



# 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 10/2 - All School Mass  
Monday 10/5 - 8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)  
Tuesday 10/6 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)  
Wednesday 10/7 - Spirit Wear Wednesday  
Abuse Prevention Program (gr 5-8)  
Thursday 10/8 - \$1 Out of Uniform for the Seminarians  
Friday 10/9 - All School Mass  
**PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION**  
Friday-Sunday 10/9-10/11 Youth 2000  
Monday 10/12 - **PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION**



**St. Pius X School named 2015 National Blue Ribbon  
School of Excellence!**

We would like to celebrate our award by giving students  
(and parents) a **NO HOMEWORK NIGHT** on Thursday,  
**October 8.**

On **Friday, October 9**, we will have an ice cream/popsicle  
treat for students during lunch and a brief assembly after  
Mass.



## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to congratulate the entire St. Pius X community on being named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. This award recognizes exemplary high performing schools; schools where excellence is the standard. To be considered for this award, St. Pius X students had to score in the top ten percent nationally on standardized tests. Programs had to be in place that exceeded the norm and incorporated the most effective teaching practices and strategies inside and outside the classroom. An extensive application process was necessary, and we would like to commend Mrs. Gerwe and Mrs. Cento on a job well done! Because of their hard work, Mrs. Greenwell and I are blessed to continue this journey of excellence.

I would also like to thank our teachers and staff. They give their all on a daily basis to help our students to succeed. They attend classes and workshops in the evenings to sharpen their skills and to provide the best for our students. They share their gifts each day to help students know God and to help them develop a closer relationship with Christ. As a result, our students shine on standardized tests, qualify for top high school scholarships, and go into the community to share God's goodness with others. St. Pius X School has teachers, students, parents, administrators, and a pastor who support one another in ways that help students to succeed.

Parents, I thank you for trusting us with your most treasured gift. The gift of your children. They make me so happy each day. I truly love them and want what is best for them. Thank you also for the gift of your time, talent, and treasure. Your support is such a blessing and helps all of us to shine.

Peace in Christ,  
Jill Lonnemann





## Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,  
Help! It seems like everyone these days is talking about bullying but I'm still confused on what exactly it is. I am never sure if a situation is considered bullying or not. Could you please explain the difference between bullying and conflict?

Sincerely,  
Baffled about Bullying

Dear Baffled about Bullying,  
You picked the perfect time to ask! I don't know if you know this but October is National Bully Prevention Month. This is definitely an important topic for all of us to talk about and we need to make sure we all understand what the definition is. A conflict is when two or more people of the same relative amount of power see the same situation from two different points of view. Usually with conflicts, everyone involved wants to see the issue be resolved. In order for a situation to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- **An imbalance of Power.** Bullies use their power to control or harm others. This imbalance of power can change though over time depending on the situation.
- **Repetition.** The behaviors/actions must happen more than once or have the potential to happen again.

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

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### Healthy Tip of the Week:

Healthy eating can stabilize children's energy, sharpen their minds and even out their moods.



## What's New in the Classroom?



### MathCounts

The MathCounts Club had its first meeting. The students had fun looking at challenging middle school math problems and figuring out ways to solve the problems. They compared notes and looked for and discussed the quickest and most efficient solutions.



### Kindergarten

The kindergarteners made mustaches for the letter Mm.



### PE

As part of the physical education curriculum, each month Mrs. Nageleisen introduces a new dance. This month the third and fourth grade students learned the dance moves in the song Whip/Nae Nae.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

September 26th is Johnny Appleseed's birthday and first grade celebrated! We discussed this tall tale and students learned that he was in fact a real man by the name of John Chapman. First grade explored the life cycle of an apple and even made applesauce! We added apples, water, sugar, and cinnamon to a crockpot and let it heat all day. Then students helped mash the apples into applesauce. Yum!



## 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!**

## Private Transportation

Our first Private Transportation days are October 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We wanted to send out the information now, so that you have time to make sure your child (or children) knows what to do! Each of the three homeroom teachers will be responsible for taking and watching your child in one of the three designated dismissal areas (front lot, back lot and Rectory). For example, Mrs. Jenny Lonneman will take all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders going to the Rectory, Miss Ramey will take all the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders going to the front lot and Mrs. Schulte will take all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders going to the back lot. When dismissal begins, there will be teachers directing traffic lines. Please make sure to stay in your car and a teacher will ask for your name and bring your child (or children) to you.

Front lot: All car riders and bus numbers 81, 40, 90

Back lot: CCH 2 & 3, 85, 50, 132

Rectory: 11, 58, 61, 127

If there is a change to your child's dismissal location, please email your child's homeroom teacher.

Thank you so much for your patience and support making Private Transportation run smoothly and safely!



Parents,

PTG thanks you so much for your support of Bags for Bucks! Details will come out soon on exact totals and winners of prizes for top seller, etc. but initial results are the sale earned in excess of \$15,000! We are incredibly grateful for your support. Many field trips are already scheduled for our students, so thank you! Thank you also to the many volunteers who came out to help count orders.

We have confirmed our bag delivery date and PTG will be sorting orders on WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7th and THURSDAY OCTOBER 8TH

from 9am until 2pm in the PAC. The only time we could find a space big enough to accommodate this process was during the day in the PAC. For those of you who had responded earlier stating you'd be able to help, please email [kathylaws@yahoo.com](mailto:kathylaws@yahoo.com) to confirm if you still are able. Any time you can offer will be appreciated...we will NOT be able to complete this without lots of help, so please consider even a minimal timeframe to assist.

Distribution of the bags will take place after ALL SUNDAY MASSES on SUNDAY OCTOBER 18th. This will be the ONLY day for distribution. All orders will have to be picked up this day, so please plan ahead for someone else to pick up your order if you are unavailable on 10/18. If you can volunteer during that time (8am-1pm) to help distribute orders, please email [kathylaws@yahoo.com](mailto:kathylaws@yahoo.com).

Thank you very much for your continued support of St. Pius PTG.

### Is your child interested in playing Chess?

Chess Club is a tradition at SPX and we are excited to kick off this season on Thursday, Oct 1st!

- \*Open to girls & boys in grades 1-8
- \*Meets after school from 2:00 - 3:00, usually on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in the parish meeting rooms.
- \*Coach Dr. Chris Young has a wealth of chess experience.
- \*Snack & drink provided.
- \*Achievement certificates for all
- \*Trophies or medals for leading chess players
- \*End of year pizza party
- \*Club fees are \$20 per child & \$15 for siblings (\$50 per family cap)

According to USA Chess Inc., playing chess is a great brain exercise. Children learn patience, decision-making skills, creativity, and good sportsmanship -- all skills that are valuable in school & throughout life.

Please send a note for your child to stay after school for the first meeting.

All children need to be registered. Here is the online form: <http://aoo.al/forms/2KaPacJQ1r>

## ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Playground Duty Openings!** Teachers need a little help on the playground during recess. Please consider signing up for this fun and easy volunteer opportunity. Parents need only commit to one day per month for a short period of time. We are looking for help for grades K-3 from 10:30-11:30 and grades 4-8 from 11:30-12:50. Please contact Kathy Carnes at [Kathleen.carnes@dinslaw.com](mailto:Kathleen.carnes@dinslaw.com) to help out or for more information.
- **8th Grade Volleyball Night:** Thursday 10/1 the 8th Grade volleyball teams will have two exhibition matches starting at 6:30. Before each match there will be a small ceremony honoring the players who will be playing their last game at St. Pius tonight. They would love the support of a big crowd so if you have time please come up and support the 8th Grade Volleyball teams.
- **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)
- **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.
- **CCH Admission Calendar and Events** information available [here!](#)
- **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.

- **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>.
- **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.*