



# 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 10/16 - Teacher In-service, NO SCHOOL for students

Monday 10/19 - 8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)

Reconciliation (gr 3-8)

Tuesday 10/20 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)

Wednesday 10/21 - Space Station Conservation Program (K-5)

St. Pius X Day at the Erlanger Skyline

Thursday 10/22 - Health Screenings

**\*\* Picture Retake is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> \*\***



## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

As I reflect upon the activities of the last week, I keep remembering the Reconciliation Retreat for our second grade students and parents and Youth 2000 for our eighth grade students. Both fill me with gratitude for my faith and my life. I am grateful for our Blessed Mother's willingness to say, "YES" to life. My prayer for you is that you feel grateful for life and see God's goodness reflected in the lives of those around you.

God bless you,  
Mrs. Lonnemann



**Today is the last day that shorts can be worn. Students must wear long pants, and a belt must be worn with pants that have a belt loop.**



## Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

I don't know what to do. I think there is a student in my class that is being bullied. Should I help them? But what if the bully starts bullying me? I don't want to make things worse but I don't know what to do. Please help!

Sincerely,

Bothered by Bullying

Dear Bothered by Bullying,

Did you know that 160,000 students stay home from school every day because of bullying? That is why it is important for all of us to take a stand against bullying and not be a bystander. A bystander is someone who sees or knows about bullying that is happening to someone else and doesn't do anything to stop it. There are five easy ways that you can prevent becoming a bystander:

- **You can be a friend to the person being bullied.** Everyone needs a good, trusted support group. If you see someone being bullied, be a friend to them. They might not have someone they can rely on for help.
- **Tell a trusted adult what is happening.** Make sure you keep telling an adult until they do something to help you.
- **Help the person being bullied get away from the situation.** You can do this by helping the person walk away from the bully and find an adult close by that can help.
- **Be a good example or role model to follow.** Don't just ignore bullying when you see it. Show everyone what it looks like to stand up to a bully and help others in need by being a good friend.
- **Don't give bullying an audience by participating in anti-bullying activities and projects.** Join a club or a group that supports bully prevention and help spread the word that bullying is wrong.

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

Ms. Nikki Rauen

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St. Pius X School



## Healthy Tip of the Week:

Have regular family meals. Knowing dinner is served at approximately the same time every night and that the entire family will be sitting down together is comforting and enhances appetite.

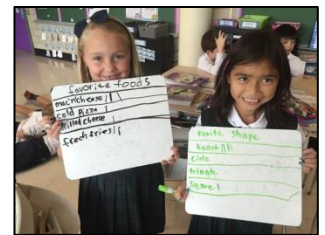


## What's New in the Classroom?



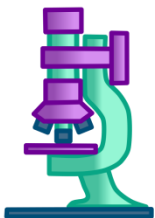
### Third Grade

It is a graphing extravaganza in 3rd grade! We have been so excited to graph that we have even started to create our own frequency tables when we finish our work early! Alex and Gabby created their own surveys! WOW! Nathan and Norah model their own frequency table and picture graph. Great teamwork! Jack B. and Ben model completing their question of the day graphing question in their homerooms. We LOVE to collect data!



### Fourth Grade

In Social Studies, the children are working on a very special project. We are writing postcards to children throughout the United States telling them some information about our state of Kentucky. In return, we are receiving a post card from a school in each of the other 49 states. The children are enjoying learning about other states.



### Fifth Grade

Fifth grade Science students discover the benefits of vascular tissue in plants during lab.

St. Pius X is hosting a Veteran's Day prayer service on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The event will take place at 12:30 in our gym. If you are a veteran or have a special veteran in your life that you would like to invite, please RSVP to Mrs. Traci Wiehe: [twiehe@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:twiehe@teachers.stpiusx.com) by November 4, 2015





## Blue Ribbon Celebration

Congratulations to St. Pius X Elementary School for 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.

On Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, the St. Pius X community gathered to celebrate this honor. St. Pius X Church Pastor, Fr. Baiju Kidaagen, St. Pius X Principal, Mrs. Jill Lonnemann, Edgewood Mayor, Mr. John Link, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ray Hillebrand, and Student Council representatives, Nate Darpel and Julia Day, spoke to the students congratulating them on earning this award. Grade level representatives released balloons celebrating the numerous people who made the Blue Ribbon possible. The assembly concluded with a rousing rendition of the St. Pius X cheer! Go Panthers!







Many thanks to the following students who participated in the Library Birthday Club on October 1<sup>st</sup>: Wyatt Sunday, Bailie New, Jack Linnemann, Logan Thomas Carleigh Witajewski, Ian Romer, Anna Pohlman, Nathaniel Shartzter, Juliana Spille, Jackson Kremer, Ashtyn Dirks, Parker Isaacs, Addison Boren, Drew Browning, Caroline Tabeling, Logan Dirks, Ayden Walker, Karissa Schmidt, Tori Danneman, Will Danneman, Luke Danneman, Lorna Knarr, Andrew Wagner, Rylee Kleisinger, Annie Brockman, Ava Swartz, Norah Pilgram, Kierstin Scholz, Carter Bosch, Eddie Grout, Anna Mayer, Chase Woeste, Makayla Hagedorn, Elissa Romer, Dexter Bent, Sara Price and Paige Pence.

Through the generosity of these students and their parents, our school library continues to grow. We also wish to thank Mrs. Christine Gallagher, Mrs. Mary Ruberg, Mrs. Mary Fender, and Mrs. Emily Ireland for their help!

## Pumpkin Walk

Student Council is once again supporting Cross Catholic Outreach and World Food Day. CCO is a great faith organization whose mission is to feed the hungriest of the hungry. Last year we raffled off pumpkins decorated by each hometown. This year, we are hoping for more active participation from our students and their families. We would like families to carve a pumpkin and send the jack o lantern to St.

Pius with a candle or other light source on Friday morning, October 30. Student Council members will organize the Jack o lantern along a path. We invite all school, parish, and community members to come and look at all the carved creations along the Pumpkin Walk. This will take place from 8-9:30pm on Friday, October 30. Donations will be accepted during this event for World Food Day.

There is a family prize to the best Jack o lantern, judged by student council. If you are unable to come, please use the envelope coming home in the next Tuesday folder to make your free will donation. All carved pumpkins can be taken or picked up after the event on Oct. 30 to use on Halloween. We are hoping to have warm beverages available for purchase that night with all proceeds going to CCO and World Food Day! The winner will be announced at school on Monday, Nov. 2.

Any questions, please email Cecilia Baker, [cbaker@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:cbaker@teachers.stpiusx.com).



## 2015 SKI CLUB



Winter is fast approaching and we are now forming our Snow Ski/Snow Board/Tubing Club. We Ski/Board/Tube at Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, IN. Available to adults and children, it is a great way to stay active through the winter and a great opportunity to introduce your children to winter sports. Greatly reduced rates are available through the club program for beginners to experts. Many options are available from the 4 week Pass w/lessons to season passes with rental equipment available. Please contact the Ski club regarding purchasing of passes. Programs are available for ages 4 and up. Members are not limited to St. Pius students, invite family and friends to join us for some great times at Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, IN. Less than 30 minutes away, lots of carpooling opportunities available. Contact Mike Frisch at [859- 445-9660](tel:859-445-9660) or email [mfrisch18@gmail.com](mailto:mfrisch18@gmail.com).



## 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 on site 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 17th

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).



**Reminder to parents that health screenings will take place on Thursday, October 22.**

All students, grades K through 3, will undergo hearing screening. All students, grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 (with the exception of those who already wear corrective lenses), will undergo vision screening. If you have a child in a grade level that is not scheduled to undergo a particular screening, and you would like to have him/her screened, please email your child's homeroom teacher. Questions? Email Holly Danneman, health screening coordinator, [hgdmd6@gmail.com](mailto:hgdmd6@gmail.com)

**ODDS AND ENDS-**

- **Next up for the Enchanted Evening Committee?**
  - Mother/Son NKU Basketball Game on November 21st - mark your calendars now! Click [here](#) for ticket information.
  - Holiday Bazaar on November 22nd. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Nicole Niehaus at [nniehaus@m4marketing.org](mailto:nniehaus@m4marketing.org). Please click [here](#) for more information.
  - As always, save the date for the Enchanted Evening February 13th at Summit Hills Country Club - ticket information coming soon.
- **CRHP Men's Weekend:** November 7 & 8 will be our Men's CRHP Weekend! This is a great opportunity for the men of our church to take time to relax, pray and think about our priorities. Spend this time getting to know others in our parish and grow as a community. If interested, please contact Nick Starke at 859-817-9938 or by email at [nickastarke@gmail.com](mailto:nickastarke@gmail.com) or Gary Kathman at 502-803-0872 or by email at [gtkwho@twc.com](mailto:gtkwho@twc.com).
- **Playground Duty Openings!** Please contact Kathy Carnes at [Kathleen.carnes@dinslaw.com](mailto:Kathleen.carnes@dinslaw.com) to help out or for more information.
- **HSPT PREP WORKSHOP:** Notre Dame Academy invites all 8th graders to attend a workshop to learn tips and strategies for success on the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The workshop will take place at NDA on November 14. It will be taught by Mrs. Karen Schmidt and content will include strategies for increasing quick recall of basic facts (especially in math), techniques for decreasing test anxiety, a short practice test to familiarize students with the design of the test and test questions in each section. For more information or registration information visit [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org) or click [here for flyer](#) and [registration form](#).
- **Catholic Charities Need Your Help!** We have three homeless families moving into our apartments. Join us in improving their lives with basic household necessities for

their new beginning. Items include household items including cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. Your tax deductible donation can be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Latonia, KY 41015 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. All families hope to be moved in by mid-November. If you have any questions you can contact Vicky Bauerle or Lesley Duggan at 859-581-8974

- **City of Edgewood Upcoming Events information:**  
[Spooky Sunday](#)  
[Lego Brix and Blox](#)
- **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.*