



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 11/13 - All School Mass

Picture retake day

Sunday 11/15 - 1:00 Choral Concert in Church

Monday 11/16 - 8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)

Tuesday 11/17 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8)

Wednesday 11/18 - St. Pius X Day at the Edgewood Skyline

Thursday 11/19 - Birthday Club in the library



Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

It has been a whirlwind week filled with many blessings for me. On Sunday, I had the privilege of traveling to Washington, DC to receive the Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence on behalf of St. Pius X School and parish. What an amazing and awe-inspiring event it was! As I attended the various ceremonies and presentations, I felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude for you, your children, our teachers and staff, and for our parish. What a gift you are! This award ranks our students and school in the top 10% of schools in our nation. You are to be commended for your dedication and commitment to Catholic education and St. Pius X School. I truly wish that I could have taken all of you to Washington DC with me. Thank you for your commitment to our school and for allowing me to lead our school and love your children.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Lonnemann





Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

I was wondering if there were any books out there that I could read with my student about worrying and anxiety. I want to find a way to talk about feelings so I can help them reduce their stress with school. What would you recommend?

Sincerely,

Written Works about Worrying

Dear Written Works about Worrying,

There are many different resources out there for parents to help them when it comes to feelings, worrying and stress Here are just a few:

- **Wilma Jean the Worry Machine by Julia Cook.** "This fun and humorous book addresses the problem of anxiety in a way that relates to children of all ages. It offers creative strategies for parents and teachers to use that can lessen the severity of anxiety. "
- **What to Do When You Worry Too Much by Dawn Huebner.** "An interactive self-help book designed to guide 6-12 year olds and their parents through the cognitive-behavioral techniques most often used in the treatment of generalized anxiety. Engaging, encouraging, and easy to follow, this book educates, motivates, and empowers children to work towards change."
- **The Way I Feel Books by Cornelia Maude Spelman.** This book series covers many emotions. The stories are quick and provide great explanations for each feeling and ways to cope. Great for students in grades K-3.
- **Let's Talk about Feeling Afraid by Joy Berry.** This book "helps children understand and manage the difficult emotion of fear. The book is filled with full-color illustrations and simple text that make the sometimes-difficult information easy to take in." It also includes a web address for free downloads. It is recommended for children ages 3-6.

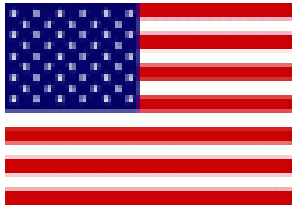
Have a question for the counselor?? Email me at nrauen@teachers.stpiusx.com.

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St. Pius X School
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Healthy Tip of the Week:

MOVE MORE! Try to get between 30 and 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Several 10 to 15 minute sessions of moderate activity each day add up.



Veteran's Day



As we celebrate the Gift of Freedom this month as part of our school theme, the entire school community gathered on Veteran's Day for a special prayer service. Students and faculty were encouraged to invite any retired and/or active members of the armed services to attend. Close to 20 veterans were personally honored through song, prayer, and petitions. Each branch of the armed services was recognized and their members were asked to stand while students showed their appreciation. Those in attendance received thank you notes made by the students, while other notes will be shipped to current active members of the armed services. St. Pius X School would like to thank all the men and women who have or are currently serving our country in the armed forces. We appreciate their service and feel blessed to live in the United States of America!





What's New in the Classroom?



Third Grade



The Tremendous Third Graders had a blast completing their service project! They had family members, neighbors and friends sponsor them for an Exercise Extravaganza! We exercised in our classroom for 30 minutes using our favorite movement website: gonoodle.com. We raised over 820.00 for a local animal shelter! Way to go, 3rd grade!



Fourth Grade



The fourth grade students are the best tall tale writers in the Midwest! They are so good at writing tall tales and using hyperboles that when you read one you will laugh until your belly aches and your cheeks hurt! Your smile will last for an entire year! After reading the story, "Stormalong", in our new Journeys language arts book, and reading and comparing several other tall tales, the students got to try their hand at writing a tall tale of their own. The students enjoyed creating their own characters and traits that are larger than life! You can tell by the picture of the six fourth grade authors, that they could write a really tall, TALL tale!

Fifth Grade

5th graders graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program November 5, 2015. Students participated in the program one day a week over the course of nine weeks where they learned to stand up to drug abuse, peer pressure, and bullying while maintaining respect for one's self and others. Thank-you to Officer Terry Chinn for being such a wonderful D.A.R.E. educator. Pictured are essay winners: Jonathan Fitz, Mitchell Davey, and Kylie Schutzman.



Birthday Club

The library Birthday Club invites students in grades K-5 to donate books to the library in honor of their birthdays. Four times a year, a birthday club get-together is held in the library. Great hardback books are displayed for students and their parents to select from. A label with the student's name is placed in the front of the book to show all students who donated it to our library. The student's picture is also taken with the book and displayed in the hall, and of course, treats are served!

The second meeting of the St. Pius Library's Birthday Club will be on **Thursday, November 19th** from **2:00-3:00** in the Library. Students in grades K-5 who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays during the months of **November, December or January** received an invitation in their Tuesday folder. We hope you will meet your children after school in the library to make a selection, have some refreshments, and be a part of our Birthday Club. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us add wonderful new books to our library shelves!



"Cocoa for a Cause"

Each season the **Girls on the Run** team is asked to look at how they can make a positive impact on their community. Through exercise, discussion, and teamwork, the girls discuss, pick, plan and organize a service project. This season the girls have chosen Down's Syndrome as their cause. They have planned to raise money for The Down's Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, by sponsoring "Cocoa for a Cause". On November 19th, students can bring in \$0.50 and purchase a cup of hot chocolate to enjoy before heading out to their chilly recess. The Girls on the Run will be on hand to help serve and collect money. If you have any additional donations, please feel free to send them in and it will go to help a wonderful cause that is near and dear to our Girls on the Run! Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

Double D Give Back Bash

Please join us on **Saturday November 28, 2015** for the 1st annual "Double D Give Back Bash" which is designed to support worthy causes in Northern Kentucky and is a way for both The Drysdales and Doghouse bands to give back to the community that has supported them over the years. The 2015 recipients are **Max Bishop**, a junior at CCH who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant to treat severe aplastic anemia which is a rare bone marrow failure illness and **Shawn Schwarz**, a teacher and volleyball coach at St. Henry High School who is currently being treated for breast cancer. The "Double D Give Back Bash" will take place at the Madison Theatre in Covington, KY from 7PM-1AM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$25 at the door. You may purchase tickets online at: <http://www.madisontheateronline.com/shows/2015/11/give-back-bash> or learn more about the Bash [here](#). Please join us for an evening with Great Friends and Great Music, supporting Great Causes!!!

Read more about Max and Shawn [here!](#)

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 23rd, 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. The Teacher Conference Dinner will be held in the PMR's from 5-5:45pm on Monday November 23, 2015. Please click [here](#) to sign up! Thanks!

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. 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

Picture Retake

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



ODDS AND ENDS-

- **St. Pius X School afternoon bus driver needed.** The hours would be Monday - Friday, 1:30 - 2:45. The qualified applicant should have a current CDL license with a passenger endorsement, be Virtus compliant, and a current physical/drug screen. A love for children is a must. If interested, please contact Mrs. Jill Lonnemann, Principal, St. Pius X School.
- **Panda Funfest** for 8th grade girls will be held on Friday, November 20, from 5:00-10:30 . Click [here](#) for registration form and more information.
- **Julie Learning Center** in Park Hills is pre-enrolling for the 2016/17 school year. We offer full and half day programs for preschool aged children and give a discount to all employees of the Diocese of Covington. For information about the center, visit our website at www.julielearningcenter.com and our FLICKR page at <https://www.flickr.com/gp/119084895@N05/VB68h3> or call the director at 859-392-8231 to schedule a tour.
- **City of Edgewood Upcoming Events Information:**
[Home Decorating Contest](#)
[Luminary Night](#)
[Letters to Santa](#)
[Annual Tree Lighting](#)
[Behringer-Crawford Museum Night](#)
- **Admissions Table volunteers** are needed to work during the 5th Grade Girls Basketball season. Each Saturday from 8:15 am - 2:15pm there are two hour shifts to cover. This is a great way for students in grades 5 through high school to earn Christian Service hours and for parents to get involved. We are asking the 5th/6th graders please have a parent supervisor present during their shift. If interested please sign up here:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a9ad2ea2fe3-basketball> or contact Jill New @ jnewmail26@gmail.com.
- **EQUIP ME:** In your child's Tuesday folder this week, there was a flyer for a program called Equip Me. For every purchase you make from this program, the school will receive points which can be redeemed for the purchase of equipment for the P.E. classes. Thanks for your support of this program. Happy Shopping!
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- **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 or [859-468-3295](tel:859-468-3295).
- **Father Daughter Dance** photos are available for download. Please contact Kathy Brunot at kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com for link and password.
- **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.
- **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 or 344-1235) OR Becky Maschinot (bmaschinot1@gmail.com or 859-426-0523). Meals for assigned needy families will be collected in church parking lot on Tuesday, November 24, 2014.
- **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. 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.
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- **Playground Duty Openings!** Please contact Kathy Carnes at 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.
- **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.