



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.

Important Dates:

Thursday, 9/22 - Reconciliation Retreat 6:30

Friday, 9/23 - 8:00 All School Mass

Monday, 9/26 - 8:00 Mass (gr. 1-4)

Tuesday, 9/27 - 8:00 Mass (gr. 5-8)

Thursday, 9/29 - 8th Graders visit NDA and CCH



Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,



Your children are settling in very well at school. We continue to be blessed by the presence of our priests. Father Hennigan has confidently stepped up to take care of our parish and school community while Father Baiju is away visiting his father. Please continue to pray for his father and his safe return. Father Baiju was able to be a part of our Virtue Prayer Service last week. He challenged the students to clothe themselves with Christ by clothing themselves in virtue. This analogy will resonate throughout our halls this year. Our tree stands tall in the entrance way, as our school community stands tall with Christ as we grow in virtue. Next month we will have a **Living Rosary Prayer Service on October 7**. Please join us in the gym at 9:00.

Father Hennigan has been playing kick ball and nine square with the students on the playground. It has been amazing to see how the students of all levels respond to his faith, enthusiasm, and love for others. He loves his vocation and the joys of a large parish. Mrs. Lonnemann and I are very grateful to him because the playground has become a great place for formation and fun!

Christ is truly present at St. Pius this year!

Blessings,
Mrs. Greenwell

Counselor's Corner



Dear Parents,

This week in Panther Pause, we are talking about active listening skills and reading critically. Both of these skills are crucial to a student's success in school. During this time, students learned strategies they can use to improve their listening skills in class in order to have good concentration. They also learned that reading for a purpose can help them improve their grades through the use of graphic organizers and story maps. Here are a few tips to help your child improve their active listening and reading critically skills:

- **Be Emotionally Ready to Listen When You Come to Class.** The attitude that students bring with them into class is very important. If they make the conscious decision to find the lesson or topic interesting, then they will actively listen to their teacher. Students should be committed to learning all they can.
- **Meet the Challenge.** Students should not give up and stop listening when the information is too hard to understand. Instead, they need to listen more carefully and ask questions.
- **Reading Textbooks.** Reading textbooks can be difficult. Students were shown the SQ4R method to help them break down information into an easy to remember system. SQ4R stands for Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review and Recap. The chart they practiced with will help them process information they read from their textbooks.
- **REDW Strategy for Finding Main Ideas.** In addition to SQ4R, students learned about REDW, which stands for Read, Examine, Decide, and Write. This strategy is especially useful for reading comprehension with novels and stories. Students were also given an activity to help them practice this.

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



What's new in the Classroom?



Sixth Grade!

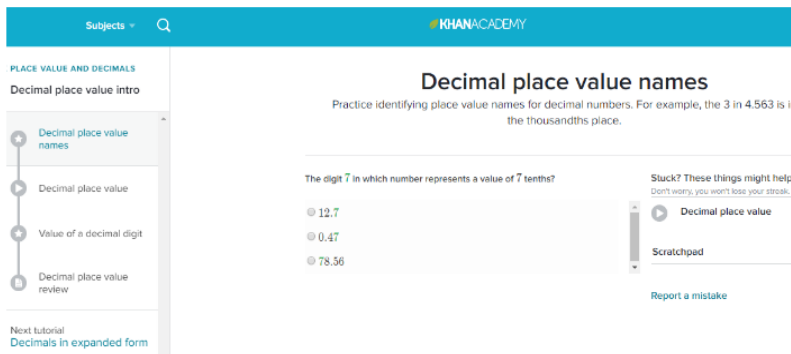
Khan Academy to Supplement Math Class

Along with the math textbook and Simple Solutions we are also using Khan Academy. Khan Academy is a free online program that provides students the opportunity to work at their own rate. It provides video instruction and math problems and tracks the concepts the students have mastered.

We have also been tracking the percent of school year complete by dividing the number of completed school days by 177. We put this in fraction, decimal and percent format. We are encouraging the students to complete their Khan Academy grade curriculum at least at the rate of the completed school year. So if the school year is 25% complete, they should have completed at least 25% of Khan Academy. The goal is to have each of the students complete 100% of their Khan Academy curriculum by the end of the school year. Many students are ahead of schedule and will have the opportunity to continue to learn and challenge themselves.

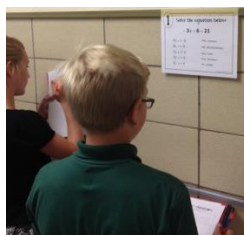
Example:

School day complete	26
Percent complete	$\frac{26}{177} \approx 14.6\%$
Minimum Khan Academy percent complete for 5th or 6th grade curriculum	14 %



Seventh Grade!

In math class our 7th graders are exploring positive and negative numbers, absolute value, expressions, equations, and the coordinate plane, from which they created various pictures. Here are some of our students working on a "Math Lib" by solving equations in the halls.



Eighth Grade!

Camp Joy came to the St. Pius X campus on September 14th to work with the 8th grade students on team building activities. The activities included the rope activity and the marble roll. A follow-up will include the students attending Camp Joy in the spring.



ST. PIUS X FATHER & daughter DANCE

Dads, take your little ladies out for a night of fun!

St. Pius X parish girls K-8 are invited to enjoy a dance party, photobooth, and candy bar

**September 24, 2016
Milligan Hall, 7-10 pm**

Get your tickets online at <http://spxfatherdaughter.eventbrite.com> or send a check in to school made payable to "St. Pius X PTG" with Father & Daughter in the memo line and you and your date(s)' name(s) to the attention of Amy Fedders c/o Caroline Fedders, Room K4 (Siemer).

***\$30/couple or *\$40/family**
Tickets are \$50 at the door.

*Join us
for these fun events
presented by
the St. Pius X
Enchanted Evening
Committee!*

Mother & SON DAY OF FUN!

Calling all Moms! A day to remember...

Enjoy a fun-filled, adventure-packed afternoon with your sons. Participate with your son(s) in an obstacle course, races, and minute to win it games. Dinner is included! Event is open to all St. Pius X parish boys K-8.

**Sunday, October 9, 2016
St. Pius X Campus, 3-7 pm**

***\$30/couple or *\$40/family**
Tickets are \$50 at the door.

Get your tickets online at <http://spxmothererson2016.eventbrite.com>

or send a check in to school made payable to "St. Pius X PTG" with Mother & Son in the memo line and you and your date(s)' name(s) to the attention of Kathy Carnes c/o Tyler Carnes, Room 303 (Ms. Frost).

Virtue Prayer Service

St. Pius X School held a Virtue Prayer Service to introduce this year's school theme "Growing in Virtue". Each month the students will learn about and practice a new virtue. At the service St. Pius X pastor, Fr. Baiju, did a reading and spoke to the students about "putting on a virtue" every morning as they put on their clothes. Student representatives introduced each virtue and shared petitions. Assistant Principal, Mrs. Betsy Greenwell, and 5th grade student, Charlie Dieruf, listened attentively as Fr. Baiju speaks.



ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Rite of Enrollment Ceremony - Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 9:30am for 1st Communicants and 11:30am for Confirmation Candidates.** The Rite of Enrollment ceremony marks the beginning of a "journey of faith" for these children and their parents who are starting the sacramental formation process. It is also a sign to the larger St. Pius X community that all of us have a role in the formation of anyone in the parish. Likewise, it shows children and their families that they are part of the larger faith community. Each St. Pius X parishioner is encouraged to pray and support these children, these youth, their families, and the catechist throughout the formation period.
- **NDA HSPT Prep Class** - NDA is offering HSPT Prep classes again this year. These workshops help students learn tips and strategies for success on the HSPT. The classes are open to boys as well. Each workshop is limited to 30 students. The cost is \$50 per student and registration is required. Please contact the NDA Admissions Office, 859-292-1829 with any questions and for registration and payment information. You can download the [registration form](#) from the link.
- **Book Club for Grades 5-8** - Paperwork concerning this year's Book Club and the Bookfest at NKU was sent home with each student in grades 5-8 on Tuesday, September 20. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Brunot.
- **Birthday Club News** - The first meeting of the St. Pius Library's Birthday Club will be on Wednesday, October 5th from 2:00-3:00 in the library. Students who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays during the months of August, September, or October will be receiving an invitation. 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!
- **CCH Fall STEM Camp** - Covington Catholic High School is offering two fall STEM camps for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade **boys and girls**. CCH STEM camps are the perfect way to foster creativity and to develop logic skills. Session 1 is focused on 3D modeling and 3D printing, session 2 is dedicated to robotics. The first session starts October 3rd, the second session starts October 24th. For more information, visit www.covcath.org/STEM678.

- **Young Adult Author Fest** - The Kenton County Public Library is hosting the NKY Young Adult Author Fest at Lloyd HS next month. While the event is a young adult author event, readers of all ages are welcome. The event is free. Books may be purchased on site or guests can bring their own copies to have signed. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **St. Agnes Oktoberfest Festival** - St. Agnes will be hosting their festival on Sep 30th, Oct 1st, and Oct 2nd in the church parking lot. There will be rides, games, food, drinks, and a \$10,000 grand raffle.
- **Playing for a Purpose** - Each year NDA and St. Henry participate in the "Playing for a Purpose" volleyball game to raise money for breast cancer research and awareness. This year's games will be on Friday, Sept. 23 at Thomas More College.
- **Calling all Moms! A day to remember...** Enjoy a fun-filled, adventure-packed afternoon with your sons. Participate with your son(s) in an obstacle course, races, and minute to win it games. Dinner is included! Event is open to all St. Pius X parish boys K-8 and will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2016 on the St. Pius X Campus, 3-7 pm. The cost is \$30/couple or \$40/family. Tickets are \$50 at the door. Get your tickets online at: <http://spxmotherson2016.eventbrite.com> or send a check in to school made payable to "St. Pius X PTG" with Mother & Son in the memo line and you and your date(s)' name(s) to the attention of Kathy Carnes c/o Tyler Carnes, Room 303 (Ms. Frost).
- **Recess Duty** - Dads and Moms can help St. Pius X in a fun way by volunteering as a recess monitor. We are looking for parents to join teachers and staff on the playground or in the classroom during outdoor and indoor recess. The parent would assist the aide and teacher on the playground in the following ways: walking the perimeter of the playground to make sure all children are engaged in safe activities, helping students that may get hurt, managing kick ball games, and encouraging positive social engagement between students and generally being another set of eyes and ears. By signing up to help you are only committing to one day/month for less than two hours! (i.e. first Friday of each month, third Tuesday of each month) One volunteer is needed each day Monday through Friday 10:30-12:20. You must be Virtus trained. Sign up through sign-up genius: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D4EAAA22A0FE3-stpius
- **Yearbooks Available** - In case you forgot to order a yearbook last year, we have extra 2015/2016 yearbooks available in the School Office. The cost is \$28 for a hard cover and \$23 for a soft cover. If interested, you can stop by the School Office to purchase one or send cash or a check made out to St. Pius X School to the School Office and we will send one home with your child. Thanks!

- **Skyline and LaRosa's Nights**--Skyline in Erlanger & LaRosa's in Edgewood have again



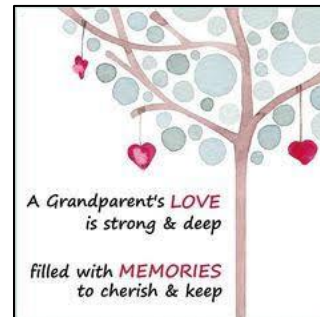
graciously agreed to donate back to St. Pius 10% of sales on our fundraising nights. Our LaRosa's night



is the 1st Wednesday of every month and Skyline is the 3rd Wednesday of every month (with the exception of December &

April--December 14 & April 26). Please mark these dates down and save yourself the trouble of cooking dinner for your family while supporting our school! Be sure to tell them you are with Saint Pius!

- **Grandparent's/Grandfriend's Day** - Save the Date for Thursday, October 13, 2016. Please join us for this memorable day. The [Parent Letter](#) and [Invitation to the Grandparents](#) are now available. Contact Amy Dusing at adusing@yahoo.com with any questions.



- **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.