



# 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 10/23 - All School Mass

**Red Ribbon Week** will be celebrated all week.

Monday 10/26 - 8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)

Tuesday 10/27 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Symphony



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

## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

This morning I attended the Academic Awards Ceremony at Covington Catholic High School. What a wonderful experience it was to see St. Pius X School graduates receive so many awards. I congratulate you on a job well done. My commitment to you continues to be to help all St. Pius X students achieve their full spiritual, academic, and personal potential. By working together, we positively impact the future. As I interact with your children, I feel very optimistic about their formation and our future leaders! Thank you for entrusting your children to our care each day and for allowing us to share a small portion of their faith journey!

Mrs. Jill Lonnemann  
Principal  
St. Pius X School



**Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:30-8:30. Visit the St. Pius X website or click [here](#) to sign up.



## Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

I heard that next week is Red Ribbon Week and I was wondering if you could tell me more about it. I know we celebrate it every year but I don't really know why. Could you please help and give me some information about it?

Sincerely,  
Ready for Red Ribbons

Dear Ready for Red Ribbons,

Red Ribbon Week is a very important week that is celebrated nationwide. It was started when DEA agent Kiki Camarena was killed by drug traffickers in 1985. His family, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin to honor his memory and his battle against illegal drugs. Other communities, who were also concerned about the destruction that drugs and alcohol can do, began forming organizations that used Camarena as their model because of his belief that one person can make a difference. In 1988, the National Family Partnership sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration and used the red ribbon as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. Since then, Red Ribbon Week has reached millions of children and families across the U.S. in order to educate and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. We celebrate Red Ribbon Week here at St. Pius X and this year our theme is "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free!" **We will kick off our celebration on Monday by wearing red shirts with our uniforms!** Also, make sure you listen to announcements each week for a chance to win a prize while learning ways you can be drug and alcohol free!

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

Ms. Nikki Rauen  
School Counselor/Academic Resource  
St. Pius X School



### Healthy Tip of the Week:

Warming up before you exercise is important any time, but especially in cooler weather. Cold temperatures can make your muscles tight and more prone to injuries.



## What's New in the Classroom?



Check out our 2015 Hixson Teacher of the Year, [Mrs. Sarah Schulte](#) !



### **Sixth Grade**

The 6th grade is hard at work authoring their own short fictional stories. After a few days of planning and drafting, students are reading each other's drafts and giving constructive feedback and comments to their peers. They will be ready to publish final drafts by the end of the week!



### **Seventh Grade**

October 14 was proclaimed as *Outsiders Day* in seventh grade. The students took on the role of a Greaser or a Soc and dressed the part, having read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. During *Outsiders Day*, the students had first-hand experience with unfair treatment when the Socs were given all the advantages during the relay races. Afterward, seventh graders realized that even though differences in social status and appearances can separate young people, it is possible to set aside those differences and collaborate as a team.

In Science class, students are watching video clips about plants and fungi to better understand the similarities and differences between the types. Seventh grade students will soon create online posters to review animals, plants, and fungi.

Math studies are preparing seventh graders to become alert consumers. In learning ratio, rates, and proportion, students are well-equipped to determine miles per hour in an automobile, dollars per hour earned as a wage earner, and unit rates as applied at the grocery store.



### **Eighth Grade**

As students prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, they must ask themselves what will be their part of the Mission. Where is God calling them to be the hands of Christ? To help them answer these questions, our eighth graders have been attending SEEK Retreats. SEEK Retreats (formerly Insights Retreats) have been a part of St. Pius X Confirmation Preparation for many years. We spend the day in Covington learning about the causes and effects of homelessness and the agencies that are in place to help. Then students brainstorm how they can help - literally becoming the hands of Jesus in our world.

Soon you will see their projects come to fruition. Please be generous as we support our eighth graders and their efforts to make a difference



## Mother/Son NKU Basketball Night

Hey Moms! Have a night out with your best little guys(s) and join us at the NKU vs. Morehead State basketball game on **November 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7 pm. Enjoy the game in a reserved section just for St. Pius X students and their moms. A private party room with complimentary (and endless) popcorn and desserts will be available as well. NKU let us know that they would like some St. Pius X boys to be ball boys for the evening too, so we'll draw names from those tickets holders the week before the game. Since we'll all be together, why not let the whole arena know we're there? Order a t-shirt to wear to the game and show your Panther Pride. **T-shirts are available to anyone and everyone - not just those attending the game** - and will be sent home from school the Friday before the game. But get that order in quick, as we must place the order by November 6<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your tickets and t-shirts here:  
<http://bit.ly/EEMotherSon>



## 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).





## Dear Parents of Fifth Graders,



SAVE THE DATE!

**D.A.R.E. Graduation** is **November 5th** at 12:30 in Milligan Hall

Our fifth grade students have been participating in the D.A.R.E. program presented by Edgewood Police Officer Terry Chinn. It is a program designed to empower students to make safe choices, particularly in the areas of drug and alcohol use as well as to promote an anti bullying message. The program concludes with a presentation hosted by Officer Chinn on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 12:30 in Milligan Hall. During the presentation several students will read essays and Office Chinn will present each student with a D.A.R.E Graduation certificate. All parents are invited to attend the presentation. We ask that all parents attending be in Milligan Hall by 12:30. Please come and join us in this celebration of educating students to make the right choices!

See you on November 5th!

Mrs. Bradhold, Mrs. Mueller, and Mrs. Wurzbacher

## Students underwent health screening on Thursday, Oct. 22.



Students in grades K through 3 underwent hearing screening.

Students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 underwent vision screening.

If your child had difficulty with the vision and/or hearing screening, a letter was sent home with your child (in a sealed envelope.) Please keep in mind that these are hearing/vision screens, not definitive tests. It is recommended that children who experienced difficulty consult his/her primary care physician for further evaluation. If you have questions, please contact Holly Danneman at [hqdm6@gmail.com](mailto:hqdm6@gmail.com)

## Box Tops for Education



Thanks to all who sent in Box Tops! We had a pretty healthy turn-in day last week. Tomorrow, Friday, October 23, is the second and final turn-in date. The class sending in the most Box Tops will win 30 minutes extra recess and an out of uniform day! Don't forget to send them in and remember to have your child put his/her classroom number or teacher's name on the Box Tops sheet/bag. Ask friends and family to collect and share Box Tops with our school. Questions? Contact Amy Fuller at [dotessgirl@aol.com](mailto:dotessgirl@aol.com)



Dear Fantastic Families,

Hello! We are THRILLED that you are interested in St. Pius X Lego Club. We are very excited about this club and we are ready to start having a blast! There are a few things that we need to let you know in order to have a successful year building and creating with Legos, as we have some **changes** from last year.

1. Due to the large amount of students interested in Lego Club we will need Parent Volunteers that are willing to work with the same small group every meeting. You must be Virtus trained and email Miss King at [aking@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:aking@teachers.stpiusx.com) if you are interested by 10/21.
2. Lego club will meet on the following dates (listed below) in 101 (Miss E) and 102 (Miss King). We will be breaking up the students into smaller groups based on grade level.
3. Please return the permission slip (Please follow this link to print the permission slip [http://www.stpiusx.com/school/files/After\\_school\\_permission\\_slip.pdf](http://www.stpiusx.com/school/files/After_school_permission_slip.pdf)) to your child's homeroom teacher (and she will have your child bring it to Lego Club). There is a \$5 fee, please send in cash only.
4. Lego club will meet at 2:00pm and be dismissed at 3:00pm. We will be waiting promptly at the front of the school at 3:00. (Parents, please make sure to be on time)!
5. For safety reasons, we will have students wait in the glass double doors until they see their ride.
6. We will be using themes to create with our Legos. Each theme will be judged and the winners' will be presented their certificates on Morning Announcements.  
(Totally awesome)!
7. Please bring your OWN Lego baseplate for building (see description of baseplate below).
8. Please bring your OWN snack (**no peanut or tree nut products please due to allergies**).
9. If your child does have an allergy, please write it down on the permission slip.
10. Please make sure to be respectful to the teachers and students and follow all school expectations.
11. You will be expected to cooperate with the other students to finish the project.
12. Lastly, in order to replace old Lego pieces we are asking for a \$5 fee this year! Please have this labeled in an envelope with Miss King Lego Club.

The **dates and themes** for Lego Club are: (We will meet on Wednesdays).

10/28, 11/11-Ships	2/10, 2-24-Castles
12/2, 12/16-Cars	3/2, 3/9- Neighborhood
1/13, 1/27-Homes	4/20, 5/4- Bridges
5/18 Lego Movie and Celebration	
Miss King & Miss E	

Lego Baseplate: This hard surface may be a piece of wood, or a hard cardboard. We just want to ensure that their creations will be able to be saved and moved from one week to the next without buckling from the weight of the Legos. We suggest a 12x12 baseplate, but if you have a larger one from last year, you may use that size again. Please write your child's name on the back of the baseplate in permanent marker.

## ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Haunted House for Charity:** The 14U KY Kids Baseball Team will be having a haunted house on Friday Oct. 23 from 7:30-9:30pm at Atlas Home Fitness, 1939 Dixie Hwy, Ft. Wright. Please bring 3 canned goods to enter and the food will be donated to local shelters. If you would like more details contact Jennifer Lyons at [jmlyons11@gmail.com](mailto:jmlyons11@gmail.com).
- **Thanksgiving Meals for the Needy - No Cooking Involved!!** What better way to express your appreciation for God's gifts than to provide groceries for a needy family in the Northern Ky. Area during the Thanksgiving season? Groceries provided for a Thanksgiving feast generally consist of a frozen turkey, vegetable, potatoes, and dessert. This is a perfect charitable opportunity for families, work groups, prayer groups, CRHP groups, sports teams, classes, or clubs!! **For more information or to sign up to buy groceries for a needy family, please contact:** Danette Doggett ( [kadogman@yahoo.com](mailto:kadogman@yahoo.com) or 344-1235) OR Becky Maschinot ([bmaschinot1@gmail.com](mailto:bmaschinot1@gmail.com) or 859-426-0523). Meals for assigned needy families will be collected in church parking lot on Tuesday, November 24, 2014.
- **A Veteran's Day Prayer Service** will be held 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.
- **Ski Club** information is available by contacting Mike Frisch at [859- 445-9660](tel:859-445-9660) or email [mfrisch18@gmail.com](mailto:mfrisch18@gmail.com).
- **The NKY Saints Wrestling Club** is open to all elementary and middle school students. Practices will be held at Covington Catholic starting next week. This is a great opportunity for youth and middle school students to get involved and learn the basics of wrestling. For more information, click [here](#).
- **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 [gkwho@twc.com](mailto:gkwho@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.
- **City of Edgewood Upcoming Events information:**  
[Spooky Sunday](#)
- **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.*