



# Paw Prints

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*Paw Prints is e-mailed to you every Thursday. Please open it and read the bold print to determine if you need to continue reading the items that pertain to you. Thanks!*

April 30, 2015

***“This is where you are meant to live - in the present.” – Jesus Calling, 4/30***

**Spotlight on Teachers** - This week we spotlight Mrs. Sarah Schulte, 1st Grade Teacher! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall”.

**Due Tomorrow, May 1, in the School office:**

- Auto-Debit Forms for next year
- Debbie Day Scholarship applications open to students in grades K - 7 who have an A or B average in music and maintain academic quality in all subject areas. Applications can be found on the school website (<http://stpiusx.com/school/scholarships/>)
- Florence Wormald / Rita Ward Fund applications open to students from St. Pius X Parish. Applications can be found on the school website (<http://stpiusx.com/school/scholarships/>)

**Uniforms** - Uniform shorts can be worn beginning tomorrow, May 1.

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is next week, May 4 - 8. This week we are able to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate their dedication to our children. Click [here](#) for a list of daily activities and our teachers/staff and their years of service to SPX. Don't forget to have your child/ren write or draw thank you cards to their current and past teachers. Place the cards in an envelope marked “Office: Teacher Letters.” and turn them in to the office by May 6.

**Layup for Lauren Challenge** - Hey St.Pius, Girls on the Run here! We are having a fundraiser for The Lauren Hill Foundation which is a part of The Cure Starts Now Organization. On May 5th, for a minimum donation price of \$1, your child will get to have a fun challenge at recess, a sticker showing they participated in a great cause and a treat to take home as a thank you from us! The students who choose to participate will spin around 5 times and try to shoot a basket. Lauren started this challenge to teach people how it felt to live with a tumor that affected your balance and eyesight. We hope you support our efforts!

**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.

**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* is going on [now](#). 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.

**Congratulations** to Will Schwierjohann and Pete Knochelmann for receiving scholarships to Holy Cross High School. Will received the Raymond and Mary Barth Scholarship and Pete received the Anne Marie Mielech Scholarship in recognition of their hard work in the classroom and efforts to better themselves personally.

**Congratulations** to our teachers who were recognized at a luncheon today provided by the Department of Catholic Schools for their years of service with the Diocese of Covington: 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!

**Standardized Testing** is complete. Ms. Rauen is working on make-up tests for those who were absent, and will do as many as she possibly can. We must ship the materials out for scoring by the end of this week. Thanks for doing your part in having your children at school and ready for testing. Results should be in before the end of the school year.

**Vocation Visit** - Fr. Michael Hennigen, Associate Pastor of St. Catherine's and Assistant Vocation Promoter, and Sr. Cathy Bauer, a Benedictine Sister from St. Walburg Monastery, came to speak with the all grade levels yesterday. We enjoyed their visit and appreciate their time they spent with us!

**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. Thanks to those who have already sent cans in!

**BOTCE Nominations** - The Board of Total Catholic Education (BOTCE) is accepting nominations for three member at large positions 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 at [kbk@fuse.net](mailto:kbk@fuse.net) or at 743-7163. Nominations are due by May 3, 2015.

**St. Pius Athletic Association** will have two spots to fill on the the Executive Committee. 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).

**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.

**Do you have an old I-Pod or I-Phone?** Please consider donating them to SPX. All donated devices will be reset to the factory settings and wiped clean per manufacturer directions. 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.

**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.

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

**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"? 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, but there is a **promotion running from now until May 7th. If parents key in 8FOR10, they can get an \$8 discount.** The camp session will be 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.

**NDA Summer Camps** - Whether you are artistic, musical, athletic, dramatic or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! NDA offers camps in music, art, theater, and athletic camps in basketball, volleyball, archery, soccer and lacrosse. Check out all of the amazing opportunities available at NDA this summer at:[www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org).

**NDA Archery Summer Camp** June 15-17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$70 which covers the use of equipment, instruction, tournament, "string bow," and a camp T-shirt. Boys and girls grades 5-12 are invited to register provided the archer can pull back 12 lbs. The camp will provide beginner and intermediate archery instruction in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) style of target archery. Registration is open now. Email [Landern@ndapandas.org](mailto:Landern@ndapandas.org) for more information.

**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 of Hoops** - Individual Basketball Instruction conducted by Kes Murphy; Coming in June!  
E-mail [keshoops@gmail.com](mailto:keshoops@gmail.com) for more information.

**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>

**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).

**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).

**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**

- May 3 - First Communion
- 5 - Boy Scouts visit classrooms
- 6 - Town Hall Meeting 6:30 pm  
Boy Scout sign up (evening)
- 7 - Fourth Gr to Frankfort/Salato
- 8 - Kenton Co. Teen Librarian visits 6th and 8th graders  
Buddies after Mass
- 10 - Happy Mother's Day!
- 11 - Book Fair Week!
- 12 - May Crowning 7 pm

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