



# 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 10/30 - All School Mass

Monday 11/2 - 8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)

Tuesday 11/3 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)

### **PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION**

Wednesday, 11/4 - First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

St. Pius X Day at the Edgewood LaRosa's

Thursday, 11/5 - 12:30 5<sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Graduation

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade goes to the Newport Aquarium

7<sup>th</sup> Grade visits the Dinsmore Homestead

11/8-10 - Blue Ribbon Ceremony in Washington D.C.



## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

October is winding down, and November is right around the corner. I love the crisp mornings, apple cider, and pumpkins everywhere! I wanted to let you know that I enjoyed praying the Living Rosary with the students, teachers, staff, and parents on Wednesday morning! It was a tremendous feeling to look around the darkened gym and to hear everyone united in common prayer. What an amazing way to share our faith. Please read the story below and look at the picture of the students holding the flashlights that created our *living school rosary*.

Just a reminder that our November gift will be the gift of freedom. Please try to join us for our Veterans' Day Prayer Service on November 11 at 12:40 in the gym. If you are a veteran or have a family member who is a veteran, please invite them to come to the prayer service. Also, let your child's homeroom teacher know, so they can tell the Liturgical Committee members. We would like to recognize them during the service.

Take time to enjoy your family and the gift of your family during November. Pray for one another, our country, and our communities. Pray that as a community, we positively impact our world in a way that glorifies God and utilizes our gifts effectively.

Mrs. Lonnemann





## Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

I want to make sure that I am doing everything I can for my child and am as knowledgeable as I can be about helping them with conflicts and bullying. Are there any resources that you could recommend for boys and girls?

Sincerely,

Books about Bullying

Dear Books about Bullying,

There are many different resources out there for parents to help them when it comes to bullying and conflicts. Here is just a few:

- **Masterminds and Wingmen by Rosalind Wiseman.** This book "reveals the way boys think and shows parents, educators and coaches how to reach out and help boys overcome their most common yet difficult challenges".
- **Queen Bees and Wannabes by Rosalind Wiseman.** This book is "packed with insights about technology's impact on Girl World and enlivened with the experiences of girls, boys, and parents" and "offers concrete strategies to help you empower your daughter to be socially competent and treat herself with dignity".
- **Sticks and Stones: 7 Ways Your Child Can Deal with Teasing, Conflict and Other Hard Times by Scott Cooper.** "Sticks and Stones helps parents teach kids how to speak up for themselves more assertively, gently, and effectively. Each chapter, based on the characteristics of a particular bird, uses a wealth of examples and imaginative exercises to give kids the confidence to speak truth to power".
- **My Secret Bully / Just Kidding! / Sorry! by Trudy Ludwig.** From relational aggression, to emotional bullying to meaningful apologies, these three books provide parents with a helpful way to begin the discussion of bullying with their child. For ages 6-9, the books include helpful tips, discussion questions and additional resources for children and parents.

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:** Your body is constantly burning calories, even when you are asleep! This week, consider activities that can help you build more muscle. You will burn calories at a higher rate if you build more muscle. Weight-bearing exercises, such as walking and running, certain calisthenics and, if age appropriate, using dumb bells are the best.



## What's New in the Classroom?



### Library

Last week, a librarian from the Kenton County Public Library visited the kindergarten students during their scheduled library time. Miss Beach and Miss Frasher read some fun books with our students, and then told them a little about the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Public Library. Each student received a pencil bag full of goodies including a certificate for a free book which can be redeemed at the Erlanger branch!

This week the Parent Storytellers visited the K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. They read *Heaven is for Real* with the classes and discussed All Souls Day. They reminded the students to pray for those souls in Purgatory.



### PE

In PE class, the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades did an activity for CPR (Circle of Power and Respect). In the activity called the Unity Knot, the students formed a circle, joined hands with alternate students and tried to stay connected while working together to end up in a complete circle. The Primary classes had fun at Halloween stations, one of which was an obstacle course. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades practiced taking the faceoff in hockey while learning the basics of the game.



### 5th & 6th Grade Drama

The 5th and 6th grade drama club recently began their practices for the upcoming play, **Alice in Christmasland!** We are so excited to share this Crazy Holiday tale with you! Play performances for **Alice in Christmasland** are December 11 @ 7pm and December 12 @ 2pm and 7pm. Mark your calendars and join us in some Christmas fun!!!



### Girls on the Run

The Girls on the Run team, made up of 15 dedicated 4th graders, have been learning about teamwork, gratitude and community service. At a recent practice the girls took time to write and decorate thank you letters to a local company who donates time and money to Girls on the Run. The team is looking forward to their practice 5k here at school on November 10th at 2pm. For many girls it will be their first time running that distance! Their end of year race will be held at Sawyer Point on November 21st. Feel free to come by and show support, or register yourself to run alongside 1,100 healthy, confident girls!





## 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

## Kindergarten Castle of Cans



Hello Families! The Kindergarten Classes are working on a service project with Be-Con. Every year we collect items that they need to fill their food baskets for families in need. All of these items will provide a hot, delicious, Christmas dinner for them. We will be collecting these items starting on Monday, 11/9 to Friday, 11/13. As we collect these items, the Kindergarten will build the "Castle of Cans" in the front foyer of school. There are specific items that Be-Con needs to fill these baskets. Please provide the items on the list which can be found [here](#). We appreciate all and any of your help with this! We hope that all of our families have a very blessed holiday season!

Thank You,  
The Kindergarteners (St. Pius X Panthers Class of 2024!!)

## Lunch Accounts Need Immediate Attention



We are heading towards the end of the first trimester and would like for you to check your children's cafeteria accounts at [k12paymentscenter.com](http://k12paymentscenter.com). Presently, we have over \$400 in lunch charges. Some of our children are over the \$15 maximum limit. Per diocesan policy they are served a cheese sandwich. This makes things challenging for the sweet ladies that serve lunch each day. Please contact Sharon Depenbrock if you have any further questions. [sdepenbrock@teachers.stipiusx.com](mailto:sdepenbrock@teachers.stipiusx.com)

## Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and so the entire school community gathered on Wednesday to pray the rosary. The Liturgical Committee working with the Rosary Club planned a "Living Rosary". In a darkened and prayerful atmosphere, students represented each bead of the rosary by shining a light as we were led in prayer.



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:30-8:30. Grades K-4 conferences are by appointment. Visit the St. Pius X website or click [here](#) to sign up. Grades 5-8 conferences will be held in Milligan Hall. Each teacher will have a station and you can move freely from one to another with small lines forming for each individual if a meeting is already in progress

## Unity Day

St. Pius X celebrated Unity Day on Wednesday the 21st. Unity Day is a nationwide celebrated event where everyone can come together to send one large message of support, hope and unity to show that we are all united against bullying and stand up for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. The members of the Students of Character Club, who organized the event, asked students in each homeroom to sign their name to a poster in order to show their support in ending bullying. Since the recognized color for bully prevention is orange, the homerooms decorated their signed ribbons to reflect this. The ribbons were then put on display in the cafeteria for everyone to see.



## Picture Retake

Picture retake day is scheduled for Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Only students who are planning to have their pictures taken may be out of uniform.





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-**

- **St. Pius X Acts youth group** will be hiking at Doe Run Lake in Erlanger this Sat (Halloween) at noon. We will end at St. Pius for pizza and pickup will be at 2:30pm. (Doe Run: 1501 Bullock Penn Rd, Erlanger KY 41018)  
*Go to the Soccer Field Welcome signs. You will see a parking lot right by the lake, where the trails start. Bring your permission slips (which can be downloaded on the parish website or picked up in 6-8th grade religion classrooms). Click [here](#) for further information or contact Email Ashley Marshall with any questions ([abb171@gmail.com](mailto:abb171@gmail.com)).*
- **Concession stand volunteers** are needed to work during sporting events on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5-8, and Saturday from 9-1. This is a great way for students in grades 6 through high school to earn Christian Service hours and for parents to get involved. Interested folks can contact **Brian McKinley** at [brianmckinley56@gmail.com](mailto:brianmckinley56@gmail.com) or [859-468-3295](tel:859-468-3295).
- **Mother Daughter Dance** photos are available for download. Please contact Kathy Brunot at [kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com) for link and password.
- **Notre Dame Academy welcomes all 7th and 8th grade girls to our Open House** Sunday, November 8, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Potential Pandas and their families will be given personal tours by our NDA Ambassadors. Our faculty will be available to answer any questions you may have and our students will be on hand representing the many co-curricular opportunities offered at Notre Dame. Come see our beautiful campus and state of the art facilities. Learn about our curriculum, activities, student life, financial aid, admissions procedures and more. Get a firsthand look at 21st century learning and our 1:1 iPad Initiative. Most importantly, see what The Notre Dame Life is about and all that it has to offer! Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Notre Dame Academy is seeking 8th graders to join their varsity bowling team** immediately. Practices are every Monday from 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. at Superbowl in Erlanger. Matches will be on mostly each Thursday starting the first week in November. Matches are scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. If you are interested please contact the coach, Michelle Wagner at [wagnerm@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerm@ndapandas.org).
- **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.

- **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.*