



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 2/12 - No School
Monday 2/15 - No School
Tuesday 2/16 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Wednesday 2/17 - Skyline Night
Friday 2/19 - 8:00 All School Mass
Click [here](#) for the lunch menu!



Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

I would like to cordially invite you to our school's *Enchanted Evening* this Saturday evening. The festivities will begin at 7:00 at Summit Hills Country Club. The evening is filled with fun Valentine themed activities, delicious appetizers, festive drinks, and merry socializing. There will be raffles, a silent auction, a live auction, and sign-up parties. If you have not bought a ticket yet, please consider doing so. All proceeds go back to St. Pius X School and will help us provide our students with the most up-to-date curriculum, textbooks, and technology.

This month's theme is the gift of Mercy. This directly correlates with our Holy Father's declaration of this year as a Year of Mercy and with our liturgical season of Lent. The definition of Mercy is *a blessing or forgiveness shown to someone who it is within your power to punish*. Take time to show mercy to one another this month and during Lent. I encourage you to dialogue with your children about its importance in your life and in the world.

God bless you,

Mrs. Lonnemann

Counselor's Corner:



Dear Mrs. Clark,

I heard that this week is Random Acts of Kindness Week. I would like to find a book to read to my little brother and sister that is about kindness. Do you have any books that you like?

Sincerely,

Kids Reading About Kindness

Dear Kids Reading About Kindness,

I love that you want to read to your little brother and sister! That is a great way for you to show kindness to your siblings. There are so many good books out there about kindness but here are a few of my favorites:

- **If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson.** A "humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity. *If You Plant a Seed* demonstrates not only the process of planting and growing for young children but also how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit."
- **The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig.** "Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party... until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine. This gentle story shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish."
- **Because Amelia Smiled by David Ezra Stein.** "Putting a unique spin on "what goes around comes around," David Ezra Stein's charmingly illustrated story reminds us that adding even a small dose of kindness into the world is sure to spur more and more kindness, which could eventually make its way back to you!"
- **Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson.** "Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya."

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

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Healthy Tip of the Week:

Serve food in smaller portions. Do not demand or reward "a clean plate." Let your child ask for more if he or she is still hungry.



Third Grade

The 3rd graders had a tremendous time celebrating Catholic Schools Week! Although the out of uniform days and special lunchtime treats were amazing, our favorite activity was playing a board game with our 5th grade buddies! Although we didn't get them all correct, we also loved playing Guess That Teacher with them. We watched a slideshow that had a photo of each teacher as a child. Some of them were harder to guess than others! The kiddos especially loved the 3rd grade teachers' hairstyles. Curling irons, bowl haircuts and crimpers were in full effect! CSW is the BEST!



Fourth Grade

On Thursday, February 4, the 4th grade and a plethora of other kids from various grade levels had the wonderful opportunity of learning about adaptations with the help of some very special guests. Through the generosity of our PTG, Critters in the Classroom, a local biological education organization directed by Dr. Tom Sproat, brought 4 animals to help the students understand that all living things have features, or adaptations, to help them survive, grow, and reproduce. The animals that helped educate our students were a great horned owl, domesticated rabbit, screech owl, and a red tailed hawk. The kids got to play the adaptation game and identify the features on each of the animals. The kids loved the opportunity to learn in a lively, hands on way! Thanks PTG, we loved this program!



Fifth Grade

In Fifth grade last week, students were trying out a virtual science lab! Students were able to connect to an interactive website to learn about energy pyramids in an ecosystem! They looked at many ecosystems that exist in our world and found a chain of energy that starts with the sun through producers and ends at the top of the food chain with consumers. The visuals made this a great lab for the students to see the components of these energy pyramids and give them the opportunity to build some themselves!



St. Pius X Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service





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 **online!** Click [here](#) to buy your portion 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.

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

We would like to congratulate two more 8th grade students for being awarded academic scholarships:

Nick Lyons - St. Henry District High School

Luke Goetz - Holy Cross High School



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! Our profit so far has been \$1323.98! Thank you for your support!

Yearbooks Now on Sale!



The St. Pius X school yearbook for the 2015-2016 school year is now on sale! Soft cover yearbooks cost \$21.00, and hardcover yearbooks cost \$26.00. You can order by going to www.YBPay.lifetouch.com and using Yearbook ID Code 1649216.

The deadline to order a yearbook is **February 26, 2016!**

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- **Girls softball signups** are now available on the Athletic Association website www.stpiusxathletics.com and will run through 2/29. There are three age groups: 8u, 10u and 12u. If you have any additional questions email Mike Bosch at mjbosch1@yahoo.com.
- **Baseball signups** will close on Monday, February 15. St. Pius offers baseball teams starting at Tball to 15U teams. Parishioners with children starting Kindergarten next year are eligible to sign up to play baseball at St. Pius. If you have any questions about baseball you can contact Dave Hagen at dhags4@yahoo.com
- **30 Day Music Challenge:** "Interested in a \$75 gift card to Kroger? \$75 Movie/Food gift card? Free tickets to SpiritSong concert? Need a Lenten Promise? If so, sign up for the 30 Day Music challenge initiated by some of the youth group. this means 30 days listening only to Christian music. We don't expect anyone to stop listening to music they like, but just to expose ourselves or share the many bands and songs that exist in popular culture that are uplifting. People who complete the challenge will be put in raffle for concert tickets and gift cards. We would like to invite anyone in the parish to join us. You can sign on hard copy sheets in the back of church or digitally [here](#). You have until Feb 27th to sign up and begin. If you need help finding the music, see the digital sign up.
- **Winter Jam:** Youth group invites any 6th grader up (and parent chaperons) to attend Winter Jam at US Bank Arena on Feb 19th. Tentative plan is to meet at St. Pius at 5pm; Doors open at 4:45 (\$10 at the door admission) and show begins at 6:45p. Click the link below to sign up (you can cancel if need be as the date approaches). Limited spots available.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fXkQKmY2AEPgLHY7LiY_XylCLOFmeRLOE1V57zgk06s/viewform?usp=send_form
- **EdChoice Kentucky** is a coalition focused on educating the Commonwealth on Scholarship Tax Credit programs, which allow individuals or businesses to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit from state taxes when they contribute to qualified non-profit organizations providing tuition assistance for low- and middle-income students attending non-public schools. EdChoice Kentucky, supported by the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, is starting to gain some compelling momentum, and we need your assistance with helping to promote public awareness. Please click [here](#) for more information. (Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/EdChoiceKY>)

- **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.
- **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.