



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 2/5 - 8:00 All School Mass

Monday 2/8 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)

Tuesday 2/9 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)

Wednesday 2/10 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday, 2/11 - 2:00-3:00 Birthday Club

Friday 2/12 - No School

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



Dear Parents,

We are in the midst of celebrating Catholic Schools Week at St. Pius X and this year's theme is ***Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service***. I would have to say the highlights of the week included our Open House on Sunday, Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, the students versus teachers' volleyball game, and the Talent Show. It has been a week filled with fun activities and a lot of treats! I would like to join Bishop Foys in thanking you for "loving your children, Church, and Faith enough to sacrifice to send your children to a Catholic school." Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed!

During the Catholic Schools Week Mass, the Most Reverend Bishop Foys, gave the students a day off. He stipulated that the day off must be on a Monday or a Friday **and** it had to be given during the month of February. Since we are already off for Presidents' Day on February 15, we decided to take the prior Friday, February 12 off so families will have a long weekend to spend together. We are grateful to Bishop Foys for giving us this day and hope you enjoy the extra time to spend together as a family.

Also, make sure to buy your tickets to our school's **Enchanted Evening** scheduled for Saturday, February 13, at Summit Hills Country Club. The evening will be filled with many activities, fun, and opportunities to meet new friends. All proceeds go directly to the school and fund many "extra" activities for students and staff. Thank you in advance for your participation in this event!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Lonnemann



Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

I have noticed that my child has not been the best about using their manners lately. Do you have any suggestions on what I can do to refresh these skills and remind them that manners are always important?

Sincerely,
Missing Manners

Dear Missing Manners,

It is not unusual for all of us to forget our manners every once in a while. That is why it is important for us to keep teaching our children manners often so they are always remembering to use them. In fact, children who use good manners tend to have better reading and listening skills, as well as make better choices when faced with peer pressure. This is because good manners help children build confidence and increase their self-esteem. Here are a few suggestions on good manners that are important for your child to learn as well as books that your child may enjoy:

- **"Please, thank you and excuse me"**. These three phrases are the easiest and most important manners to use and probably the most forgotten at times. Have your child use them often so they become a part of their routine.
- **Be attentive, even if you think something is boring.** Sometimes we might have to go to an assembly, play or speech that we may feel is boring. It is important to remember to still sit quietly and give the speaker our attention because they are doing their best.
- **Do not interrupt.** When people are speaking to each other, we should wait until they are finished unless it is an emergency. We should also remember to knock on closed doors and wait for a response before we enter.
- **Books on Manners.** *The Berenstain Bears Forget Their Manners* by Stan and Jan Berenstain. *Dude, That's Rude!* by Pamela Espeland & Elizabeth Verdick. *Table Talk* by Julia Cook. *Howard B. Wigglebottom and Manners Matter* by Howard Binkow.

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

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Healthy Tip of the Week:

Let kids help plan one meal each week and eat together as often as possible.



Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners are scientists! They discussed microscopes in their classroom and were able to look at different plant parts in science class. Kindergarten also had a lot of fun celebrating the 100th day of school. They decorated shirts, made Fruit Loop necklaces, did 100 exercises and were even quiet for 100 seconds!



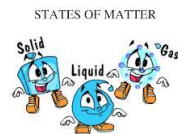
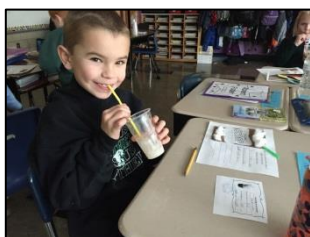
First Grade

First Grade had a blast celebrating our 100th day of school on Friday! The students created self-portraits of themselves as if they were 100 years old, wrinkles and white hair included. In small groups, the students counted to 100 in many different counting patterns such as by 2, 5, and 10. We even tried to write 100 words we can read and write! We are so proud to be 100 days smarter!



Second Grade

The 2nd graders have been having fun learning about matter in Science class. They enjoyed root beer floats to show a solid, liquid, and gas all at once. We also baked bread to show a chemical change happening. A few of our friends dressed up with balloons to show how molecules move around in a solid, liquid, and gas!



**Congratulations to the following students for receiving the January
Subject Award for Language Arts or the Monthly Exceptional
Christian Behavior Award!**

Christian Behavior Award

Avery Sturgeon
Nolan Sandmann
Camilla Tranter
Jackson Payne
Jason Fedor
Ty Copeland
Caroline Tabeling
Lucy Redlinger
Katelyn McDermott
Max Franxman
Gabby Hayden
Georgia Huser
Dexter Bent
Madelyn Armbruster
Alyssa Freihofer
Tyler Steffen
Elissa Romer
Ava Jacobs
Emma Spivey
Simon Schubert
Emma Brauch
Emily Brennen
Andrew Bosch
Ava Shields
Brian Schutte
Grace Ward
Alex Ward

Subject Award for Language Arts

Logan Thomas
Anna Bain
Ben Ireland
Malia Christensen
Max Bernzott
Kenzi Berry
Jane Knollman
Owen Knapke
Kate Davey
Maddie Janszen
Drew Haas
Emma White
Sophia Franxman
Gabrielle White
Cameron Miller
Katrina Hillebrand
Jake Dickman
Dominic Gates
Jillian MacKnight
Spencer Doerger
Rachel Raziano
Annabelle Sunday
Lauren Davey
Jacob Robke
Christopher Fitz
Truman Pierson
Caroline Barlage



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.

Snack on Chicken and Hamburger Sliders, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Risotto Balls with Marinara, Stuffed Mushrooms, Bacon Wrapped Dates and more delicious food while perusing our silent auction and sipping on your favorite beverage from the full Open Bar.

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 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.

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



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).
- 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.

Upcoming Spiritwear Sale - Anyone need sweatshirts for Wednesday spiritwear day? Sweatpants for P.E. class? T-shirts for the spring?

Our 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 X PTG! Thank you for your support!

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **8th Grade Night for Girls Basketball** - This Thursday, 2/4, is 8th grade night for the girls basketball team. Game starts at 7. Girls and parents will be announced before the game. Come out and support them and fill the stands. Spread the word.
- **St. Pius X Acts youth group** will be tubing (with St. Barbara's group) at Perfect North on Sunday, Feb 7th. We will meet outside the PAC just before 1pm to head up to PN. It will be 2 hour tubing (\$20 unless you have a pass there). We will head home around 3:30-45. You can pick up permission slips at the school office (these MUST be brought the day of the outing). You may also email Ashley Marshall at abb171@gmail.com to get an electronic version of the permission slip.
- **You are cordially invited to join our NDA middle school track & field program!** The program will introduce athletes to sprint races, distance running, relays, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, and pole vault. Track and field is a great sport to help all athletes improve their speed, flexibility, strength and vertical jumping! Informational meeting Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. at NDA's cafeteria - \$50 participation fee - KHSAA physical needed. First practice: Monday, February 22 at NDA 6:15-7:30pm. This fun & flexible track and field program will practice twice a week at NDA beginning Feb 22 and will conclude the first week in May. We will compete in approximately 6 meets and 1-2 intrasquad meets. If interested but unable to attend the meeting, please contact Jill Tranter @ jillkrunner@aol.com or click [here](#) for more information.
- **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 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.

- **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](#).
- **Learn more about ACEO Scholarship Information Meeting** for the 2016 Reds season [here](#).
- **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.