



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
January 1 	2 Back to School Mass 8:00 (1st-4th)	3 Mass 8:00 (5th-8th)	4 	5	6 All School Mass 8:00	7
8	9 Mass 8:00 (1st-4th)	10 Mass 8:00 (5th-8th)	11	12	13 All School Mass 8:00	14

Lunch Menu:

January 2nd through January 13th Lunch is \$2.75 daily & Milk .50¢ USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer

Monday 1/2	Tuesday 1/3	Wednesday 1/4	Thursday 1/5	Friday 1/6
Mini Corn Dogs Or Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries, Ketchup Baked Beans, Fruit Applesauce Workers Mary Jo Sybert Ron Sybert (Milk) Need 3 Workers	Bosco Sticks Or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Green Beans, Veggie Boat With Dip Sidekick Juice Fruit Workers Karen Schofield Amy Fedders Holli Ahlers Need 2 Workers	3 Way Chili Spaghetti Glazed Carrots Salad, Ranch Or Italian Dressing Pineapples, Fruit Workers: Need 5 Workers	Soft Tacos Fiesta Rice Corn, Salsa Black Beans Mandarin Oranges Fruit Snacks For Sale Workers: Susan Berry Jamie Klare Shelly Fritz Need 2 Workers	Cheese Pizza Or Pizza Crunchers Salad, Ranch Or Italian Dressing Steamed Broccoli Peaches, Fruit Workers: Marcie Crisler Michelle Christensen Keoni Christensen Amy Fathman Tricia Goetz

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

Monday 1/9	Tuesday 1/10	Wednesday 1/11	Thursday 1/12	Friday 1/13
Meatloaf Or Cheeseburger On Bun Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Pears Fruit, Pickles, Mustard Ketchup, Mayo Snacks For Sale Workers Mary Jo Sybert Ron Sybert (Milk) Need 3 Workers	Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Salad, Ranch Or Italian Dressing, Fruit Applesauce Ketchup Or BBQ Cup Workers Julie Wagner Michelle Bultman (Milk) Beth Joyce Need 2 Workers	Chicken Patty Or Cheeseburger On Bun Oven Fries, Ketchup Or Mayo, Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Frozen Sidekick Juice Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard Pickles Workers Suzy Turnpaugh (Milk) Need 4 Workers	Beef Nachos Or Chicken Nachos Refried Beans, Corn Salsa, Sour Cream Cheese, Peaches Fruit Workers Crystal Galasso Need 4 Workers	French Bread Pizza Tomato Soup Salad, Ranch Or Italian Dressing Pears, Fruit Snacks For Sale Workers Annie Haines (Milk) Need 4 Workers

Principally Speaking



A family friend sent the following poem with her Christmas card, and I felt it expressed my Christmas wish for all of you! May God continue to bless you and your families now and in the upcoming year.

Our Christmas Wish for You...

Family to surround you,
Love beyond measure
Mercy beyond understanding
Compassion that inspires you,
Faith that moves mountains,
Trials that make you rely on Christ, and
Success that brings glory to God's name.

- Kathy Bessler

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Lonnemann

Counselor's Corner

Dear Mrs. Clark,

My student always has such a hard time coming back to school after the long holiday break. I would like to make things easier this year and was wondering if you had any advice. How can I help my student transition back to school after a long holiday break?

Sincerely,

Fearful of Festivities Fatigue



Dear Fearful of Festivities Fatigue,

Just like with the summer break, it can be difficult for students to return to school after the holidays. Here are a few tips to help your student make the transition back to school:

- **Try to keep to a regular sleep schedule.** It is easy for bedtimes to become lax over the holiday break because there is so much going on. This also encourages students to spend more time in front of the computer, TV or video games. A few days before returning to school, try to cut back on the screen time while also easing back into a reasonable bedtime.
- **Get Organized.** Take the time off as an opportunity to check in with your child about their school supplies. Also, go through their backpack and clean out any unnecessary papers. By restocking school supplies and cleaning the backpack, it'll help your student feel prepared when returning to school.
- **Give your child something to look forward to.** If your child is having a difficult time leaving you, find something that will help them look forward to the return to school. You can see if their teacher has anything fun planned the first week back or you can even plan something fun as a family like a game night or a movie night with hot chocolate.
- **Be positive.** Take a moment and reassure your student about all the good things they enjoyed about school before they left for the break. Be positive and stress all the good things that will happen when they return to school.

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



May Christmas bring you joy in your heart, smiles at your doorstep, and the love and togetherness of family and friends. Merry Christmas!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS: (7-8th grade)

Sat Dec 17th: 10a-12p we are serving at Rose Garden Mission, preparing for their big Christmas Giveaway. Email Ashley at abb171@gmail.com if your child is interested. We have 8 of 18 slots still available.

Sunday Dec 18th: We will have our youth group mass at 9:30am and **CHRISTMAS PARTY** immediately after, in the PAC until NOON. We will have food, volleyball/Nuke 'Em, game, Father Baiju and more! If your child plans on attending and you want to help with supplies, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445ACA723A7F94-christmas> or email Ashley at abb171@gmail.com

Penny War Update



We were able to provide all 16 families that have found shelter at the St. Joseph apartments with basic household cleaning and hygiene items and we donated over \$1100 in cash for other needed expenses to Catholic Charities. They were extremely grateful and a little in awe over our support! The last picture is of a mat made out of plastic shopping bags. These mats are made and given to homeless people to provide padding and insulation for a portable, waterproof, and easy to clean bed. What a great service project!



What's new in the Classroom

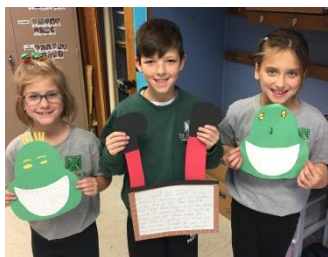
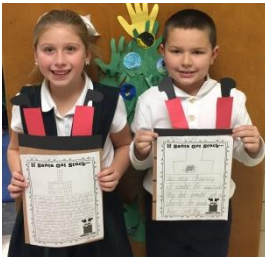
Second Grade!

The second grade had so much fun with the Penny War! They worked together to bring in the most pennies every day! They won fun prizes like Crazy Sock Day, Inside Out Day, Crazy Hair Day, Extra Recess, & an Out of Uniform Day!!!



Third Grade!

The last two weeks the third graders have been enjoying some Christmas writing! We wrote some fun stories about what would happen if Santa got stuck in our chimneys, and different ways we could make the Grinch grin. The kiddos loved it and we got some very original responses :).



Fifth Grade!

At the completion of the Fifth-Grade DARE program, the students participated in a graduation ceremony. Highlights of the ceremony included the reading of the student DARE essays and the singing of the DARE song. The essays were written as part of a language arts assignment, shared in class, and then chosen by the students in each homeroom to represent their class at the ceremony. All students were given a certificate of participation from program director Terry Chinn and Police Chief Anthony Kremer. We are grateful that Terry Chinn continues to present this program helping raise awareness of the hazards of substance abuse.



ODDS AND ENDS-

- **THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL BOOKS** - Many thanks to the following students who participated in the Library Birthday Club on December 7th: Kalei Christensen, Olivia Ahlers, Nate Griewe, Adalyn Hartzler, Sophia Schwartz, Ben Hahn, Jonny Dannemann, Carson Brueggemann, Cooper Dickman, Norah Barker, Jacob Thomas, Peyton Collinsworth, Charlie Stewart, Elizabeth Tabeling, Lyla Noll, Ben Daley, Chloe Dunham, Ethan Springob, Nicholas Galasso, Kenzi Berry, Caleb Fitzpatrick, Liam Fitzpatrick, Meredith Scroggins, Owen Boehmer, Stella Jacocks, Kaia Fritz, Anna Bain, and Ella Yung. Through the generosity of these students and their parents, our school library continues to grow. We also wish to thank Mrs. Christine Gallagher, Mrs. Mary Ruberg, Mrs. Debbie Schmidt, and Mrs. Linda Nageleisen for all of their help with this program. Thanks again! -Mrs. Brunot
- Buy tickets for the **Xavier vs. Wake Forest basketball game** at the Cintas Center on Dec 17 at 8pm. The tickets include access to a pregame reception which begins at 5:00 and includes games, snacks and refreshments. 100% of proceeds go to the Karen Carns Foundation, a terrific charity. See [flyer](#) for more information.
- **Birthday Club** - Unfortunately, the wrong date was on some of the Birthday Club invitations that went home to the students celebrating in November, December, or January. I wrote a correction in last week's Paw Prints and had an announcement made, but unfortunately that information did not get out to everyone. Birthday Club was held last Wednesday, December 7. I am sorry for the error. Students who were interested in coming, but missed it due to the incorrect invitation are more than welcome to come to the next Birthday Club which will be held on February 22nd. Once again, I apologize for the inconvenience. -Mrs. Brunot
- **Duke TIP Students and Parents** - The next set of programs for grades 4-7 will begin on **February 4**. Covington Latin we will be hosting courses in many different subject areas for your children. For information on those courses click [here](#). If you or your friends or family are Duke TIP students and in grades 4-7, you are welcome to join. Please forward this email or send me contact information for those students. [Registration](#) is due **January 26th**. Contact [Stephanie Tewes](#) at Covington Latin School for more information.
- **Thomas More Covington of Diocese Night** - Saturday, January 7 versus Geneva. The men's team plays at 1:00 and the women tipoff at 3:00. Admission is free to any Covington Diocese student. There will be a mini basketball toss before the game and posters will be available.

- **2nd Annual Colonel Classic Robotics Tournament** - Covington Catholic High School will host the 2nd Annual Colonel Classic Robotics Tournament at the Covington Catholic High School gymnasium at 1600 Dixie Highway in Park Hills, KY, on Saturday, January 7, 2017. As many as 50 middle school and high school teams are expected to compete in the "VEX Robotics Competition" event. Spectators are welcome; the event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Mr. Bob Lind (STEM Director, Robotics/Engineering Club Moderator, and Teacher at Covington Catholic) at blind@covcath.org.

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.