



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:

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

Friday, 9/2 - All School Mass

Monday, 9/5 - No School

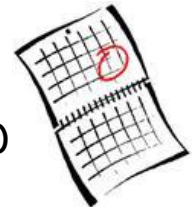
Tuesday, 9/6 - 8:00 Mass (gr 5-8); Parent/Student Conformation Meeting 6:30

Wednesday, 9/7 - Spirit wear Wednesday and LaRosa's night

Friday, 9/9 - Prayer for Peace Prayer Service 9:00 (no 8:00 Mass)

Thursday, 9/15 - Picture Day

Friday, 9/16 - Virtue Prayer Service (gym); parents welcome (no 8:00 Mass)



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

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

I hope this issue of Paw Prints finds you happy and healthy. September has arrived and the weather is beautiful! I am so happy that many of you are following the drop off procedures in the morning and afternoon. Working together, we can keep all of the children safe.

As we begin our second month of school, most children are less anxious. As grades are entered into Ascend and you receive daily emails, many parents are anxious and contacting teachers. Please try to remain calm and remember that many teachers grade on a point system. When receiving grade notifications keep in mind that even though grades appear to be concerning, it may be due to the low point value attached to the grade. For example, a child may take a five-point formative assessment and get one wrong. In Ascend this appears as a "C" because it is equal to an 80%. This looks concerning but try to remember that a five point assessment is not going to impact the total grade as much as a 100 point test will. As always, know that you can call or email teachers with your concerns or questions.

As we head into this beautiful Labor Day weekend, take time with the Lord and one another. It is our Lord's grace that enables us to grow closer to Him and to love one another as perfectly as He.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Lonnemann



Counselor's Corner



Dear Mrs. Clark,

My child really enjoyed their summer break and is having a hard time transitioning back into the school routine. Is there anything I can do to help them come back to school?

Sincerely,

Missing Summer Break

Dear Missing Summer Break,

Let your child know they are not alone. A lot of students have a hard time returning back to school after summer break (some teachers too!) Here are a few tips to try to ease the back to school anxiety and fear:

- **Check your feelings at the door.** If you are nervous about your child returning to school, they will feel it too.
- **Make your goodbyes quick.** Long goodbyes can prolong your child's fear and anxiety about going to school. A quick hug, kiss and "have a good day" is all they need.
- **Be careful about saying "I'll miss you."** While you think this may be helping your child feel loved while they're away, you may in fact be causing your child to feel worried about you. Instead try something like "I can't wait to hear about your day later" or "I'll see you at dinner time".
- **Write your child an encouraging note.** Packing a short note in your child's lunchbox or backpack can give them a nice surprise to look forward to.
- **Avoid walking your child in after the first week.** Your child needs to know they can do it on their own.

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

Cafeteria News

Parents:

When working the cafeteria you will need to wear proper footwear. No open toes or flip flops are allowed. This is a mandatory regulation! If you have any questions, please contact the Cafeteria Manager.

Thank you,

Sharon

KEEP CALM AND ROCK ON

Rocktoberfest 2016

JOIN US SEPT 9-11!

St. Barbara Church 4042 Turkeyfoot Rd., Erlanger, KY 41018

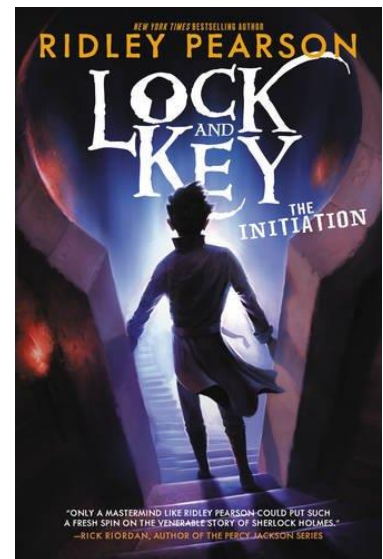
- Fri. 6PM-12AM Sat. 5PM-12AM Sun. 12PM-7PM
- Music by 24/7 (Fri.) & Gee Your Band Smells Terrific (Sat.)
- Family Chicken Dinner Sunday from 2PM-7PM \$8 per person
- \$5000.00 Grand Prize Raffle* Drawing on Sunday Sept 11th
- Tailgate in the Big Tent Sunday - Bengals vs. Jets (Big screen TVs - game time 1:00 PM)

www.facebook.com/StBarbRocks

*Tickets available at festival. Drawing will be held at the close of festival, Sept. 11, 2015. Need not be present to win. License #410

ODDS AND ENDS-

- Ridley Pearson, the author of the *Kingdom Keepers* series, will be visiting St. Pius X on Thursday, September 22, to speak to the 5-8 grades. Mr. Pearson will talk about his new book and series, and how he became a writer. He will even take questions from the students, as well as sign pre-ordered books at the end of his presentation. Pre-order forms for his new book were sent home this week in the Tuesday folders with students in grades 5-8. All forms must be returned with payment to Mrs. Brunot by Tuesday, September 13. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Brunot at kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com.



- **PTG Meetings** - On behalf of the PTG board we would like to welcome you to the 2016- 17 school year! Just by having a child at Saint Pius you are automatically a member of PTG! With PTG there are many opportunities to volunteer and share your ideas. We would like to invite you to our first meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm. And, save the dates for the future meetings November 15, February 7 and April 11. We hope to see you at our first meeting!
- **St. Pius Night at LaRosa's** - The first LaRosa's Fundraiser night will be next Wednesday, September 7 in Edgewood and will be the first Wednesday of every month after that! Please come and support the school!! A percentage of the proceeds will go to the school!!
- **Grandparent's/Grandfriend's Day** - Save the Date for Thursday, October 13, 2016. Please join us for this memorable day. Details to follow. Contact Amy Dusing at adusing@yahoo.com with any questions.
- **St. Pius Grade School Basketball Signups** for the 2016-2017 season will be held ONLINE (only). Online registration opens September 1st and runs through September 22nd. We will *not* be having any in-person signup days this year. The fee is \$90 for the first child and \$75 for each additional child. Any registrations after September 22nd will incur a \$10 late fee. To register your child for basketball, please visit: www.stpiusxathletics.com. If you have any questions please contact:
 SPX Athletic Director, Kevin Larkin at klark@killthecan.org
 SPX Basketball Director, Mark Zimmerman at mnz@schrudde-zimmerman.com
 SPX Girls Basketball, Marty Rankin at dmlinkin13@gmail.com
- **Library Volunteers Needed:** The library is in need of help every other Monday morning from 8:45-10:20. The volunteer would check in, shelf and check out books for homerooms 301 and 201. If interested, please contact Kathy Brunot at kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com.
- **Attention Future Pandas:** The NDA Soccer team invites all grade school girls to come and see them play on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7. Cheer on the Soccer Pandas as they take on Simon Kenton High School beginning with Junior Varsity at 5:00 followed by Varsity at 6:30. It will be an evening of food, fun and prizes. Don't forget your coupon for free admission to the games!

- **Father-Daughter Dance Save the Date** - Father Daughter Dance will be held on September 24th 7-10pm in Milligan Hall. The cost is \$30 for a couple and if you have 2 or more little ladies, purchase a \$40 ticket. For more information, visit <http://spxfatherdaughter.eventbrite.com>. Feel free to send a check to school made payable to St. Pius PTG with father daughter in the memo line and you and your date's name to Amy Fedders c/o Caroline Fedders in K4 (Ms. Siemer)
- **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
- **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) 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 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 Community Rewards Program** - Just a reminder to sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards program online to have your grocery dollars go straight to St. Pius X. This program is done through your Kroger Plus Card Account, and this account needs to be registered online FIRST before you can enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you have a Kroger Plus Card account online, please follow these

instructions below. If you need help with any of it, or, especially if you need to register your Plus Card online first and need help, please contact Stefanie Reid at 859.578.9939 or stefa5678@gmail.com. Thanks!

TO (RE-)ENROLL--IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD ACCOUNT:

1. Go to www.kroger.com.
2. CLICK on the "SIGN-IN" Icon in the top RIGHT corner of the screen.
3. Enter your email address and password for Kroger and click on SIGN IN.
4. It could take you to the "Account Summary" page. If it did not, you need to click on the "Welcome Back" Icon (TOP RIGHT) or click on "Community/Community Rewards".
5. Scroll down to the "Community Rewards" Section and if you see an "Enroll" or "Re-enroll" icon, click here now.
6. Enter the Organization Number: 80036. Click 'SEARCH'.
7. You should see: St. Pius PTG, 348 Dudley Road, Organization #80036. You will CLICK on the little circle to the LEFT of the St. Pius name.
8. Click on "ENROLL" icon and your change will be saved.
9. If you see a green message, "Your enrollment in the Community Rewards Program has been updated. Thank you for participating!" at the top of the screen, all went well!
10. SIGNOUT.