



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 3/4 - 8:00 All School Mass
Monday 3/7 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)
Tuesday 3/8 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Reports Cards sent home
Thursday 3/10 - 8:15 Healthy Challenge
Kick-Off Assembly
Friday 3/11 - 8:00 All School Mass
Click [here](#) for the lunch menu!

Important Dates for 2016-17
(Tentative)
Aug. 14: Open House
Aug. 16: 1st Day of School
Christmas Break: 12/19-1/1
Easter Break: 4/13-4/23
Tentative Last Day: 6/2

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

Have you ever had one of those moments that stop you in your tracks? Have you ever experienced a moment when you felt God was directly speaking to you? I experienced one of those moments this week and wanted to share it with you. I received an email with the following quote inserted at the bottom of the correspondence, *"Each day, when we wake up, we have 24 brand new hours to live....what an incredible gift."*

This quote made me think about the precious gift of life and how each day is a new beginning. God in His infinite goodness knows each of our limitations and challenges. He knew that we would all need second chances. What a beautiful gift each new day is. I challenge you, as well as I challenge myself, to begin each day with a prayer of thanksgiving. I challenge you to take the gift of 24 new hours to show mercy and forgiveness to others, to try to view others in the most positive light possible, and to love to the fullest. Just think of the impact we could have on our world if each of us resolved to do this each day!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Jill Lonnemann



Morning Drop-off

Just a few reminders when dropping off in front of the Rectory:

- 1.) Please stay in line. Do not go around other vehicles. Students may be getting out of cars in front of your vehicle.
- 2.) Please follow the traffic flow. Do not turn left and go out the main entrance.
- 3.) Please do not move the orange traffic cones.
- 4.) Please do not let your students exit your vehicle and cut through the parked cars. This is very dangerous due to limited visibility.
- 5.) Please turn right onto Dudley Road when exiting the lot to prevent traffic backups and delays.
- 6.) Please tell students to walk on the sidewalk all the way to school.

Just a few reminders when dropping off in front of the School:

- 1.) Please stay in line. Do not go around other vehicles. Students may be getting out of cars in front of your vehicle.
- 2.) Please maintain a speed of 5 mph or less.
- 3.) Please watch for students and adults crossing the driveway.
- 4.) Please tell students to exit your car on the right side (closest to the sidewalk).
- 5.) Please encourage your students to exit your vehicle if they are 8 or less cars away from the front of the line.
- 6.) Please tell students to walk on the sidewalk closest to the school.

Just a few reminders when dropping off on the side of the School:

- 1.) Maintain a speed of 5 mph or less while in the lot.
- 2.) Follow the traffic flow around the building.
- 3.) Please stay in line. Do not go around other vehicles. Students may be getting out of cars or buses in front of your vehicle.
- 4.) Please tell your students to exit your vehicle on the side closest to the school building.
- 5.) Please turn right onto Dudley Road when exiting the lot to prevent traffic backups and delays.

Last Chance!

If you missed the deadline for submitting a paper order for a 2015-2016 yearbook, you can still order online by visiting ybpay.lifetouch.com and entering our school code (1649216). Soft cover yearbooks cost \$21.00, and hardcover yearbooks cost \$26.00. Don't miss out on a copy of this year's most memorable moments!



Healthy Tip of the Week:

Snacks should provide nutrients and energy, which are essential for active, growing children.



What's New in the Classroom?



Kindergarten

Kindergarten did a research project about Insects. Each child was responsible for researching, presenting and making a model or picture of an insect!



First Grade

First grade participated in a service project to help The Brighton Center. Over the Christmas season the students completed chores and kind deeds to raise money. These donations were used to purchase fleece. Then the first grade students gathered to tie knots in the fleece to create blankets. As the students tied knots, they said prayers for the recipients of the blankets. First grade was able to donate 22 prayer blankets and over \$300 in donations to Brighton Center! Way to go first grade, putting your faith in action!



Second Grade

2nd Grade loves reading! They recently enjoyed some time buddy reading their weekly stories in their Journeys books! They also read Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham" to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd! They then enjoyed some yummy green eggs and ham. When they finished, they wrote about what they would eat if they wouldn't eat green eggs and ham!



Science Fair Winners

The winners of the 7th grade St. Pius X Science Fair moved onto NKU for the Regional Science Fair and did a wonderful job! Congratulations to Jace Kruer, Kade Kruer, Grant Montelisciani, Emma Pohlman, Jaden Siemer, and Annabelle Sunday who placed in their category and won other special awards. Also, congratulations to Kade Kruer, Jaden Siemer, and Emma Pohlman who are eligible for the state Science Fair at ECU. Wonderful job students!



Congratulations to the following students for receiving the February Subject Award for Art or the Monthly Exceptional Christian Behavior Award!

Christian Behavior Award

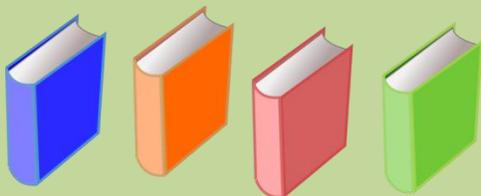
Bennett Laake
Merrick Niehaus
Sophia Bakis
Olivia Schornack
Alex Burg
Blake Hussey
Kirtley Hanna
Keegan Bishop
Marissa Kent
Patrick Hillebrand
Morgan Isler
Drew Huber
Elizabeth Tabeling
Jackson Halpin
Kendall Aytes
Katrina Hillebrand
Ella Wright
Grey Jordan
Ian Noll
Addy Woeste
Madison Payne
Ezzy Shields
Olivia Maschinot
Jacob Robke
Carmen Thapar
Truman Pierson
Mary Camille Hagen

Subject Award for Art

Abby Lee
Anna Bain
Sophia Bakis
Joshua Fettig
Lorna Knarr
Alyssa Arlinghaus
Abigail Arrasmith
Megan Fedor
Ava Gerwe
Rylann Cahill
Rachel Rovito
Norah Fathman
Sophia Franxman
Bella Kampinga
Regan Rolfsen
Kira Kent
Elissa Romer
Bailey New
Andrew Kidd
Kirsten Gallagher
Dalton Sunday
Paige Neuhaus
Drew Kent
Corinne Laws
Ellen Barlage
Grace Ward
Caroline Barlage

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.



PTG NEWS



Hi parents! PTG would like to invite all to attend the last (Believe it or not!) PTG meeting of this school year! The meeting will be held **NEXT TUESDAY, March 8th at 7pm** in either the PMRs or in the school library. We will have signs up so you know where to go. Some items to discuss will be the results from the Enchanted Evening, preparation for the final fundraiser of the school year: Boosterthon Fun Run to be held on May 12th, and end of the school year items on which PTG could use your help. We'll also have some discussion about plans for next school year! We hope to see many in attendance!

Everybody Counts Volunteers Needed!



SPX is holding Everybody Counts Thursday April 7th and Friday April 8th. We need volunteers for Thursday. Each grade learns about a different disability. Materials for most grade levels have been updated this year. Please consider offering as little as 1 hour of your time for our students. No teaching experience is needed. Contact Michelle Litmer at michellelitmer@twc.com with questions or sign up at the link below. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849a8a92daafa7-everybody>

PTG's 9th Annual Easter Bunny Breakfast



Student AND parent volunteers are needed for this year's event. Breakfast is from 8:30-11am Saturday, March 19th. It's easy, fun and brings joy to future SPX students! Click [here](#) to volunteer! Thanks!

Box Tops For Education



St. Pius sent in 9,300 Box Tops for Education for a total of \$930. Congratulations to Room 701 for sending in over 600 box tops! They won the contest and will get an out-of-uniform day and an extra recess! Keep saving those Box Tops. We will be having another collection date in the fall. If you find that you have Box Tops that will expire before 11/1/16, please send them into the school office.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A PART OF THE ENCHANTED EVENING FUN!

As you have probably heard the Enchanted Evening was a great success and fun was had by all who attended. However, even if you weren't able to make it that evening there are still a few opportunities left to get involved and help raise money for the school. You can sign up now on-line for the following three parties. If you should have any questions, please contact Jenni Ward at jen_m_ward@yahoo.com or Kathy Carnes at kathleen.carnes@dinslaw.com.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Calling all SPX moms who need a night OUT! Sign up for a night with your lady friends. Girls Night Out will take place at the home of Sandy Smith. Come and hang out at the bar or put on bowling shoes and throw some strikes! Beer, wine and snacks included.

Date: Friday, April 29, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Sandy Smith

Place: The Smith House | 2971 Homestead Drive

Cost: \$50 | Limited to 40 People

Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/EEGirlsNightOut>

NDA GIRL POWER PARTY

Celebrate all that is great about being a GIRL! Students and staff from Notre Dame Academy will lead the girls through games and exercises to build self-esteem and embrace a healthy body image. Food and drinks provided. Ideal for girls grade 4-6.

Friday, May 6 from 4 - 6pm

Place : Notre Dame Academy

Hosted by: Notre Dame Academy

Cost : \$20 | Unlimited

Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/EENDAGirlPower>

"HIDDEN GEMS" BREWERY TOUR

Join up to 30 of your closest friends from the Parish for the St. Pius X Greater Cincinnati "Hidden Gems" Brewery Tour, where you'll be visiting some of the best lesser known nanobreweries in our area. Covers heavy appetizers before departing, transportation to all breweries, snacks and drinks during transit, and your first full pour (or flight, if offered) at each brewery.

Date: Saturday May 14, 2016 | 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Hosted by: Church Festival Committee Members

Cost: \$60 | Limited to 35 people

Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/EEBreweryTour>

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Service Opportunity - PB JAM:** Please join us on Saturday, March 12th, from 9:00-11:00 am in the school cafeteria for the annual PB Jam. We will spend the morning making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless. We ask that everyone bring one loaf of bread for admission into the PB JAM. All are welcome!!
- **TOP FLIGHT!** 6th-12th graders - Join youth groups from St. Pius, St. Barbs and St. Tim's at TOP FLIGHT THIS Sunday, March 6th, from 3:45-6pm. Cost is \$5 if you sign up and have a Forest card (which I will provide); otherwise \$8 at the door. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link (or email Ashley Marshall at abb171@gmail.com T There is a permission slip to fill out (that will be sent once you sign your child up).
- **Challenge Tea Party:** The Challenge Girls' Club is hosting a tea on Sunday, March 20, from 2:00-3:15 at St. Timothy's Brodnick Hall. Proceeds assist Challenge Girls in attending Catholic summer camp and retreats. Reservations are required. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **NDA Panda Preview Night for 6th and 7th Graders: Attention 6th and 7th Graders and Parents!** This is your chance to get a head start on the 8th grade. Learn about the NDA life and how to get ready for high school all in one evening, Tuesday, March 22, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. If you have any questions, please call Katie Caccavari, NDA Admissions, [859-292-1829](tel:859-292-1829).
- **Notre Dame Academy Summer Studio Art Class** information available [here](#).
- **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 (mmaschinot1@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.
- **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.

- **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.