





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:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21  Parent-Teacher Conferences Gr. 5-8: 2:30-8:30 Gr. K-4: By Appointment	22 All School Mass 8:00am	23 No School	24 No School 	25 No School	26
27	28 Advent Prayer Service	29 Mass 8:00 (5th-8th)	30	Dec. 1	2 All School Mass 8:00	3

Lunch Menu:

Monday 11/21	Tuesday 11/22	Wednesday 11/23	Thursday 11/24	Friday 11/25
Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Corn Pears Fruit Workers Mary Jo Sybert Ron Sybert (Milk) Candace Bonta Becky Safarczyk Maria Rovito	Hamburger Or Cheeseburger On Bun Oven Fries Glazed Carrots Pineapples Fruit Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo Pickles Workers Joe Durrett Emily Durrett (Milk) Larry Annear Need 1 Worker	No School Workers:	No School Happy Thanksgiving 	No School Workers

Peanut Butter, Peanut Butter & Jelly & Cheese Sandwiches Provided Daily Milk & Juice Provided Daily

Monday 11/28	Tuesday 11/29	Wednesday 11/30	Thursday 12/1	Friday 12/2
Chicken Patty On Bun Oven Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce Fruit Ketchup Workers Mary Jo Sybert Ron Sybert Ginny Sandfoss Need 2 Workers	Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Broccoli Veggie Boat With Dip Pears Fruit Ketchup, BBQ Cup Workers Karan Schutt Need 4 Workers	3,4, or 5 Way Carrots & Celery With Ranch Cup Oyster Crackers Peaches Fruit Workers Joanne Theobald Jo Ann Fedor Carol Annear Lynn Toner Need 1 Worker	Mandarin Orange Chicken Fried Rice Asian Vegetables Salad, Fortune Cookie Fruit, Ranch Or Italian Dressing Workers Susan Berry Jamie Klare Shelley Fritz Need 2 Workers	Cheese Pizza Salad Steamed Broccoli Peaches Fruit Ranch Or Italian Dressing Workers Mike Bennett Pat Meier Need 3 Workers

Principally Speaking



Dear Parents,

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us take time to be thankful for the blessings we have in our lives. Too often, we spend our days making plans for the future and forget our futures are happening now. Thanksgiving is a special time to slow down and reflect upon the ways God has blessed our lives. It is a special time to spend with family and friends creating memories and being immersed in the living love of our Lord.

This Thanksgiving, I would like to thank you for the blessing you are to me and the faculty and staff of St. Pius X School. Your support and encouragement mean more than you will ever know. I am truly blessed to be a part of this community. Your children bring such joy to me and are a constant reminder of the goodness of God. I will remember you in prayer this Thanksgiving and count you among my blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Jill Lonnemann

Counselor's Corner

Dear Mrs. Clark

Since Thanksgiving is next week, I would love to find different ways to talk to my child about giving thanks and helping others. Do you have any suggestions for how I can teach my student all about gratitude?

Sincerely,
Teaching Thanks



Dear Teaching Thanks,

This is the perfect time of the year to talk to your student about what it means to be thankful! Here are just a few ways that you can talk to your child about gratitude:

- **Ask your child about the highs and lows of their school day.** This is an easy way to teach your child the importance of appreciating the positive.
- **Write thank you notes for someone in your life.** Have your child write or draw thank you notes for a friend, teacher, family member, etc. You can use this as an opportunity to point out how others have helped them (ex. holding open a door, helping with an assignment, picking up something they dropped).
- **Thank your child.** Be a good model and tell your child "thank you", even if they are doing a chore or activity you requested them to do. It is important for them to see that you notice and appreciate their effort regardless of the task.
- **Generate an attitude of giving.** Have your child donate any old toys or clothes to other children in need. During the holiday season, it is important for us to remember generosity and helping others in need.

For more information and ideas about teaching gratitude to your children, please visit:

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/love-and-gratitude/201305/4-ways-children-learn-gratitude>.

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

KENTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

LETTERS TO SANTA LETTERS FROM SANTA

NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 5



Use one of the Santa Express Mailboxes at the Kenton County Public Libraries and Kenton County Courthouses to mail a letter to Santa and receive a response from Santa by Christmas!

Although Santa knows where you live, the post office needs a home address to deliver your letter! It's very important that your name and address are correct and legible!

Remember to bring a non-perishable food or personal care item donation for Be Concerned when dropping off your letter!



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What's new in the Classroom

Sixth Grade!

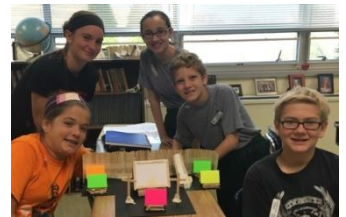
The 5th and 6th grade students learned a lot about the election process during the first trimester. We helped to plan the school-wide election between Iron Man and Wonder Woman by creating campaign posters and putting together the Electoral College map. On Election Day we entered our classroom election booth to cast out votes!



Seventh Grade!



7th graders made the fort of Jamestown to simulate the building and daily activities of the colonists. They built a palisade, cannon, houses, and church while trying to do the daily activities of digging a well, farming, hunting, and exploring needs for survival.



Eighth Grade!

Eighth graders enjoyed lunch with the Edgewood police department after they served lunch to the St. Pius students.



Morning Drop-off Traffic Reminder

Parents,

As your drop off your precious cargo in the morning, we ask that you please stay in the traffic line. Please do not try to pull around cars in front of you; this presents a huge safety concern for our children. Please stay in line and pull forward once they cars in front of you have pulled forward. There is no appointment or meeting that is worth risking a child's safety. Thank you for helping keep our children safe!



Out of Uniform Day

When: Tuesday, November 22nd

Cost: \$1.00 to participate. Bring in \$1.00 no later than Tuesday, November 22nd to participate. Give the \$1.00 to your homeroom teacher.

Benefits: Scholarship fund for Girl's on the Run. To help those who cannot afford to participate in the program.

Sponsored by: Solemate Ms. Schmitt

Anyone who participates will be entered into a special raffle. You ask what is being raffled off? Gift cards to Perfect North Slopes, Barnes and Noble, and AMC Theatres.

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Nuke 'Em Ball Tournament** - There is a Youth group event THIS Friday, November 18th, from 7-9pm in the PAC. There will be a Nuke 'Em ball tournament and sock drive for the Parish Soup Kitchen. Participants may bring new socks OR money as a donation. Pizza provided!
- **Spiritwear Christmas Sale** will take place November 11 - November 30. To view the products and place an order, visit www.proforma.com/saintpius. All orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, Dec 15, 2016. A portion of the proceeds go to benefit the PTG. Any questions, please contact Michelle Price at michelle.price@protiviti.com or 513-253-3030

- **PTG FACULTY AND STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM** - Let PTG do the shopping! This program was created over a decade ago to make Christmas shopping easy and to allow St. Pius families to remember all staff members (teachers, aides, secretaries, maintenance, cafeteria, administration, priests . . .) who make a daily difference in your child's education at Christmas time. Each staff member will receive gift certificates to use for shopping, dining or other entertainment. This is a voluntary program and any amount is accepted. All children are recognized on a card. Please use the attached donation form and send cash or check (payable to St. Pius X PTG) to Attn: Sharon Gronotte, PTG Christmas Program. Be sure to include name(s) of your child(ren). The deadline for collecting donations is Friday, December 9th so that the elves have time to shop! Questions? Contact Sharon at 341-6766 or sgronotte@fuse.net.

- **Art and Writing Contest** - Mrs. Garbett's Panther Pause group of fifth and sixth graders has organized an art and writing contest for all grades. The contest honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; the theme is "Let Freedom Ring!" K-4 students are invited to decorate a poster, no larger than 12" x 18". Fifth through eighth grade students have three options: an art piece, a poem, or a short story. All entries must focus on Dr. King and the theme, "Let Freedom Ring!"
Fliers with complete details were sent home three weeks ago. There are also contest posters on the walls around the school. All art work should be given to Mrs. Walters in the art room. Mrs. Henson is accepting the poems and short stories. The contest deadline is Monday, December 5. Award winners will be notified before our Christmas break. An awards celebration will be held in January, close to Dr. King's birthday (January 15). Questions? Contact Mrs. Garbett at jgarbett@teachers.stpiusx.com

- **Chromebook Care** - We are very blessed to have a 1:1 Chromebook program for the students at St. Pius. We have asked them to take responsibility for their learning as well as this educational device. Unfortunately, we are experiencing issues with the students taking on this responsibility. I have reviewed the following steps with them to insure proper care of the Chromebook. Please review the follow care steps with your children.
 1. Do not place any books or other objects on top of the Chromebook. The weight can damage the screen. The most common example of this is students placing books on top of their Chromebook while carrying it to and from class. The cases provided have handles so that the students can carry them properly.
 2. Only open the Chromebook while it is on a flat surface like a table/desk.
 3. Do not drop your books and the Chromebook inches/feet above the floor.

The most common situation is that the students drop their books including the Chromebook from a few feet above the floor as they enter class. This is the major cause of screen damage. The screen damage is a \$75 charge and is the responsibility of the student/parent as per handbook. Please help me reinforce these guidelines with our students and encourage them to accept responsibility for their Chromebook.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be taking place on Monday, November 21 from 2:30-8:30pm. Visit our school [website](#) for more information.
- **Advent Giving Tree** - Our 8th graders, who are preparing for Confirmation, are busy elves! It has become a tradition that St. Pius X 8th graders are responsible for the Advent Giving Tree in church. Each year they spend time preparing the tags, hanging the ornaments, and gathering and sorting the gifts. Our parish is so very generous, and the students have hundreds of presents to get ready for Christmas. All of the gifts are for someone special and are organized through local charities. When the packages are ready, some holiday-spirited Confirmandi will load the trucks and maybe even get to help deliver the presents. May God bless our young people as they become the Hands of Christ for others this Advent season.
- **Kills for Kelly** - Join Kelly Schmahl for a full day of volleyball fun at St. Pius X Gym as her friends and family (and possibly YOU) compete to be Queens and Princesses of the Court and raise awareness for Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (Stomach Cancer). Competition will consist of two divisions (middle school and high school) where teams of 3 will compete for the title of Queens and Princesses. All winners will be crowned! Fee per team is \$30. Click [here](#) for full details.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive** - With your support, we would like to help kids & adults keep warm this winter! The St. Pius Challenge Club is working with St. Vincent de Paul to collect coats to help our neighbors in need. Donations of new or gently used coats (children & adults sizes) will be accepted through December 1st. There are donation barrels located in the front lobby of school and the back of church. We think everyone should have one warm coat - don't you agree? Thanks for your support!
- **Winter Wonderland at Thomas More College** - The Student Government Association would like to invite you to join them on November 30th from 4:00pm - 7:00pm in the Saints Center on the Campus of Thomas More College. This is a free event hosted by over 20 student clubs and organizations to celebrate the Christmas holiday. The evening will be filled with children's activities, crafts, games, and food. A live nativity scene, pictures with Santa, coloring, and face painting will also be included. Contact Nicholas Auteri with questions or concerns at njaute54@thomasmore.edu or (859) 801-0535.



- **SHDHS Varsity Cheerleading Skyline Fundraiser** - Mark your calendars and enjoy a free night of cooking! The SHDHS cheerleading team will be hosting a fundraiser at the Skyline at 1345 Hansel Ave., Florence KY (in front of Dick's Sporting Goods) on **November 22 from 4-close**. Please make sure you inform the cashier you are from SHDHS, otherwise the team won't get credit. Thank you in advance for your support!
- **SHDHS Varsity Cheerleading Chipotle Fundraiser** - Mark your calendars and enjoy a free night of cooking! The SHDHS cheerleading team will be hosting a fundraiser at the Chipotle at 7516 Mall Rd., Florence KY on **November 30 from 4-8**. Please make sure you inform the cashier you are from SHDHS, otherwise the team won't get credit. Thank you in advance for your support!

St. Pius X School Mission Statement **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.