



# 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:

Friday 9/18 - All School Mass  
Monday 9/21 - 8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)  
Tuesday 9/22 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)  
Wednesday 9/23 - Spirit Wear Wednesday  
Thursday 9/24 - Picture Day  
Friday 9/25 - 8:00 All School Mass



## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for an entire month! In an effort to get to know the students, I have been visiting the classrooms, cafeteria, and playground. I love watching them learn and grow. This also gives me an opportunity to be present to the students and to give the gift of my time to them. I am convinced this makes a difference in their lives. I know they make a difference in my life. Your children bring Christ's love and light to me each day. Thank you for entrusting them to me each day.

Peace in Christ,  
Mrs. Jill Lonnemann



Morning drop off is running more smoothly. Please remember to follow where you are directed to go. To avoid traffic back-ups, Mrs. Greenwell will direct some cars to proceed to the side of building, please comply. All students must go to the cafeteria before 7:05 A.M. Also, students need to disembark cars on side closest to the school building, not into the flow of traffic. Officer Chin is helping with traffic in front of the rectory. Please abide by his instructions. Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Thank you.



## Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

I know we are only in the beginning of the school year, but homework is already a nightmare! Every night my student seems to be spending hours trying to complete their homework, and I am always fighting with them to just do it and get it done. I won't make it through the school year if it continues like this. Please help!

Sincerely,

Horrendous Homework Helper

Dear Horrendous Homework Helper,

Don't worry, you are not alone! Many parents are fighting the homework battle right now. School can be a stressful place for students and many look to home for a safe haven. If they are experiencing stress at home because they feel like you are "bugging" them during homework time, then of course they will create a tense and hostile study environment. Try these tips and see if it helps improve homework time in your house:

- **Set up a homework schedule.**
- **Rank your student's assignments.** Have your student complete easier assignments first.
- **Don't hover next to your child.** Allow your student to have some space when doing homework. If you are always sitting next to your child, it may create a sense of "dependency" or "learned helplessness" so that they feel like they are never able to complete homework unless you are there to help them. It may also create frustration and anger for you when you feel like you cannot walk away without them needing your attention.
- **Check correct problems first.** Instead of looking for all of the incorrect problems, focus first on how well your student did on the assignment. This will help your student not to feel angry or anxious when they have to go back and redo the problems.
- **Never let homework take all night.** If your student is struggling to complete an assignment, they might not have a clear understanding of the content being taught. Try to help them if possible, but if not, contact the teacher and explain the situation.

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



## Hixson's 2014-2015 Teacher of The Year

Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Sarah Schulte, for winning the Hixson's 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Schulte was nominated by Mrs. Kristen Little, mother of Charlotte Little. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion teacher, Mrs. Karen Henson, was also named as a finalist for the Hixson's for this award. Mrs. Henson was nominated last year by Mrs. Patricia Heimbrock, mother of then 8<sup>th</sup> grader Paige Heimbrock. Mrs. Schulte and Mrs. Henson will attend a dinner and award ceremony where the finalists and winner will be celebrated. We would like to thank Mrs. Schulte and Mrs. Henson for their dedication to their students and our school. Congratulations on these well-deserved honors!



## What's New in the Classroom?



### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

In 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies the students have recently completed a project where they created their own countries! We are learning about the 5 themes of geography and what it means to be a civilization. For their countries the students were to come up with a location, name, government, population, and economics. They also created a physical map of their country which showed different land forms, transportation, and all of the important components of a map.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

The seventh grade scientists are learning to differentiate between types of cells. They take their work seriously, collaborating in groups to create models of prokaryotic cells, using common household items such as cotton balls. Look in the hall by the science room to view their accomplishments.

Math comes alive in seventh grade through engaging games. For example, they practice integer operations through the Game of Sums. Their enthusiasm is contagious!



In language arts, seventh grade writers published two pieces: a biography poem and a RAFT. The bio poem highlighted the students' interests and best character traits. The RAFT (role, audience, format, topic) required seventh graders to write a letter with the voice of a student in a black school in 1933. They informed President Roosevelt that "separate but equal" was anything **but** equal.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



The eighth grade students and their parents met in Milligan Hall on September 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to begin the Confirmation process. The topics covered included the "SEEK" Retreat, service hours, Youth 2000, and important meeting dates. Confirmation will take place on January 14, 2016.



The eighth grade students also had the opportunity to engage in a variety of hands-on team building and leadership activities on September 9, 2015, on site through Camp Joy. The Camp Joy counselors provided a full day of activities for the students that reinforced positive cooperative skills and techniques.



REMEMBER the **Spiritwear**  
Site is open until  
**TOMORROW!!**

If you need Spiritwear  
shirts or sweatshirts for  
Wednesdays, check out  
[www.proforma.com/saintpius!](http://www.proforma.com/saintpius!)

All order received will be  
delivered the week of  
September 28<sup>th</sup>. ***A portion  
of the proceeds goes  
directly back to the school  
and helps our kids go on  
field trips!***

Any questions, contact  
Michelle Price at  
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or 513-253-3030



**GO PANTHERS!**

## Birthday Club



The library Birthday Club invites students in grades K-5 to donate books to the library in honor of their birthdays. Four times a year, a birthday club get-together is held in the library. Great hardback books are displayed for students and their parents to select from. A label with the student's name is placed in the front of the book to show all students who donated it to our library. The student's picture is also taken with the book and displayed in the hall, and of course, treats are served!

The first meeting of the St. Pius Library's Birthday Club will be on Thursday, October 1st from 2:00-3:00 in the Library. Students in grades K-5 who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays during the months of August, September or October will be receiving an invitation. We hope you will meet your children after school in the library to make a selection, have some refreshments, and be a part of our Birthday Club. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us add wonderful new books to our library shelves!

### St. Pius X App



Want an easy way to stay connected and get updates? Try the SchoolWay app. Click here <http://myschoolway.com/StPius> to download the app!

Are you having trouble with the App after the recent update? Try uninstalling it from your phone or device and then install again from the app store.

Congratulations to St. Pius X Alum and current Covington Catholic Colonels Benjamin Darpel and Mitchell MacKnight on being named National Merit Semi-Finalists. Way to go!



### **Urgent Chess Club Message!**



Parents, our St. Pius X Chess Club has a long tradition of success. The club typically has 80 or more members, and the students love the competition. Moving forward, we need two parent volunteers to help run the club. Mr. Mark Romer and Mrs. Gretchen MacKnight are willing to show parents how to set up registration, run the club tournament, and are happy to advise during the entire season. We also have two teachers assigned to help during each meeting and a coach. **Without parent volunteers, the club may not continue to be offered.** Please contact Gretchen MacKnight at 859-802-7518 or the school office.

Traditionally, the meetings happen on the first and third Thursdays of each month. (The PMRs are already reserved from October-March, from 1pm-3:30pm - through Debbie Leuthner in the church office.)

### **Basketball Signups**

St. Pius Grade School Basketball Signups will be held from September 9<sup>th</sup> through Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> online only. Please go to [www.stpiusxathletics.com](http://www.stpiusxathletics.com) to register. If you are new to the school, you will need to create a username and password. This is for children attending St. Pius School only in grades 1 - 8. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Larkin at [klark@killthecan.org](mailto:klark@killthecan.org) or Mark Zimmerman at [mnz@schrudde-zimmerman.com](mailto:mnz@schrudde-zimmerman.com).



## ODDS AND ENDS-

- **"A Taste of NDA"** Please join us at Notre Dame Academy for our Autumn Gala "A Taste of NDA". We are featuring local restaurants and caterers for a tasting of their best items. It is sure to be a fun night of dancing to DJ Nick Wilmlink and bidding on all kinds of auction items. Check out the link below for more information. <http://www.ndapandas.org/giving/events/autumn-gala.aspx>
- **Grade School Night at Notre Dame Academy!** Grab a friend and come down to NDA on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, for the freshman (5:00), JV (6:00), and varsity games (7:00). Come see some great volleyball and get in free if you wear your grade school volleyball uniform!
- **MathCounts** meets every Wednesday from 2:00-2:45 in room 601. It is a club is for 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The MathCounts team trains for the February competition at Northern Kentucky University. For more information, contact Mr. Jeff Slater at [jslater@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:jslater@teachers.stpiusx.com).
- **2014-2015 Yearbooks For Sale!** If you forgot to order a yearbook last year, don't fret! There are several hardcover (\$25) and softcover (\$20) issues available. If interested, please send your money to the office in a marked envelope.
- **Vision and Hearing Screening** needs 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).
- **Birthday Club help needed!** The "Birthday Club" program holds four birthday celebrations throughout the year after school in the library. Students in grades K-5 are invited to donate books to the library in honor of their birthdays. Books that have already been purchased are displayed for students and their parents to select from. A label with the student's name is placed in the front of the book, their picture is taken with the book and treats are served. We are in need of three to four parent volunteers to help out with this program. Volunteers would be asked to help students and their parents check out, bake treats for the party or supervise the treat table. The dates of this year's events are listed below. The time commitment on these four dates would be 1:45-3:15. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kathy Brunot at [kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com).

- Thursday, October 1 (Aug., Sept., Oct. birthdays)
  - Thursday, November 19 (Nov., Dec., Jan. birthdays)
  - Thursday, February 11 (Feb., June, July birthdays)
  - Thursday, April 14 ( March, April, May birthdays)
- **Walking with Purpose** - Something big is coming to St. Pius X parish this Fall and I invite you to come and check it out! Walking with Purpose is a women's bible study program that aims to bring women to a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The program can be found in parishes throughout the country and is open to all women. If you are interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your Catholic faith and see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life, I encourage you to visit the St. Pius X parish website at [www.stpiusx.com](http://www.stpiusx.com) and click "Walking with Purpose". Here you can learn more about the program and register online. Again, all women are welcome and childcare is available.
  - **Schola choir** is a wonderful and diverse group of children from the parish in grades 3-7, providing music for church liturgies at the third 11:30 mass of the month, October through May. Our first practice this year is on Monday, September 21, 6:00-6:50 in the church sanctuary, and we will love to welcome some new members. If interested please contact music director Becky Slater at [bslater2789@gmail.com](mailto:bslater2789@gmail.com) or at 859-802-9344
  - **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.
  - **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>.

- **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.*