



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 1/29 - 8:00 All School Mass
Sunday 1/31 - Catholic School's Week Open House 12:30-2:00
Monday 2/1 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)
Tuesday 2/2 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Wednesday 2/3 - Diocesan CSW Mass at the Cathedral
Thursday 2/4 - World's Finest Chocolate sale
Friday 2/5 - 8:00 All School Mass
Click [here](#) for the lunch menu!



Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

I hope this edition of Paw Prints finds you healthy and happy. This week has been filled with activity! First, I would like to thank the students for their reverence during our Right to Life Prayer Service. It was such a special time to pray together for life! Secondly, I would like to invite everyone to our Open House on Sunday, January 31, 12:30 - 2:00. The students have been working hard to prepare the school for your visit. Their work lines the hall and the building is spic and span!

Also, please remember to send in your Registration packets and fees. We held open houses on Thursday for prospective families and want to make sure that we have an accurate student count! Thanks so much for your attention with this matter.

Finally, just a reminder to buy your *Enchanted Evening* tickets. The evening promises to be one filled with fun and friendship. We look forward to sharing February 13 with you at Summit Hills Country Club.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Jill Lonnemann



Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

Could you recommend any books that I can read with my child for No Name-Calling Week? I would like to use this as an opportunity to talk to my child about the effects of teasing and name calling and what it means to be respectful to others.

Sincerely,

Reading about Respect

Dear Reading about Respect,

There are many different books out there that help children learn about respect or what happens when we tease others. Here are a few suggestions on books that your child may enjoy:

- **Mr. Peabody's Apples by Madonna.** "Mr. Peabody's Apples takes place in 1949 in Happville, USA. Mr. Peabody is the beloved elementary school teacher and baseball coach, who one day finds himself ostracized when rumors spread through the small town. Mr. Peabody silences the gossip with an unforgettable and poignant lesson about how we must choose our words carefully to avoid causing harm to others."
- **Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes.** "Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts school, where the other children make fun of it. With the help of her teacher, though, she learns to love it again."
- **Just Kidding by Trudy Ludwig.** "D.J.'s friend Vince has a habit of teasing D.J. and then saying, Just kidding!" as if it will make everything okay. It doesn't, but D.J. is afraid that if he protests, his friends will think he can't take a joke. With the help of his father, brother, and an understanding teacher, D.J. progresses from feeling helpless to taking positive action, undermining the power of two seemingly harmless words."
- **The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle.** "For generations, *The Grouchy Ladybug* has delighted readers of all ages with the story of a bad-tempered bug who won't say "please" or "thank you," won't share, and thinks she is bigger and better than anyone else. As children follow the Grouchy Ladybug on her journey, they will learn the important concepts of time, size, and shape, as well as the benefits of friendship and good manners."

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

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Healthy Tip of the Week:

It's easier to make healthy choices when they're all around you. Stock up on healthy snacks and foods. Make sure they're within reach and the unhealthy stuff is out of sight so it can stay out of mind.



Music



The Saint Pius X School Choir went Christmas caroling in December to Atria Senior Living Facility in Ft. Wright. The students really enjoyed sharing their gift of song and Christmas spirit with the residents, and were treated to hot cocoa and cookies after their performance! Be listening for our spring concert in April.



P.E.

The 7th and 8th grade students are working hard to a Jillian Michaels DVD as part of their fitness unit. The students will also experience step aerobics, fitness walking, Zumba and P90X. Hopefully when the students are no longer playing on various sports teams, they will find a fitness program that they enjoy and will make fitness a part of their daily routine.



Library

During library class, the students have been learning about different authors and illustrators. The second grade watched a short video clip of author and illustrator, Tomie dePaola, talking about the importance of reading. At the end of the video, Mr. dePaolo encouraged the students to read to each other! After the video, the students buddied up with a friend and a library pet stuffed animal and read Tomie dePaola books to one another.



Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service
January 31 - February 6



All week: Teacher Raffle Baskets: Teachers will create Fun "themed" raffle baskets for the students buy chances to win. **Raffle tickets will cost .25** and all proceeds will go to the **David Moorehead Scholarship Fund**

Sunday: In Our Parish

Student Council members will greet families at Mass. A Saint Pius family will bring up the gifts at each Mass. Mrs. Lonneman and Mrs. Greenwell will speak at each Mass.

School Open House: 12:30

Monday: In Our Community

All School Mass: 8:00

Police officers and Fire Fighters will help serve lunch to the students; and will then be served lunch by Student Council Members

Tuesday: In Our Students

Out of Uniform Day for students

Buddy Day: Different grade levels pair up to enjoy games and activities.

World's Finest Chocolate bars sold at lunch for \$1.00

Wednesday: In Our Families

Crazy Sock Day for students

Mass at the Cathedral: Mrs. Lonnemann, Mrs. Greenwell and some students from grades 5-8 attending

No Homework: Gift to Parents. ☺

Ice Cream Sundaes at lunch: Provided by PTG

Thursday: In Our Vocations

Students may wear a favorite Catholic School shirt (NDA, Cov Cath, Xavier, Thomas More, St. Pius, etc.) with their uniform

Faculty vs. Eighth grade Volleyball game: 12:30 in the gym

Family Literacy Series Speaker: 7:00 PM - We encourage all families to come!

Friday: In Our Faculty , Staff and Volunteers

St Pius Spirit Wear Shirt with Uniform

All School Mass 8:00

Cupcakes from the Cafeteria ladies sold at lunch: .50

Talent Show 12:30 in the gym



St. Pius X Enchanted Evening

The SPX PTG is proud to present the **3rd Annual Enchanted Evening!** This is a chance for SPX supporters to gather together and enjoy a night of cocktails, raffles, auctions and dancing...all while giving back to our school! Lisa Cooney from WLWT will be our Master of Ceremonies.

Can't make it or want to give more? Send a Faculty member? Purchase a faculty ticket (\$50) and we'll draw a name from a hat to award them with complimentary admission.

Please consider attending this evening of fellowship and FUNdraising. Tickets are available for our \$5 for \$5K grand raffle. Stop by the table in the back of church to purchase tickets to the event or buy some raffle tickets! Every St. Pius X student benefits from your support of PTG's largest fundraiser.

Please join us on February 13, 2016, at 7:00 pm at Summit Hills Country Club!

Tickets are now available online! Click [here](#) to buy your tickets.

Contact Sandy Smith at saber@fuse.net with questions.

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 heatherisler11@gmail.com.



Birthday Club

The library Birthday Club invites students in grades K-5 to donate books to the library in honor of their birthdays. Four times a year, a birthday club get-together is held in the library. Great hardback books are displayed for students and their parents to select from. A label with the student's name is placed in the front of the book to show all students who donated it to our library. The student's picture is also taken with the book and displayed in the hall, and of course, treats are served!

The third meeting of the St. Pius Library's Birthday Club will be on **Thursday, February 11** from **2:00-3:00** in the Library. Students in grades K-5 who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays during the months of **February, June or July** received an invitation in their Tuesday folder. 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!



The 2016 St. Pius X Summer Festival Committee invites you to a **PRE-LENTEN PARISH DINNER ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 5:00 - 9:00PM IN MILLIGAN HALL**. Hot and delicious spaghetti dinners will be available for dine-in or carry-out. Purchase your Grand Raffle tickets at the Parish Dinner and be entered to win a **Super Bowl 50 Party Crate** to be awarded that night. Proceeds to benefit the family of Alex Erpenbeck. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 **concession stand**. We currently have available times for several different slots and plan on adding the remaining slots next week. Please use the following [link](#) to sign up or reach out to Brian McKinley directly if you would like (brianmckinley56@gmail.com or [859-468-3295](tel:859-468-3295)).
- Volunteers will also be needed for the **admission gate**. 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.

St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards - Winner & Request for Help!

Congratulations to **Ms. Sue Nie** for winning the **\$20 Kroger Gift Card** this quarter! All you have to do to win is be a *current* member of this program, and, be randomly selected.

Our latest check from Kroger for the period August 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015 was **\$2,170.35**. We are at **190** households participating for St. Pius X. Thank you so much for your support! This number is good but can always improve. More households = more donations to the St. Pius X building fund.

It's time to spread the word again. ***If you would be willing to help making calls*** to parishioners about this program, please email or call Stefanie Reid at stefa5678@gmail.com or [859.578.9939](tel:859.578.9939).

Enroll/re-enroll at www.Kroger.com/communityrewards. Thank you for your support!

World's Finest Chocolate candy bars will be sold next Tuesday during lunch! The cost is \$1/candy bar. Flavors include milk chocolate, crisp, caramel, milk chocolate with almond and dark chocolate. Proceeds go to pay for school field trips.



Upcoming Spiritwear Sale - anyone need sweatshirts for Wednesday spiritwear day? Sweatpants for gym class? T-shirts for the spring? Blowout sale at Open House, Jan 31. Many items available at a discounted price (limited sizes and quantities on hand).

Website (www.proforma.com/saintpius) will be open from Jan 31 to Feb 15, 2016. All orders placed at this time will be delivered the week of Feb 22.

Remember all orders provide a profit to St.Pius PTG! Thank you for your support!

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **CRHP Women's Weekend:** February 27 & 28. Attention ladies! Join us for a weekend that promises relaxation, prayer, reflection, and growing in community with other women in our parish. Please contact Stacy Tapke at [859-380-7249](tel:859-380-7249) or tapke.stacy@gmail.com to register.
- **Girls Lacrosse** registration can be found [here](#). Registration runs through February 7th.
- **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!
- **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.

- **New Hope Center Father/Daughter Dance** - It is hard to believe that it is already time for our annual Father-Daughter Dances! Due to the overwhelming response to our dances in prior years, we are expanding to 3 dances this year to make sure there's room for everyone!! On Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20, we will be hosting dances for girls in grades [kindergarten through 5th grade](#), and on Friday, February 26 we will host a dance for girls in [grades 6th-12th](#).
- **City of Edgewood Upcoming Events:**
[Winter Fitness](#)
[Boys Volleyball](#)
- **Learn more about ACEO Scholarship Information Meeting** for the 2016 Reds season [here](#).
- **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.