



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 3/11 - 8:00 All School Mass
Healthy Challenge begins
Monday 3/14 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)
Tuesday 3/15 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Wednesday 3/16 - Skyline Night
Thursday 3/17 - History Mobile Visit
Healthy Challenge ends
Friday 3/18 - 8:00 All School Mass

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

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

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

This week has been a very busy one around ST. Pius! We have had our PTG and BOTCE meetings, Stations of the Cross, a Healthy Challenge pep rally, the Conservation program for grades five and six, and the Sanitation District presentation for grade four. Along with the "extra" enrichment opportunities provided to our students, our teachers are also working hard in their subject level Professional Learning Communities. Professional Learning Communities (PLC) provide opportunities for teacher collaboration and discussions regarding student learning.

Our LA PLC is coordinating our writing program across the curriculum and grade levels to improve writing of open response type questions. Our Science PLC is researching science programs and selecting the most up-to-date and rigorous one for our students, and our social studies PLC is focusing on ways to incorporate more geography lessons into our day-to-day lessons.

Overall, there are many great things happening at St. Pius X School. Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

As my child is getting older, I am thinking it is the perfect time to talk to them about responsibility. Do you have any suggestions on how I can work with my child to help them learn what it means to be responsible?

Sincerely,
Ready for Responsibility

Dear Ready for Responsibility,

Joan Didion once said that "the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs." Children who learn and understand responsibility tend to do better in school and life. There are many things you can do as a parent to teach your child about responsibility. Here are just a few tips to help you get started:

- **Be a model of responsibility.** Since children learn by example, the best way to teach them to be responsible is to show them what it looks like. Show your child what it means to follow through with commitments that you have made.
- **Create a chore list.** Take into consideration your child's age when you begin to assign them chores around the house. Make sure the tasks are age appropriate and even let your child choose some of the jobs they would like to do.
- **Praise your child when they demonstrate responsibility.** Make sure you have an appropriate balance between consequences and rewards. You want your child to learn what happens when they fail to complete homework assignments on time but you also want to honor chores or commitments that they have completed.
- **Make it easy to remember.** Children will not always remember to automatically do their chores. Use things like a calendar, bulletin board or chart that will remind your child what tasks they need to do for the day.
- **Be patient with your child during this process.** It takes 21 repetitions for an action to become a habit! Do not expect your child to learn responsibility over night. Children should learn what it means to be responsible gradually over time. If you are dedicated to the process, then your child will be successful in learning what it means to be responsible.

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

Mrs. Nikki Clark

School Counselor/Academic Resource

St. Pius X School



Healthy Tip of the Week:

Swearing off your favorite food can sometimes backfire. You end up eating other high-calorie foods to satisfy the craving and keep eating when you're not satisfied.



What's New in the Classroom?



Third Grade

The 3rd graders had a BLAST exploring this gigantic map of the world! Each homeroom was able to have two thirty minute sessions interacting with the map. We played Simon Says and split up into groups to play Find the State. (Don't worry we made sure to take off our shoes)!



Fourth Grade

On February 19, 2016, Dr. Holly Danneman came to speak to the whole 4th grade class about the circulatory system. She has been coming for the last 5 years, sharing her love of medicine and healthy living. Dr. James Noll, a retired veterinarian and Mrs. Baker's father, has obtained a heart or several, every year for this presentation. The kids always enjoy the presentation, seeing and touching a real heart, and enjoying the treat that Dr. Danneman shares with the kids. Thanks Dr. Danneman and Dr. Noll for your unending devotion to educating our children and your love for medicine!



Fifth Grade

This week in Science the fifth graders used their imaginations to learn about the life cycle of a carbon atom. They explored different stations to find out all the possible ways a carbon atom is important to our Earth! They each wrote a creative story about their life as a carbon atom and were able to share them with the class! See an example below of one of their stories!



Journey- The Story Of The Carbon Cycle A Story By Mitchell Davey

Darkness. Cold, hard darkness. I don't know where I am. I can't remember anything. Suddenly, blinding, flashing light surrounds me. Okay, I can see now. I began my life in a log. I know it sounds weird, but I am a carbon atom. I live in things. Now, I am stuck in firewood in the middle of the clearing in a forest in Wisconsin. Really, I'm bored most of the time. Here I am, sitting here every day. The only thing that is even remotely interesting is the occasional passing of a forest animal, like a deer or a fox. But for the most part, life is boring. But wait! What was that sound? In the forest, I hear a song. It sounds like a man's voice, singing:

Hum, De, Idle, Dum, Hum
I go to the forest, rum
to fetch some wood for my fire
oh, please don't call me idle,
Hum, Dum, Diddle, Dum, Hum!

Then, into view, comes a huge man. He is wearing a lumberjack shirt and brown overalls, with big brown boots. He is coming up to me. Now, I'm scared. The man is very big. He comes closer and reaches for the wood log I am on. I brace myself. Suddenly, I am bobbing up and down. I open my eyes to see myself in the man's giant, hairy, arms. We walk for sometime before I see a cottage come into view. Two kids come rushing up to me. One is a boy with sandy, blond hair. The other is a girl with long, flowing brown hair. "Papa!" They yelled. "Did you get the wood?" asked the boy. "Yes, I did, Timmy. We will have a big fire tonight with s'mores!" the man replied. "YAY!" they both shouted and led the man into the cottage, leaving me on the hard, cold ground.

Night comes along. I hear talking and the clinking of plates inside and know they must be eating dinner. Suddenly, I see three shadows at the window, sitting in an armchair, one holding a book. The shadow reads:

In a hole in the ground, there lived a hobbit.
Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled to the ends with worms,
nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing to do in it.
It was a hobbit hole, and that means comfort.

I listen for quite some time at the story, hearing about elves, dragons, goblins, hobbits, dwarves, a wizard, and a creature named Gollum. Then, the shadows get up and move out of my sight. Then, I hear the creak of a door and see the children, a woman, and the man come out.

The man carries a box of something that gives me a bad feeling inside. Then, I hear the sound of a stick against a tree and get a warm feeling. I look over and see a flame, hot and orange, spreading across the log I'm on. I freak out. Then, I realize I am floating. I look down and see the log I was on. Then, I go up higher, and higher. When I look down, I see the people and the cottage. I say a silent goodbye. When I open my eyes, I am on top of a cloud. Nervous, I look over the edge and see the world about forty miles away!! I look up and see other atoms just like me! They are running and jumping around. I walk up to a group of them that are talking. "Hi!" I say. The atoms stop talking and look up at me. Then, they smile. I introduce myself as Mitchell. I meet the atoms Alex, Nick, and Jake, who tell me that I will leave there soon. I believe them. But night comes, and I'm still there. Day comes. Still there. Seven days I am up there, bored. Many atoms have left, these including Nick and Jake, so it is just me and Alex. The next day, I have a feeling. Then, I fly away from the cloud. I am heading towards a tree. I brace myself. Instead of hitting it, I land softly on it. I sit there for a day until I hear a familiar voice, singing:

Hum, Dum, Diddle, Dum, Hum
I go the forest, rum,
To fetch some wood for my fire,
Oh, please don't call me idle.
Hum, Dum, Diddle, Dum, Hum!

Sure enough, the lumberjack man comes up the hill, this time with an axe in his hand. I feel good until he comes up to my tree and whacks it with his axe. Uh-oh! I fall over. Unfortunately, the tree falls on the side I am facing. Ow! The man cuts a piece I am on and carries it to the cottage. He puts me on the ground and goes inside.

The evening goes the same way the other evening went. This evening, the man reads a story about a hobbit that must carry a evil ring and destroy it. It is good and exciting, and dread the part when the man must burn my log. Sure enough, he comes out with the woman and kids and sets my log afire. Soon, I float through the air up to the cloud. When I reach the cloud, the first thing I see is Alex. He looks tired and worn out. Turns out he was up there when I went down to the tree and has never left the cloud since. I try to cheer him up, but before I can do that, I float down to a tree. I look up and wave goodbye to Alex. Soon, I reach the tree. I wonder if the man will come along and chop me down. I wonder if something else will happen. I was scared when I woke up on the log. But now, I am excited to begin my new life as a carbon atom.

The End



Additional Kindergarten Class

Hear ye, hear ye! Fr. Baiju, Mrs. Lonnemann, Mrs. Greenwell, and the Finance Council have approved the addition of a fourth kindergarten class for the 2016-2017 school year. This decision was made in an effort to provide a quality education for all students. Each kindergarten class will have 21 students, a teacher, and a full time instructional aide. We are blessed to be growing but remain committed to providing a rigorous education that meets the needs of all of our students.

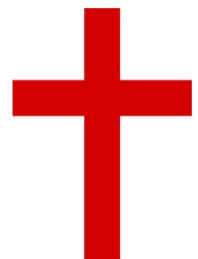
Diocesan Pro Life Essay Contest

Each year the Pro Life Commission and Knights of Columbus sponsor a Pro Life Essay Contest for all 8th grade students in the Diocese. This year 230 essays were submitted with twenty finalists being chosen. Three St. Pius X students, **Jack Raisbeck**, **Christian Matthews** and **John Paul Mason**, were among those students honored. At a special dinner held to recognize them, excerpts from each essay were read by Pro-Life ambassadors from Catholic high schools. Superintendent, Mr. Clines, then read the winning essay in its entirety and Bishop Foys awarded a plaque to the winner, **Jack Raisbeck!** Jack's essay will be printed in the Messenger, and he will receive a partial scholarship to a Diocesan high school. The three young men were also honored at our all school Mass on Friday. Congratulations to these students and to their Religion teacher, Mrs. Henson and Language Arts

teacher, Mrs. Fitzpatrick!



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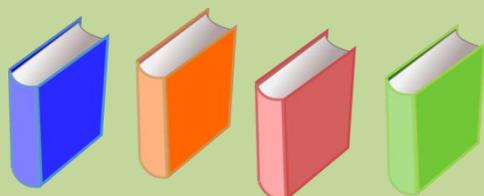


Congratulations to **Trey Gronotte** who competed at the ECU Science Fair and received 2nd place in his category! Congratulations to him and the rest of the 7th graders who competed.



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.**



Healthy Challenge

This Thursday, March 10, K through 5 will kick off our Healthy Challenge week with a pep rally! Jeremy Rauch, FOX 19 sportscaster, will MC the event taking place at 8:15 am in the PAC. The challenge itself, will begin on Friday, March 11 and will last a week. Students will bring home information detailing the challenge. Good luck, Panthers!!! Let's rise to the challenge!!



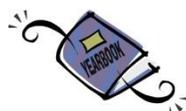
Everybody Counts Volunteers Needed!

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!



Order Yearbooks Online!

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!

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/EEBreweryTou>

Eat Healthy NKY Food Summit on March 28th

The Food Summit is a free event that will showcase healthy eating habits, local food production, and food preparation in our region.

Are you passionate about healthy food?

If you're passionate about healthy food, or want to learn more, please join us from 5-8 p.m. for an open house event featuring —

- Free tastings of locally produced food prepared by local chefs*
- Fun activities for kids*
- Take a photo with Produce Man*
- Learn more about your local food system and issues impacting healthy and nutritious foods in your community*
- Fun informational booths about school and community gardens, healthy eating, seed planting, food policy, farmer's markets, urban farming, healthy corner store initiatives, and much more.*

Are you a food policy stakeholder?

Register as a stakeholder ...if you're dedicated to making a difference in our food system and join us at 3:15 p.m. for our kickoff speaker and interactive panel discussion on Food Access, Food production in NKY, Institutional Food, Farm to School and Food Policy.

Register as a general public ticket ...if you plan to attend between 5-8pm. There will be an interactive panel discussion at 6pm on growing your own, composting and health in a hurry tips!

The event is free however registration is required. Register to get your free ticket today. <http://www/eathealthynky.eventbrite.com>

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Florence Wormald / Rita Ward Fund:** Applications are now being accepted for the Florence Wormald/Rita Ward Fund. This tuition aid fund was established in honor of Florence Wormald and Rita Ward to help deserving students from St. Pius X Parish obtain a Catholic High School Education. These students are selected from families who, because of financial considerations, may not otherwise have the opportunity for their child to attend Covington Catholic, Notre Dame, Villa Madonna, or Covington Latin. Applicants should be from active and participating family of the parish. Applications can be found on the school website (http://www.stpiusx.com/school/scholarships/wormald_scholarship.pdf), in the school office and in the parish office. Applications are due **May 1st** and should be returned to St. Pius X School Office, Attn: Board of Total Catholic Education, c/o Principal.
- **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!!
- **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 (bmashinot1@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. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- **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.