students and their parents, our school library continues to grow. This was our last meeting of Birthday Club for this school year. Thanks

again to all who participated ! We especially appreciate all of the help given to us by our two terrific parent volunteers, Mrs. Christine Gallagher and Mrs. Amy Mayer.- Mrs. Moorhead and Mrs. Brunot

**Thank You** - “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Many thanks to our parish and school community’s response to the call to feed the hungry. Thanks to your generosity 39 needy families received groceries to prepare a proper Easter feast!! It is a wonderful way to celebrate Christ’s love at Easter. - Danette Doggett and Becky Maschinot

**Congratulations** to our teachers who will be recognized by the Department of Catholic Schools for the years of service with the Diocese of Covington at a luncheon at the end of the month: Mrs. Cecilia Baker and Mrs. Stephanie Larcher - 5 years; Mrs. Jenny Lonneman - 10 years; Mrs. Julie Abeling - 15 years; Ms. Peggy Kelly - 25 years; and Mrs. Mary Ann Halpin - 35 years!

**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.

**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!

**Rummage Sale** - Blessed Sacrament Church Challenge Club is having a Rummage sale on Saturday, April, 25th from 8AM - 2PM at Blessed Sacrament Church in the undercroft.

**Summer Safety Tips From Northern Kentucky Health Department** - Click [here](#) for some good information that might be helpful to you and your family.

**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>

**Concours d'Elegance Car Show** hosted by the Edgewood Recreation Committee will take place Saturday, April 25, before the Amazing Race. There will be a wide variety of makes, models, and years in attendance! Judging of the cars will be done by spectators. Click [here](#) for a flyer. The Amazing Race Road Rally is for any group of 2-6 people Saturday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. Freedom Park Yard Sale is Saturday, May 16 9 am - 12 pm. Click [here](#) for the 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 [atavandiver@ccky.org](mailto:atavandiver@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).

**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	17	Grandparent's Day
	17-18	7th and 8th gr. play - <i>Willy Wonka</i>
	21	Standardized Testing Continues BOTCE Meeting 7 pm
	22-24	8th Grade to Camp Joy
	28	Last Day of Standardized Testing First Communion Practice
	29	Vocation Visit to classrooms

*I hope you have a great week! Mrs. Gerwe*