



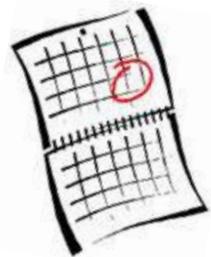
Paw Prints

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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 2/26 - 8:00 All School Mass
End of 2nd Trimester
Monday 2/29 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)
Tuesday 3/1 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Wednesday 3/2 - LaRosa's Night
Friday 3/4 - 8:00 All School Mass
Click [here](#) for the lunch menu!



Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe March will begin next week! Our theme for the month is courage. The Religion Committee will be sending home parent letters and information next week, and students will watch a video concerning courage during the morning classes. We will emphasize the importance of moral courage and standing up for what is right when it is not easy to do so. Please take time to share personal experiences you may have when this was difficult for you to do but so worthwhile. Children sometimes can only equate courage with physical strength so expanding their understanding is so very important.

Next week also marks the beginning of the third trimester. We are looking toward the 2016-17 school year and making plans. I would like to encourage any in school families who have not turned in their registration, to do so immediately. March 1 marks open enrollment and I do not want anyone left without a spot! We are so blessed to be a thriving and growing parish and school community.

God bless you. My prayer for you this month is that you feel the peace and love of our Heavenly Father.

Mrs. Jill Lonnemann





Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

I saw your letter last week and wanted to follow up. I definitely want to talk to my child about the tips you provided on boosting self-esteem but I was wondering if you could provide some reading resources as well.

Sincerely,

Books to Boost Confidence

Dear Books to Boost Confidence,

There are many books out there that can help your student with self-esteem and help you know what to talk to them about. Here are a few that I have seen some success with:

- **Stick Up For Yourself** by **Gershen Kaufman, Lev Raphael, Pamela Espeland**. In this book "kids learn how to build relationships, become responsible, manage their anger, grow a "feelings vocabulary," make good choices, solve problems, set goals, and "store" happiness and pride. Questions from real kids are paired with answers about how to handle specific situations calmly, confidently, and effectively. A special note to parents and teachers explores the "self-esteem backlash" and explains what self-esteem really is—and why kids today need it more than ever."
- **Too Old For This, Too Young for That** by **Harriet S. Mosatche, Karen Unger**. "Comprehensive, interactive, friendly, and fun, it addresses issues that matter to young people this age. Survival tips cover everything from the physical and emotional changes and how to cope, to dealing with family, friends, and school, to taking charge of your life through good decision making and goal setting. Packed with facts, advice, quotes from kids, and helpful tips for surviving the in-between years, this is just what boys and girls need to make the most of middle school—and beyond."
- **The Loveables** by **Diane Loomans**. A charming book filled with characters that children can relate to while learning the qualities of a positive self-image. Thirty-two pages of full color illustrations.
- **Girls Without Limits** by **Lisa M. Hinkelman**. "Friendship drama, self-image, grades, dating, fear of failure—these pressures impose limits. More than ever, girls need adults who will be a positive force in their lives. This book's research, real-life stories, and action strategies will help you: understand the unique challenges girls face, help girls develop skills and competencies to deal with these challenges and empower girls to confront negative societal expectations and make healthy, positive decisions."

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

Mrs. Nikki Clark

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Healthy Tip of the Week:

Read nutrition labels for serving size and calorie information. The information on the labels can help you select foods that best fit into your family's meal and snack plans.



What's New in the Classroom?

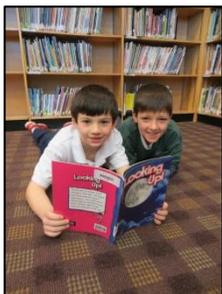


Spanish

The 7th grade is working on a family tree project. They chose ten family members to describe in Spanish and will be presenting their project to the class next week in the target language!

Music

The 2nd graders are learning about music from around the world. Students are reading basic facts, coloring the flag and symbols, and learning traditional songs or dances from each country. They are creating a keepsake booklet to take home at the end of the unit. In this picture, Mrs. Wiehe's class is singing "Ratlin' Bog," an Irish story song, which has NINE cumulative verses and they love to sing it!



Library

The second grade had fun reading informational books with partners this week! After discussing plagiarism, the students read a nonfiction book and shared what they had learned in their own words.



Art

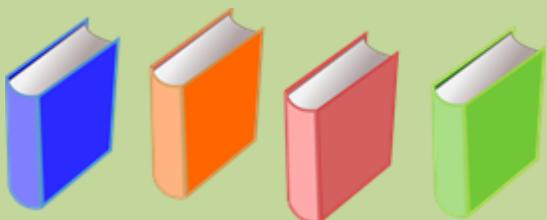
In Art Fourth grade is working on creating a collage using photos, fabric, and whatever else we can find.





Family Literacy Series

St. Pius X invites you to our Family Literacy Series. Our second event, on April 21st from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms, is called Family Game Night. This evening is targeted towards our K-3 students. It will be a fun filled night of games for your children and an opportunity for you to learn about how you can make phonemic awareness, phonics and fluency practice fun at home. These are the building blocks of becoming a strong reader and sometimes it can be hard to find ways to engage your children in this needed practice. We will have plenty of games that you can easily recreate in your home with common materials. We also will have one game that your family can take home and start playing right away! Come share your love of learning with your children and show them that reading can be fun for the whole family! Please RSVP by April 14th to Mrs. Allie Lampe, alampe@teachers.stpius.com.



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!**

Service Opportunity - PB JAM



When: Saturday March 12th, 9:00-11:00 am
Where: School Cafeteria
Admission: 1 loaf of bread

Come and help us make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless.
All are welcome!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR AT ST. PIUX X - FAMILIES WELCOME!



Are you and your family looking for a closer relationship with JESUS CHRIST? Come experience the power and presence of the HOLY SPIRIT by participating in a Life in the Spirit Seminar! The seven week intergenerational seminar is being held on seven Tuesday nights, 7-8:45 pm, March 29-May 10 at St. Pius X in Milligan Hall. To register, call Mark Linnemann at 859-991-3860. For more information visit www.CharismaticNKY.com. The seminar is being co-sponsored by the Mustard Seed Community, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Diocese of Covington, and is open to all ages 6 and up. Children and teens are to be accompanied by a parent, sponsor or youth minister. Space is limited, so please register early.

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Easter Meals for the Needy - No Cooking Involved!!** What better way to cap off your Lenten experience than providing Easter dinner groceries for a needy family in the Northern Ky. Area? Groceries provided for an Easter feast generally consist of ham, one or two vegetables, potatoes, rolls, and dessert. This is an easy service opportunity for families, clubs, scouts, prayer groups, parish committees, or classroom projects. If you'd like to help a needy family's Easter celebration be a special one, please contact Danette Doggett (kadogman@yahoo.com or 344-1235) or Becky Maschinot (bmaschinot1@gmail.com or 859-426-0523 and we will give you the family name and size that you will be buying for, along with drop off instructions.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.