



# Paw Prints

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***“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” – Jane Goodall, Earth Day Quote***

**Spotlight on Teachers** - This week we spotlight Ms. Kathleen King, kindergarten aide! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall”.

**Grandparent’s Day** was such a special event! We had lots of visitors and enjoyed tours, a prayer service, and donuts together! A special thank you to co-chairs Beth Hagen and Emily Woeste for all the hours of hard work, creative efforts and special attention to make Grandparents Day this year such a wonderful day for everyone attending! Thanks also to those on the committee who helped with this huge undertaking:

Mrs. Amanda Hyams, Jan Witajewski, Meghan Sandfoss, Anne Marie Fitz, Suzy Turnpough, Nancy White and Ali Reeves. Thank you to all who made the day run as smoothly as possible, with record crowds of people and very thirsty grandparents! We could not have made the day as successful without your help:

Kathy Laws, Karan Schutt, Christy Baker, Jamie Zimmerman, Nicole Knasel, Karen Rennekamp, Jan Witajewski, Cathy VonLehman, Jenny Bent, Tracy Hayden, Nancy White, Meghan Sandfoss, Anne Marie Fitz, Suzy Turnpough, Becky Safarecyk, Joan Eberly, Holli Ahlers, Christina Schreiner, Richard Bohl, Michelle Litmer, and Jenni Ward. If anyone was left out accidentally, please know you are thanked!

Lastly, thank you to Michelle Price for working The SPX Spirit Wear booth and Lee Maxwell for his tireless efforts setting up and taking down!

**Spirit Wear** -Tomorrow, Friday, April 24 is the last day to order spirit wear from the spring sale! Help support our school by purchasing as a small percent of all of the sales go directly to the school. And don’t forget to order the winning logo submitted by Paige Neuhaus -- #panthernation! Shirts are only \$8!! Visit [www.proforma.com/saintpius](http://www.proforma.com/saintpius) to view all of the current items available. Items will be sent home the week of May 4 with your child. Any questions, please contact Michelle Price 513-253-3030.

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

**Standardized Testing** for grades 3 - 7 continues through Tuesday. We finished the Iowa Test of Basic Skills today and will begin the CogAT test tomorrow (Friday, 4/24). This test contains three parts and we will administer one part per day. Tomorrow is the Verbal Battery, Monday is the Quantitative Battery, and Tuesday is the Nonverbal Battery. Please make sure your child/ren get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast. We test in the morning so it is important that your child is present and on time.

**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.

**BOOK FAIR is Coming!** Mark your calendars for the week of May 11th so you can come and visit our Book Fair in the library. Every student will have the opportunity to shop at the Book Fair during their regularly scheduled library time. We invite parents, grandparents, or a friend to shop with the students during their scheduled time. **Book Fair Volunteers Needed:** Many volunteers are needed for our Book Fair to be a success. If you would like to help with setup or volunteer during your child's library period, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45aaa62ba46-stpius>. **All For Books:** As part of the book fair, St. Pius is participating in the Scholastic Book Fair's "All for Books" program. All for Books collects donations of loose change to a fund dedicated to buying books for local charities. Each student will receive a bag for loose change in their April 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday folder. Please send in any contributions to homeroom teachers by Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. **WHEN STUDENTS RETURN THE BAG, THEY WILL BE ENTERED IN THE DRAWING FOR THE BOOK FAIR \$25 GRAND RAFFLE PRIZE!** This year we will also be awarding the homeroom with the highest donation with a Donut Party. Thanks for sharing reading and books.

**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.

**Uniforms** - Uniform shorts can be worn beginning May 1. There is no need for sweat pants with gym anymore this year.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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>

**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	28	Last Day of Standardized Testing First Communion Practice
	29	Vocation Visit to classrooms
	30	Teacher Recognition Luncheon First Communion Practice

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