



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:

Friday 1/15 - 8:00 All School Mass
Monday 1/18 - No School
Tuesday 1/19 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Progress Reports go home (K-3)
Wednesday 1/20 - Club pictures
Skyline Night
Thursday 1/21 - Schoolwide Spelling Bee 2:00-3:30
Friday 1/22 - 9:00 All School Right to Life Prayer Service
Click [here](#) for the lunch menu!



Dear Parents,

It certainly has been an eventful weather week! As I greet the students in the morning, their faces are rosie red and their eyes are watery or "frozen" as they say! Please make sure to check your email, our web page, or the major television stations for school closings and delays. If Kenton County is delayed, we typically do not have morning bus service. If Kenton County is off, we do not have bus service. Thank you for your patience on our Private Transportation days.

On Thursday evening, our eighth students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are invited to attend. This is such a special sacrament for our students, as they become adult members of our Catholic Church. This is the beginning of their adult faith journey and when they begin to discern their "call" to service and vocation for our Heavenly Father. Bishop Foys will arrive early to spend a few minutes with the students before the Mass. This is always a special time. Bishop Foys truly loves our youth and is fueled by their enthusiasm and strong faith. Please keep all of our eighth graders in your prayers.

I would also like to say farewell to our fifth/sixth grade science teacher, Mrs. Pat Mueller. Mrs. Mueller has decided to resign her position. Mrs. Mueller has been an asset to our school and community for many years. Her love for teaching and science were evident! We wish her God's peace and goodness in this new phase of her life.

Ms. Mekenzie Elbert has been hired as her replacement. Ms. Elbert graduated from Northern Kentucky University in May with a certification in Middle School math and science. She recently returned from Uganda where she taught at the Sisters of Notre Dame Mission. She comes highly recommended, and I foresee a smooth transition.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Lonnemann



Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

With Martin Luther King, Jr. Day being on Monday, I'd like to use this as an opportunity to talk to my child about diversity and acceptance. Do you have any suggestions on books that could help me with this?

Sincerely,

Assistance with Acceptance

Dear Assistance with Acceptance,

I think this is the perfect time to talk to your student about diversity and acceptance. It is important to remind students that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day has a special meaning for us and it is not just a day off from school. Here are a few suggestions on books that your child may enjoy:

- **The Colors of Us by Karen Katz.** "Through the eyes of a little girl who begins to see her familiar world in a new way, this book celebrates the differences and similarities that connect all people."
- **Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun by Maria Dismondy.** " This charming story empowers children to always do the right thing and be proud of themselves, even when they are faced with someone challenging."
- **David's Drawings by Cathryn Falwell.** "David's Drawings is a gentle celebration of a child's creativity that speaks directly to the experiences of children. This reassuring story is sure to provide comfort and encouragement as children face the challenge of making friends in new situations."
- **I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont.** "High on energy and imagination, this ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves--inside and out. Messy hair? Beaver breath? So what! Here's a little girl who knows what really matters."

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

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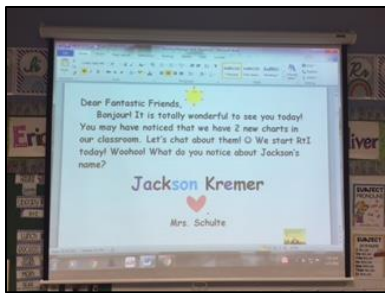
Healthy Tip of the Week:

BE REALISTIC - Setting realistic goals and limits are key to adopting any new behavior. Small steps and gradual changes can make a big difference in your health over time, so start small and build up.



Third Grade

We begin every awesome school day with our Morning Meeting! This is a positive and engaging way for us to build community. It provides our students with an opportunity to practice social and emotional skills that prepare them for a day of academic success! Morning Meeting has four components: a morning message, greeting, group activity and share. As you can see from our photos, the entire class participates during our Morning Meeting (even our teachers)! Check out more from Responsive Classroom's website:



<https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/>

Fourth Grade

The 4th grade would like to introduce Mr. Tyler Tackett. Mr. Tackett is a senior at Northern Kentucky University and is finishing his degree in elementary education. He is a teacher candidate, formerly called a student teacher, in Mrs. Baker's room. He attended St. Therese in Southgate, KY. Mr. Tackett loves science and building a good primary knowledge base. He has worked at Disney World as a photographer and currently works at the Disney store in Kenwood. Needless to say, he likes Disney and the theatre! Welcome, Mr. Tackett! We look forward to working with you and receiving the fruits of your awesome gifts!



Fifth Grade

5th graders in Mrs. Bradhold's class are listening to and following along as the anchor text for this week's lesson is being played aloud. These students can use their Chromebooks to access the Journeys student eBook in class or they can access it at home through their personal computers or tablets. Students can respond to questions at point-of-use, record spoken responses, highlight text, and even take notes online. They love being able to use technology and we love that we are able to have it for them to use!



St. Pius X Student Honors

On December 12, 2015, our eighth grade students took the High School Placement Test at area high schools. We would like to congratulate the following students for receiving academic scholarships:



Covington Catholic High School awarded academic scholarships to:

- **Lincoln Bent**
- **Luke Eliassen**
- **Christopher Fitz**
- **Truman Pierson**

Notre Dame Academy awarded academic scholarships to:

- **Caroline Barlage**
- **Lauren Zalla**



Each year since 9/11, the Kenton County Attorney's office has hosted the "Why I Love America" calendar contest. The contest gives K - 12 students in Kenton county the chance to express their patriotism as a drawing or painting. This year, St. Pius X had two first place winners. **Anna Bain** won for Kindergarten and **Trey Swartz** won for Sixth grade.

Congratulations Anna and Trey!

Congratulations to **Lauren Davey** for her winning essay in the Convene for The Dream writing contest sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Lauren will be recognized at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration to be held Sunday, January 17th. She will read her winning essay, selected from among all the middle school entries in the Diocese.



Four other St. Pius X seventh graders were honored in Frankfort on January 14th for their Dr. King essays and poetry submitted to a contest sponsored by the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment.

Tre Lohre earned second place at the state level for his Dr. King memorial essay, **Jenna Danneman** placed first for her Dr. King poem, **Emma Pohlman**, second place for poetry, and **J.J. Kampinga**, third place poetry. Congratulations, Seventh Grade Authors!



St. Pius X Annual Basketball Tournament

The St. Pius X Athletic Association is hosting the annual St. Pius Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament February 6-21, 2016 for grades 3rd-8th. In addition, along with the Moorhead family, the Athletic Association will host the 20th Annual David Moorhead Memorial 6th Grade Tournament January 29-31 and February 5-6.

The tournament is in need of sponsors to advertise in the tournament program. Ads do not have to be business related. Encouraging ads for players and teams fit nicely in the program. Please contact Ryan Ward at ryan.w.ward@medtronic.com for more information.

Volunteers will also be needed for the admission gate and concession stand. Please contact David MacKnight at davidhmacknight@aol.com or Michael Aytes at dma8s@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

For general information regarding the tournament, please contact Jack Lenihan at jacklenihan@fuse.net. The tournament is a big fundraiser for the Athletic Association and the David Moorhead Scholarship. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events



Family Literacy Series

St. Pius X invites you to our **Family Literacy Series**. Our first event, on **February 4th from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms**, is called ***Raising Better Readers***. The keynote speaker, Anita Calo, works for the International Dyslexia Association- Ohio Valley Branch. She will speak about how we, as parents, need to accept our children for where they are in their own personal reading journey and how to help move them forward in a positive and encouraging way. As a mother with a dyslexic child and as an educator in the reading field, she will share her personal journey and triumphs as she works to help her students and her daughter reach their personal best academic levels. Please RSVP to Heather Isler at heatherisler@gmail.com.



Club Pictures

Club pictures will be during the school day on Wednesday, January 20th. **The students are free to wear their club t-shirts that day!**



Science Fair

Judging will be held on Friday, January 29th in Milligan Hall at 10:25 and 12:55. Please email Leila Miller at leilamiller@twc.com or call at 859-359-4031 to sign up to judge!



Wine Tasting

The Wine Tasting Party rescheduled this past weekend has been cancelled indefinitely.

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Girls Basketball Admission Table Volunteers needed!** Volunteers to work the admissions table for the 5th Grade Girls basketball League are in need. Please click [here](#) to sign up. Thanks!
- **Science Fair Judges Needed!** 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!
- **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 at dhags4@yahoo.com.
- **One Day Only Flash Sale at Schoolbelles!** On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18th, 2016, shop our stores during extra holiday hours (10am-4pm), place a phone order with Customer Service (toll-free, 9am-4:30pm), or order online all day to take advantage of this unique sale. Please see the flyer in the Tuesday folder for more information.
- **City of Edgewood Upcoming Events:**
 - [Winter Fitness](#)
 - [Town and Country Night](#)
 - [Lazer Kraze](#)
 - [Skate Nights](#)
 - [Boys Volleyball](#)
- **Learn more about ACEO Scholarship Information Meeting** for the 2016 Reds season [here](#).

- **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.