



# 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 9/25 - All School Mass

CCH Bus #3 will be late

Monday 9/28 - 8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)

CCH Bus #3 will be late

Tuesday 9/29 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)

CCH Bus #3 will be late

Wednesday 9/30 - Spirit Wear Wednesday

Middle School Academic Team Match

Thursday 10/1 - Kids on the Block (K-4)

Birthday Club in the library 2:00-3:00

Friday 10/2 - All School Mass



## Principally Speaking

I hope all of you are in good health and enjoying the nice weather. The students have been enjoying the crisp morning air and have smiles on their faces when they greet me each morning. Their positive attitudes are contagious!

As September comes to an end, I look forward to sharing October's gift with you, the gift of Life. I feel two verses in particular express this gift, "I chose you when I planned creation." Ephesians 1:11-12, and "You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book" Psalm 139:15-16. How wonderful God makes us feel! Please know that your children are special. We strive to make them feel their uniqueness each day and to feel God's love for them.

During this special week of the Pope's visit, I hope you have been able to view some of the media coverage. It is such a good time to be Catholic!

Peace in Christ,  
Mrs. Jill Lonnemann





## Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

I am really struggling with homework and studying right now. I just can never find the time to get it all completed between school and all of my extracurricular activities. How can I find time to get my work done for school and still be able to do the other stuff I like to do? Please help!

Sincerely,  
Troubled for Time

Dear Troubled for Time,

It is always hard to juggle our responsibilities with having time to relax and have fun. By using these time management tips, hopefully you'll be able to find the time you need to get your homework and studying completed while still being able to participate in extracurricular activities:

- **Make a schedule.** By using a daily, weekly or even monthly calendar, you will have an easier time keeping track of all the important events going on. Use this to help you prioritize assignments that are due soon or getting a jump start on those that aren't due for a while.
- **Work in a quiet study spot.** When there are fewer distractions, there is less time being wasted! Also, make sure you have all the supplies you need so you are not wasting time trying to find everything.
- **Make a To Do list.** Write down all your homework, chores, activities, etc. for the day. Then cross off each item as you complete it. This will help you keep track of what still needs to be done.

**Take advantage of free time on the weekends.** I know it doesn't sound like fun, but use any free time you have on the weekend to get caught up, review or even get ahead on homework assignments and tests. This will help save you time during the next week for any extracurricular activities.

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## THANK YOU!!

A HUGE thank you to the following moms that provided a delicious lunch for our faculty/staff on Monday!! We appreciated it. Ali Reeves, Karen Isaacs, Annie Haines, Laura Riggs, Jenny Kent, Anne Marie Fitz, Cathy VonLehman, Holli Ahlers, Angie McNickle, Kim Michael, Crystal Galasso, Teisha Gates, Becky Fedor and Nancy Armbruster!

If anyone is interested in providing food for the next one, please email Jan Witajewski at [jlwitajewski@gmail.com](mailto:jlwitajewski@gmail.com)





## What's New in the Classroom?



### PE

Second grade students were having fun practicing dribbling and trapping in soccer. They also worked on dribbling the ball in different pathways and directions. The students did a great job controlling their ball so it didn't touch a cone. To warm up, students started the class with an aerobic Chicken Dance in celebration of Oktoberfest!



### Art

In Art this week 2nd grade painted watercolor resist pictures of aquariums.



### Music

Elementary Choir is well under way! We have a great membership this year, with 50 students from grades 3-7. This is, by far, the largest choir group I have had since starting here at St. Pius. Our first concert will be held in November, with the theme of all American music. I am beyond thrilled to be working with such an excited and eager group of St. Pius students wanting to make music! 5th grade parents: welcome to recorders! Just a reminder, that your students should be asking you to sign their practice logs each week.

### Buddies Meet and Greet

The eighth and second grade and the seventh and first grade students were very excited on Friday to meet their Buddies for the year! After Mass the students met and did a "Getting To Know You" activity. The Buddies will meet periodically throughout the year for group activities and will get to sit together each week during our all school Mass.



## Safe Environment Programs

Last week you received an email about the Safe Environment Programs that the children will participate in at school. These are mandated by the Diocese of Covington. The children in grades k-4 will participate in a program from the Family Nurturing Center called "**Kids on the Block**," and the children in 5-8 will participate in a program from the Council on Child Abuse of Southern Ohio called "**Personal Safety**." These programs will take place on October 1st and October 7<sup>th</sup>. If you do not want your child to participate, please refer to the previous sent email complete the [Opt Out form](#).



GO PANTHERS!

## Drive-In Movie Night

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the St. Pius X Festival Committee will sponsor the first annual **Halloween Drive-in Movie Night and Trunk-or-Treat**. Bring your costumed brood up to SPX for a double feature and some early trick or treating. The big screen will be set up behind the school, where the stage usually is during the festival. We invite the first 30-40 cars to park in the back lot and will have folks onsite to direct you. An open seating area will be blocked off near the screen for those who park in the front. The PAC will be open throughout the evening to allow the older kids to play basketball and/or other games. In the event of bad weather, we will show the movies inside the PAC.

Where: The back parking lot of the school

When: Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Gates open at 6:30; all those who wish to park in the back lot must be parked by 7:00

Trunk-or-Treat at 7:00

*Hotel Transylvania* showing at 7:15

*Maleficent* showing at 9:00

What to bring: Chairs, blankets, warm clothes (whatever you and your little ones need to stay warm & comfy); drinks and snacks (popcorn will be provided); a bag of candy to give out to Trunk-or-Treaters.

If you have any questions, please contact the Festival Committee at [saintpius10@gmail.com](mailto:saintpius10@gmail.com).

## 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.



### 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 off

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.)

We will have a \$1 Out-of-Uniform (Jeans) Day on October 8. Students will also pray for the Seminarians during Eucharistic Adoration on that same day.

### ODDS AND ENDS-

- **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).
- **Future Pandas...** The NDA Soccer team invites all grade school girls to come and see them play - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30! Come see our Panda Soccer team take on Ryle High School beginning with our Varsity at 5:00, followed by our JV at 6:30! Don't forget your coupon for free admission to the games! [Click here](#) for free admission ticket and more information.
- **"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>.

- **St. Agnes Oktoberfest Festival** is sure to be a good time. Stop by on Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3, for games, rides, live music and great food. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Service Hours Opportunity:** Jojo Santos, Parent Volunteer Coordinator for the Father-Son event and Covington Catholic, is in need of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> boys to help at the Father-Son Event at Covington Catholic High School this Sunday September 27, 2015 from 12.30-5.30. Dinner is included. This is an excellent way to earn service hours. If your son has already volunteered to work, thank you in advance. If your son is available to help part or all of the time, please contact her at [santosj3@xavier.edu](mailto:santosj3@xavier.edu).
- **CCH Admission Calendar and Events** information available [here!](#)
- **Saint Ursula Academy** is excited to announce our third annual Volleyball Grade School Night on October 6 vs. McAuley High School at 6:30 PM in the Saint Ursula Academy Gymnasium and Convocation Center. Students (and parents) will receive free admission when they wear their school spirit wear. The Bulldog Mascot will be present for pictures, and we will have a raffle between matches with some fun SUA items. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **City of Edgewood Upcoming Events information:**  
[Spooky Sunday](#)  
[Engineering for Kids](#)  
[Lego Brix and Blox](#)
- **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.
- **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>.
- **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.*