



# 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 8/19 -All School Mass**

**Monday 8/22-8:00 Mass (gr 1-4)**

**Tuesday 8/23-8:00 Mass (gr 5-8);**

**Wednesday 8/24-Spirit Wear Wednesday**

**Thursday 8/25- 6:30 Parent Orientation (gr. 5-8), meet in Milligan Hall**

**Thursday 9/1 - 6:30 Parent Orientation (gr.K-4), meet in Milligan Hall**



Click [here](#) for the lunch menu.

## Principally Speaking

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. It is hard to believe that summer break is over and the school year has begun! It seems the new routine is agreeing with our students. They are happy and smiling when they arrive and leave each day. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and their formation.

Our school theme this year is "Growing in Virtue". A parent email will be coming with some great suggestions for teaching the virtues in your home. We are very excited about this theme and look forward to incorporating it into everything that we do.

Please try to attend Parent Orientation evenings so you will be abreast of teachers' expectations, grading and discipline policies.

Thank you for all the ways you support SPX. My prayer is that this year is one of true learning, achieving and serving one another in Christ.

Peace in Christ,

Mrs. Lonnemann



### New Faces at St. Pius X:

We would like to welcome the following teachers and instructional aides to our school:

7/8th gr Writing	Ms. Anita Calo
Spanish	Mrs. Jeanne Nagle
PE	Ms. Missy Schmitt
Kindergarten	Ms. Jenn Siemer
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Mrs. Pam Klear
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mr. Tyler Tackett
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mrs. Laura Engelbrink
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ms. Katie Kurzendoefler

#### **Instructional Aides:**

Crystal Bosch in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Ms. Kathy Jehn in Kindergarten

### Counselor's Corner:

Each week, Ms. Nikki Clark will post a *Dear Abby* type of column to address various social, emotional, educational, and study skills related issue.

Stay tuned for upcoming articles!



A special thank you to our PTG!!!! Parents from the PTG have been busy helping the faculty and staff and students of St. Pius X to start the new school year on a positive note! I would personally like to thank them for:

1. Organizing the kindergarten Back-to-School Scavenger Hunt on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The evening was a fun way for students and parents to become familiar with our school. A special thank you to Amy Fedders for organizing the evening!
2. Providing the teachers' lunches during our staff In-service on August 9. The lunches were delicious!
3. Agreeing to fund field trips for all students.
4. Buying the teachers Visa gift cards for their back-to-school purchases.
5. Organizing and paying for the Mister Softee treat that students will receive tomorrow, Friday, August 19, to celebrate the feast of St. Pius.

# Welcome Back! First Day of School



### **CAFETERIA NEWS:**

School lunch prices have increased to \$2.75 per lunch. Milk will cost \$0.50.

Students will be allowed to charge up to \$15.00. After that students will be served a cheese sandwich and milk until payment is made. This is a diocesan-wide policy and is aligned with the federal lunch program criteria.

Please sign-up for [k12.payment.com](http://k12.payment.com) on our school's website.

### **ALLERGY ALERT:**

Please fill out all necessary paperwork regarding allergies sent home in the first day packet of information. Parents need to send epi-pens to school in a plastic pencil box with student's picture, name, and grade on the top of the box. Epi-pens are stored in the classroom and teachers' lounge. Please consult the Safe Foods list provided on the school and individual teacher websites for safe treats to send into school for birthdays,

### **ODDS AND ENDS-**

- **Cross Country Sign Ups** - Information has been distributed for students interested in running Cross Country. Registration is now open for all runners and non-runners, girls and boys entering grades 3-8. Ms. Missy Schmitt, the new PE teacher at St. Pius X is an assistant coach and encourages anyone interested to sign-up. For more information and details, click [here](#).
- **Youth Programming** - We are excited to present a list of some of the new youth ministries available coming August (or shortly thereafter) including an expanded youth group (and separated by grade levels-see flyer for details). We know families have busy schedules; rather than creating programs to further tax your busy lives, we are interested in providing various opportunities for the youth of our parish, so that "schedule" is not an obstacle to your child's desire to be involved. Click [here](#) for more information. Anyone who wants to be added to the 7-8th grade youth group parent email distribution list, please contact Ashley Marshall at [abb171@gmail.com](mailto:abb171@gmail.com)
- **Health Screenings** - We are in need of a chair for hearing/vision screening. Absolutely no healthcare experience is necessary to chair this event. Past chairman is willing to mentor you through the process! If interested, please contact the school office.

- **Concession stand volunteers** are needed to help with the upcoming volleyball season starting Monday 8/22. We are looking for 6th-8th graders to help out and welcome any high school student volunteers. This is perfect opportunity to help the school while acquiring service hours. Please click on the sign up link to schedule your times. Sign up for shifts [here](#). Feel free to contact Brian McKinley ([brianmckinley56@gmail.com](mailto:brianmckinley56@gmail.com)) with any questions.
- **Cub Scout Sign Ups** will be held on September 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 the PMR. The purpose of this night is to have parents and interested boys get information about the pack and fill out applications.
- **Remke Markets Caring Neighbor Program** is an excellent and easy way for our school to raise money. All you need to do is go to [www.remkes.com](http://www.remkes.com) and go to your "My account" and choose ST PIUS X SCHOOL PTG from the drop down box on the account page. If you have a Remke card and have never registered the card, you can do so on the same page. Your spending will automatically be tracked and St. Pius School will receive up to 2% of your purchase totals. In order to assure that Remke's database stays current, all Remke card registrants will need to repeat this process by September 1st each year.
- **Kroger 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).
- **Response to Intervention (RtI)** - This year the kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grade teachers will continue doing RtI in their classrooms. For informational letter, see the end of the Paw Prints.

Dear Parents,

This year the kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grade teachers will continue doing Response to Intervention (RtI) in their classrooms. We wanted you to know that we will still be utilizing the best practices in education to ensure success for all students here at St. Pius X.

First, all students in K-4 will take part in a universal screening process in various areas of reading called MindPlay. This screening will help the RtI Team determine which students will benefit from additional interventions in specific areas to help improve their knowledge of reading. The screening will take place four times. The RtI Team will meet to discuss the results. The RtI Team is composed of the administration, school counselor, Reading Specialist, and the classroom teachers. After evaluating the MindPlay results and consulting with the team, your child will enter one of three tiers.

- Tier 1- The classroom teachers will utilize differentiated instruction for all students in the classroom. This is accomplished through high quality focused teaching using the Journey's reading series and other language arts materials.
- Tier 2- Students who do not meet benchmarks are given additional instruction two times a week. Students will work with teachers in skill based small groups. The teachers will monitor the student progress with the MindPlay screener to see how they are improving on their designated skill areas.
- Tier 3- Students who score in a critical intervention level will receive additional instruction and interventions with the Reading Specialist. These small group interventions will be in addition to Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction. The goal would be to fill in critical gaps that could impede the natural progression of reading. After approximately seven weeks your child will be re-evaluated and the RtI Team will determine if they would benefit from further interventions or if they would most benefit from moving to a different Tier.

Since you are the primary educators of your children, the classroom teacher will communicate with you concerning how your child is performing at school and what our best educational recommendations are to aid in the success of their learning. All information will be communicated to you when any changes are made, but please feel free to contact the RtI team with any questions you may have about the process.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lonnemann, Mrs. Greenwell, Mrs. Staviski, Mrs. Clark, and K-4 Teachers