



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:

Monday 1/11 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)

Tuesday 1/12 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)

Wednesday 1/13 - 8:30-10:00 Reconciliation (Gr. 8)

Thursday 1/14 - 7:00 pm 8th Grade Confirmation

Friday 1/15 - 8:00 All School Mass

No School for 8th grade students

Monday 1/18 - No School for Martin Luther King Day

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



*The Gifts We Have
We Are Given to Share*

Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

*During the month of January we will focus on the
Gift of Catholic Education*

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! First of all, Mrs. Greenwell and I would like to thank all of you for the Christmas cards, gifts, and well wishes. Your kind words and generosity are overwhelming. The St. Pius X community has wrapped its arms around us and blessed us in so many ways. Please know that we appreciate you more than you will ever know.

Students are settling in and getting back into the "groove". As I walked through the cafeteria Monday morning, there was definitely a divide! Kindergarten through fourth grade students were smiling, excited and talking amongst themselves. A few ran to give me a hug and to tell me how much they missed me. The fifth through eighth grade students were half asleep and completely quiet. When I asked if they were happy to be back, I received silence. I told them I would take that as a yes, and they all giggled!

Even though there are varying degrees of enthusiasm regarding their return to school, students are engaged and learning so much. Studies indicate that January through March can be the best learning months of the year. Researchers believe that this is due to minimal distractions and interruptions to school schedules. With this in mind, teachers are planning challenging instruction and covering a lot of material. Please make sure your children are getting plenty of rest and good nutrition each day. Try to limit technology and television time and encourage your children to get physical activity and fresh air each day. Students will go outside each day for recess unless the "feels like" temperature dips below 30 degrees. Make sure they are dressed appropriately for outside recess.

Looking ahead, I wanted to let you know that January will be a very busy month! Registration for in school families will take place, Open Houses are scheduled, students will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation, the school wide Spelling Bee will take place, the Science Fair and National History Day presentations are scheduled, and Catholic Schools Week will begin on January 31!

Our school wide spiritual gift this month is the gift of our Catholic education. Thank you for supporting our school and selflessly giving the gifts of your time, talent, and treasure. Without all of you, St. Pius X School would not be a success. You make a difference to us and most importantly, to your children. God bless you and thank you for being Christ to me each day.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Lonnemann





Counselor's Corner:

Dear Ms. Rauen,

Since it is the start of a new year, I really want to begin it the right way. I think my New Year's Resolution should be to keep the goals that I set for school. Do you have any suggestions on how I can do this?

Sincerely,
Going for Goals

Dear Going for Goals,

I think you have picked a very good New Year's Resolution to work on. It is always important to set the right goals in order to be successful both in and out of school. When creating goals for yourself, make sure they are **SMART**. Here are some important tips to consider when making **SMART** goals:

- **Set Specific and realistic goals.** First, pick one or two areas that you think are important for you to work on. Second, make sure the goals you set are specific, clear and easy. Instead of setting a goal to get good grades, set a specific goal to raise a C to a B in a subject you know you need to work a little harder at.
- **Measurable.** How will you know when you reached your goal? If you can't measure it, you can't manage it. Give yourself check in points or a deadline to help you see the progress you are making. For example, if you are trying to read more books, you can say that your goal is to read 20 pages every week.
- **Achievable.** When a goal is important to you, you will find ways to make it happen. You still want to set a goal that will challenge you, but when you start feeling success it will help you remain motivated to achieve your goal.
- **Relevant.** Set a goal that is linked to something important to you. If you care about the goal, then it is more realistic that you will work to achieve it.
- **Timely.** Set a timeframe for when you want to reach your goal. If it is long term, try creating mini-goals along the way to keep you motivated. Write your goal down somewhere you will see it (a calendar or planner) along with your check in points as a visible reminder of what you are working towards.

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

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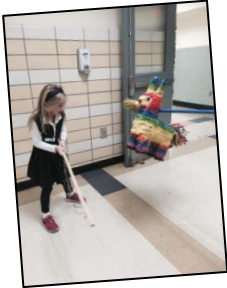
Healthy Tip of the Week: Parents - Be a good role model! You don't have to be perfect all the time, but if kids see you trying to eat right and getting physically active, they'll take notice of your efforts. You will send a message that good health is important to your family.



Kindergarten



Each week, Kindergarten welcomes a parent into the classroom to share stories with the class. We really enjoy this special gift of time our parents share with us! Thank you parents!



Kindergarten also had fun celebrating Holidays around the world. We learned about the Christmas tradition in Mexico called Los Posadas, as we dressed as Mary and Joseph and "travelled through town" looking for room in the "inn", ending with a celebration and a pinata. We also celebrated Sweden's Holiday tradition in which the oldest child dresses as Saint Lucia and delivers sweet rolls and coffee to the members of her family. We enjoyed hot cocoa and donuts! Yum! The students also experienced the dredyl in Israel and the Nativity in Italy. A guest speaker, Mr. Scholz, also came in and shared some Christmas traditions in Germany about the Christmas markets and shared how they believe in St. Nicholas and Krampus. It was a great learning experience!



First Grade



First Grade is learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. We are very excited to be learning about something many of us have participated in! Mrs. Pollard even shared with the kiddos the baptismal gowns from her own children. In Baptism, we are welcomed to the church. We feel very blessed to be a part of such a great church family here at SPX!



Second Grade

The 2nd graders met with their 8th grade buddies in December to make gingerbread houses. They had a great time creating their houses, and they enjoyed eating the decorations as well!

**Congratulations to the following students for receiving the
December Subject Award for Science or the Monthly Exceptional
Christian Behavior Award!**

Christian Behavior Award

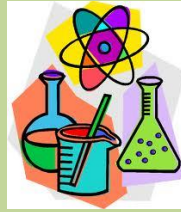
Parker Isaacs
Charly Pollard
Carter Bosch
Caitlin Ross
Kamden Aytes
Lillian Isler
Caroline Danneman
Owen Knapke
Gavin Brake
Addison Boren
Chloe Dunham
Luke Darpel
Tess Lenihan
Kai Knasel
Bradley Zekl
Britton Murphy
Natalie Bessler
Dominic Gates
Ellie Joyce
Kirsten Gallagher
Dalton Sunday
Grace Martin
Ava Hassan
Trey Gronotte
Maddie Ruthsatz
Jared Gallagher
Noel Baker

Subject Award for Science

Zoe Sawyer
Jacob Aulick
Jonny Danneman
Richard Tapke
Ainsley Rasmussen
Sam Johnson
Carter Halpin
Gwen Brown
Tristan Clifton
Jacob Thomas
Chase Kossenjans
Chloe Bosch
Thomas Ehrman
Collin Flaherty
Nolan Bonta
Zoe Doerger
Abby Hardin
Addyson Osborne
Macie Feldman
Simon Schubert
Justin Wiehe
Macy Feagan
Ava Hassan
Ross Lux
Will Clark
Truman Pierson
Nathan Darpel

Science Fair

Judge Needed!



It is Science Fair time again! This year 7th grade is the class doing Science Fair Projects. The goal for judging is to help Ms. Wurtenberger, our Science teacher, choose which projects will advance for further judging.

Judging will be held on Friday, January 29th in Milligan Hall. There will be two sessions. We need 30 judges for the 10:25-12:00 session and 15 judges for the 12:55-1:45 session. We are requesting parents with children in the 7th grade rest this year from judging.

Please email Leila Miller at leilamiller@twc.com or call at 859-359-4031 to sign up!

THANKS for your support!



WINE TASTING RESCHEDULED



With the Bengals playing this Saturday, the Wine Tasting will be rescheduled for a later date this month. Be on the lookout for the new date in Tuesday Folders and Paw Prints! WHO DEY!

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch in the cafeteria during school hours. You must be **Virtus Trained**. Hours are 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We welcome Parents & Grandparents. Please contact Sharon Depenbrock @ [859-341-4900 ext 104](tel:859-341-4900) or email sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com.

St. Pius Baseball Signups



The Athletic Association is holding baseball signups for ages 5-14 starting Thursday 1/7/16 on the athletics website, www.stpiusxathletics.com. There will be a question and answer day later this month for people who would like to know more about the program. The cost of the signup will vary slightly by age group based on league and equipment. If you have questions about baseball you can also contact Dave Hagen atdhaas4@yahoo.com.

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Youth group is hosting a GAME NIGHT** in the PAC from 8-10:30p Jan. 8th (This FRIDAY) - Pizza provided and 2 raffle prizes. New-comers always welcome! Click [here](#) for more information or [here](#) for the Youth Group calendar of events.
- **Calling all future Pandas!** The Notre Dame Academy Basketball Pandas cordially invite you to join them for their annual NDA Basketball Grade School Night on Saturday, January 9, 2016. The NDA JV Pandas take on Montgomery County at 1:00 pm with the Varsity Pandas' game at 2:30 pm. All grade school students wearing grade school spirit wear will receive free admission and be invited to stay after the game for a Panda Meet and Greet! Please [click](#) here for more information.
- **Learn more about ACEO Scholarship Information Meeting** for the 2016 Reds season [here](#).
- **City of Edgewood Upcoming Events:**
 - [Winter Fitness](#)
 - [Town and Country Night](#)
 - [Lazer Kraze](#)
 - [Skate Nights](#)
- **Interested in learning about girls lacrosse?** Notre Dame High School will be hosting a "Lacrosse Day" for grades 3rd - 8th for all schools in Northern Kentucky on Sunday, January 17th, from 2:00-4:00! The day will be filled with activities for the girls to come out and have fun while learning the game of lacrosse. Registration begins on the 17th and runs till the 24th of January. Please feel free to contact me, Matt Branum at Mattbranum@gmail.com or 859-743-0183, if you have any questions or need any additional information.
- **Next up for the Enchanted Evening Committee?**
 - As always, save the date for the Enchanted Evening February 13th at Summit Hills Country Club - ticket information coming soon.
- **Playground Duty Openings!** Please contact Kathy Carnes at Kathleen.carnes@dinslaw.com to help out or for more information.
- **Remke 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.

- **Diocesan Facebook Page!** - The Diocese of Covington has a Facebook page that shares the good news of our schools with everyone we can. Check out all the exciting things happening in our schools at <https://www.facebook.com/faithfillededucation?ref=hl>.
- **World Youth Day 2016** - Registration is now open for the Diocese of Covington's pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, July 24 through August 2, 2016! Itinerary, cost, and registration details are included in the [attached](#) pamphlet.
- **SPX Has An App!** We use our SchoolWay app as one way to notify you of important announcements. If you have not had a chance to download the free app from the app store, do it today! See <http://myschoolway.com/StPius> for more information.

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.