



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 2/19 - 8:00 All School Mass

Monday 2/22 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)

Reconciliation (Gr. 2-8)

Tuesday 2/23 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)

Wednesday 2/24 - Club Pictures - Students may wear club t-shirts

Friday 2/26 - 8:00 All School Mass

End of 2nd Trimester

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



Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank Mrs. Kristen Little and Mrs. Sandy Smith for co-chairing St. Pius X School's Enchanted Evening. I would also like to thank the entire Enchanted Evening Committee for supporting them and giving of your time. Your willingness to tirelessly network, make phone calls, sell chances and tickets helped to make our annual fundraiser one of our most successful to date! The evening was truly enjoyable, and one filled with so many opportunities to support our school. Thanks again from the bottom of my heart.

I would also like to let you know that we will be using the FACTS Management Company for tuition collection. Approximately 27 of 37 diocesan schools use FACTS. As St. Pius X School continues to grow, we felt this would be the most efficient and effective way to collect tuition from our school parents. I will be sending additional informational letters regarding registering with FACTS.

Take care,
Mrs. Lonnemann





Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

My child doesn't typically struggle a lot with things but I do not feel like he is very confident. He tends to get down on himself about things. I don't think that he is always trying to be perfect or afraid to make mistakes. I just do not think my child has a lot of self-esteem. Do you have any suggestions on what I can do to help him?

Sincerely,

Concerned about Confidence

Dear Concerned about Confidence,

February is National Boost-Your-Self-Esteem Month so this is the perfect time to talk to your child about any issues he is having with confidence. Low self-esteem can keep you from enjoying life and doing the things you want to do. It is important for students to learn how to have a healthy level of self-esteem. Here are just a few ways that you can help your child boost their self esteem:

- **Positive self talk.** When you repeat a negative message to yourself over and over again, you start to believe it. So instead, do the opposite. Have your child repeat positive messages to help boost their confidence. It helps to reinforce the positive thought if they repeat it when relaxed and taking deep breaths. It will take time but the more your child practices this, the better they will feel about themselves.
- **Don't compare yourself to others.** I think this is something that is hard for all of us to do. There is always going to be someone in our lives who gets better grades, is a better athlete or is more artistically talented than we are. Have your child stop focusing on how they are different from their peers and instead pay attention to the progress, accomplishments and successes they have made.
- **Try new things.** Sometimes just the act of trying something new can make you feel better about yourself. Take advantage of opportunities where you can learn something new or improve a skill.
- **Celebrate the small things.** Make sure you recognize your accomplishments regardless if it is significant or not. Reward yourself with something you enjoy like taking a walk, drawing a picture, or watching a favorite movie.

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

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Healthy Tip of the Week:

Reward children with praise rather than with food.



What's New in the Classroom?



Sixth Grade

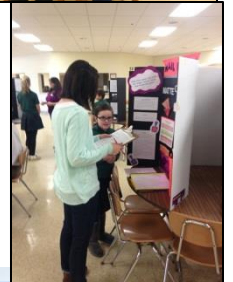
The 6th grade students had a great time visiting the National Geographic floor map the past two weeks. The map measures 26' x 35' and allows the students to physically interact with North America. We learned about population growth across The United States, visited famous landmarks across North America, and brushed up on our latitude and longitude skills!

Seventh Grade

Seventh grade students worked hard since November on their Science Fair projects, and all that intensive labor paid off. The Science Fair went smoothly, and the students did a wonderful job of preparing and presenting their projects. Special congratulations to these students who will move on to the regional Science Fair at Northern Kentucky University: Grant Montelisciani, Jaden Siemer, Madison Matthews, Annabelle Sunday, Kade Kruer, Kierstin Haas, Emma Pohlman, and Jace Kruer. Additional congratulations to Trey Gronotte who will progress to competitions at Eastern Kentucky University. What an awesome experience for our students!



Speaking mathematically, seventh graders have been exploring surface area and volume and have added graphs and data analysis to their studies. The A class has been applying visual and spatial skills to the study of geometry and spatial awareness.



All seventh graders demonstrated the art of storytelling during the week of February 8. Paige Neuhaus was selected to represent St. Pius X School in the storytelling division for the Diocesan Showcase to be held March 15 at St. Henry.



We are so proud of the accomplishments of these junior high students!

Eighth Grade

8th Grade students research history topics centering on the theme Encounter, Exploration, and Exchange. After researching, they wrote an essay related to the theme and created a board of primary sources for their topic. Then they presented their topics in class in a one-to-two minute speech. The topics ranged from Christopher Columbus's voyages to the New World to the Afghanistan War. Their boards were creatively compiled and really showed off their artistic talent. Congratulations to the following winners from each homeroom and the two finalists going onto the Diocesan Competition on March 17.

From 801, 3rd place **Ellen Barlage**, 2nd Place **Nate Darpel**, 1st place **Carmen Thapar**,
From 802, 3rd Place **Lilly Lehman**, 2nd Place **Mara Schutt**, 1st Place **Jacob Schutzman**,
From 803, 3rd place Hunter **Somerkamp**, 2nd place **Mary Camille Hagen**, and 1st place **Noel Baker**
Carmen Thapar and Jacob Schutzman will move onto the Diocesan Competition. Congratulations to all.



Many thanks to the following students who participated in the Library Birthday Club on February 11: **Ashlynn Ruyak, Gracie Haines, Claire Baute, Maggie Durrett, Ellie Campbell, Grant Ahlers, Gabby Hayden, Luke Stewart, Amelia Dreier, Caleb Dreier, Riley Maddox, Finn Maddox, Allison Dressman, Lucy Dickman, Abby Turnpaugh, Tyler Turnpaugh, Maggie Aasen, Natalie Aasen, Evan Napier, Taylor Maynard, Callie Fedders, David Hagen, Isabella Heringer, Jackson Gronotte, Camilla Tranter, Katie Sandfoss, Colin Witkowski, Olivia Browning, Sabrina Scroggins, Gabrielle White, Claire VonLehman, Jack Fender, Drew Huber, Ella Gunning, Bennett Laake, Leah Creed, and Max Studer.**

Through the generosity of these students and their parents, our school library continues to grow. We also wish to thank Mrs. Christine Gallagher, Mrs. Mary Fender, and Mrs. Emily Ireland for their help!



Regional Governor's Cup

On Saturday, February 13th, St. Pius X hosted the regional Governor's Cup competition. The day was a huge success! Congratulations to **Will Clark** and **Christopher Fitz** for advancing to the state competition. Will placed fourth in the Math written assessment and Christopher finished fifth in Math and fourth in Social Studies. Congratulations and good luck down state!!

Sumdog Math Contest Winner

Congratulations to 4th grader, **David Hagen**, for placing second in the Sumdog Northern Kentucky Math Contest. Students in Mrs. Vogt's class answered daily Math questions on the Sumdog website using the class Chromebooks. David answered 976 questions correctly, the second highest number of correct answers for all students competing! Mrs. Vogt's class finished 9th out of the 82 classes participating. Way to go!



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!**

Box Tops For Education

Tomorrow is the last turn-in day for Box Tops for Education. Please send in all you have collected. Right now, Room 302 is in the lead sending in over 500 box tops with Room 103 coming in a close second. The winning class will receive an out of uniform day and an extra recess!



ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Club Pictures** are Wednesday, February 24th during the school day! Your child may wear his or her club t-shirt on this day for the picture. 8th graders should remember to wear their 8th grade sweatshirt for their class photo!
- **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.
- **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/1fXkQKmY2AEPgLY7LiY_XyICLOFmeRLOE1V57zgk06s/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.
- **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](#).
- **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.