



# 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!*

## Important Dates:

Thursday 9/3 - Parent Orientation (5-8), meet in Milligan Hall at 6:30

Friday 9/4 - All School Mass

Monday 9/7 - No School

Tuesday 9/8 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)

7:00 P.M. PTG meeting in the PMRs

Wednesday 9/9 - Spirit Wear Wednesday

Thursday 9/10 - Teacher representatives at Xavier University PLC training

Friday 9/11 - All School Mass



## Principally Speaking

As our second week of school begins, I am convinced of the need to incorporate our theme of sharing our gifts, and more importantly our September gift, the gift of time into our daily lives. As I visit classrooms I see the difference teachers and staff make in the lives of our students as they work with them, talk with them, and play with them on the playground. Students are smiling and happy to come to school each day. The time and attention given to them helps them to feel the love and goodness of God. So, take time this week to be with God, take time to be with one another, and take time to acknowledge and to be grateful for the many gifts you have been given to share.

Peace in Christ,

Mrs. Jill Lonnemann





### Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

My child really enjoyed their summer break and is having a hard time transitioning back into the school routine. Is there anything I can do to help them come back to school?

Sincerely,

Missing Summer Break

Dear Missing Summer Break,

Let your child know they are not alone. A lot of students have a hard time returning back to school after summer break (some teachers too!) Here are a few tips to try to ease the back to school anxiety and fear:

- **Check your feelings at the door.** If you are nervous about your child returning to school, they will feel it too.
- **Make your goodbyes quick.** Long goodbyes can prolong your child's fear and anxiety about going to school. A quick hug, kiss and "have a good day" is all they need.
- **Be careful about saying "I'll miss you."** While you think this may be helping your child feel loved while they're away, you may in fact be causing your child to feel worried about you. Instead try something like "I can't wait to hear about your day later" or "I'll see you at dinner time".
- **Write your child an encouraging note.** Packing a short note in your child's lunchbox or backpack can give them a nice surprise to look forward to.
- **Avoid walking your child in after the first week.** Your child needs to know they can do it on their own.

Have a question for the counselor?? Email me at [nrauen@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:nrauen@teachers.stpiusx.com).

### Vision and Hearing Screening

Parents, we are in need of your help! Hearing and Vision Screening will be held on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 7:15 am until noon. We are in need of parent volunteers to help this run smoothly. Absolutely NO medical experience is necessary! Breakfast will be provided.

Children in grades K through 3 will undergo hearing screening. Children in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will undergo vision screening.

If able to help, please contact Holly Danneman by emailing her at [hgdmd6@gmail.com](mailto:hgdmd6@gmail.com).

Thank you!!



## What's New in the Classroom?



Kindergarteners are learning to use cube manipulatives to solve Math problems ! Go Math !

The first grade invited Mrs. Lonnemann and Mrs. Greenwell into their classrooms during an All About Me activity. They shared five items with the students that helped to introduce themselves to the class.



2nd Grade had a popsicle party on Friday, August 28th to celebrate all their hard work during the first full week of school!

## CAFETERIA NEWS:

School lunch prices have increased to \$2.75 per lunch. Milk will cost \$0.50.

Students will be allowed to charge up to \$15.00. After that students will be served a cheese sandwich and milk until payment is made. This is a diocesan-wide policy and is aligned with the federal lunch program criteria.

Please sign-up for [k12.payment.com](http://k12.payment.com) on our school's website.

## ALLERGY ALERT:

Please fill out all necessary paperwork regarding allergies sent home in the first day packet of information. Parents need to send epi-pens to school in a plastic pencil box with student's picture, name, and grade on the top of the box. Epi-pens are stored in the school office and teachers' lounge. Please consult the Safe Foods list provided on the school and individual teacher websites for safe treats to send into school for birthdays,

## St. Pius School Fundraiser "Bags for Bucks"



As you know, "**BAGS for BUCKS**" started in our school this week on Tuesday, September 1st! Similar to last year, our students are selling high quality colored trash bags and food storage bags - something every family and business needs!

This year, Mrs. Lonnemann and Mrs. Greenwell plan on using the money raised by this fundraiser for **FIELD TRIPS**, so we hope you can help make this happen for our students this year.

A website has been created so that orders can be placed **ONLINE** this year. We hope this will allow the fundraiser to be widely shared and supported. The website [www.spxbags4bucks.com](http://www.spxbags4bucks.com) is ready and open for business with information on all the products for sale. Please consider sharing the website with your out of town relatives and friends of Saint Pius. Please also keep in mind that if for some reason your family does not need garbage bags or food storage bags, a cash donation can be made via check made out to St. Pius PTG or via the website under "Donate". This insures 100% of your donation will go toward field trips for our students! **PLEASE** make sure when turning in paper orders to school that all orders forms are **COMPLETELY** filled out and all money totals have been double checked. This will insure things go as smoothly as possible for volunteers. Deadline for paper orders and online orders is Tuesday Sept. 15th.

If you are able to help with counting orders after school on September 18th, or with sorting them once they arrive at St. Pius in early October, please contact Kathy Laws at [kathylaws@yahoo.com](mailto:kathylaws@yahoo.com). We sincerely hope all our families and businesses of St. Pius will support this fundraiser in some way...sharing the gift of either time or treasure. Any questions about the fundraiser can be directed to Chairperson Angie Clifton at [info@spxbags4bucks.com](mailto:info@spxbags4bucks.com)!

Thank you in advance for your help so we can reach our goal!



## ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Chess needs your help!** 2 or 3 parent volunteers are needed who will take charge of Chess Club. Chess Club meets after school from 2-3pm, twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays, through March. The parent volunteers work together to organize the club and supervise the children at meetings. No need to be a chess expert! Another parent volunteer has agreed to be our coach. Please contact Gretchen MacKnight at 859-802-7518.
- **Concession stand volunteers** are needed to work during sporting events on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5-9. This is a great way for students in grades 6 through high school to earn Christian Service hours and for parents to get involved. Interested folks can contact **Brian McKinley** at [brianmckinley56@gmail.com](mailto:brianmckinley56@gmail.com) or 859-468-3295.
- **St. Pius Dads!** Take your Little Lady (or Ladies) out for date night to the SPX Father / Daughter Dance on Sept. 26 from 7-10! Enjoy a dance party, photobooth and sundae bar organized by the Enchanted Evening Committee  
Tickets are available online at <http://bit.ly/EEFatherDaughter>  
\$30 per couple  
\$40 per family  
\$50 at the door  
Have questions or do you want to be a sponsor for the event?  
Email [stpiusptg@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusptg@gmail.com) for 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.
- **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>.

- **ON THE MOVE** will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Students are invited to come to the gym every Tuesday and Thursday mornings to start their day with a little fitness and fun. Mrs. Nageleisen will pick the students up from the cafeteria at 6:45 and escort them to the gym. The students will proceed to their homerooms at 7:05. This is a great way to wake up and get moving.
- **CareNet 5K Run/Walk** will be held on Saturday, September 19 at Pioneer Park. CareNet is a Christ centered organization existing to educate, support and empower people before, during and after an unplanned pregnancy, while uplifting the sanctity of human life. For more information on the event please see the attached flyer.  
[https://mail.google.com/mail/ca/u/0/?ui=2&ik=6b9c51cd08&view=att&th=14f3cf3541283caa&attid=0.1&disp=inline&realattid=1ab25e92fe6c686d\\_0.1&safe=1&zw](https://mail.google.com/mail/ca/u/0/?ui=2&ik=6b9c51cd08&view=att&th=14f3cf3541283caa&attid=0.1&disp=inline&realattid=1ab25e92fe6c686d_0.1&safe=1&zw)
- **Girl Scout News** - Interested in having your daughter join Girl Scouts? We will be having an information meeting on Thursday, September 24th at 7:30 in PMR. If you have any questions contact Crystal Bosch at [crystalbosch@yahoo.com](mailto:crystalbosch@yahoo.com).
- **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.
- **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.

### Discipline for Life

*The mission of St. Pius X School is to promote the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of each child by embracing the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. St. Pius X School provides an exemplary Catholic education that helps students to be successful in their families, their communities, and the world.*