



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 3/18 - 8:00 All School Mass
Monday 3/21 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)
Tuesday 3/22 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Wednesday 3/23 - Stations of the Cross
Thursday 3/24 - No School
Friday 3/25 - No School
Monday 4/4 - First Day back from Spring Break
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,

What a beautiful week it has been around St. Pius X School! The time change does not seem to have negatively impacted our students at all. They are full of energy and ready to learn. We have even had to turn on the air conditioning this week to cool down the school.

I wanted to update you regarding some of the fun activities held during the week. The parent storytellers have been visiting k-3 students to read an Easter story, the History Mobile visited today and brought the Civil War to life for our students in fourth, fifth, and seventh grade, the Healthy Challenge pep rally was a lot of fun with channel 19 news anchor Jeremy Rauch as the MC for the event, one of our third graders competed in the Regional Spelling Bee, and our grade 7-8 students participated in the Diocesan Academic Showcase. A special congratulation goes out to all of our students who participated.

As the winter season ends, take time to enjoy the beauty spring brings with it. Our children have a way of reminding us of what is truly important and worthwhile. I encourage you to spend time with your children. I feel God reveals himself to us through the little children and the light and energy they bring to each day.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Jill Lonnemann





Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

My friend and I are hoping you can help us with a question. This week was the Healthy Challenge and I told her that it was stupid and that we shouldn't do it. I just don't understand what the big deal is about making sure I eat the right foods for a week. What difference does it make? My friend said that it is important and we should eat healthy all the time, not just this week. So I guess we want to figure out who is right? What is the big deal about the Healthy Challenge?

Sincerely,

Hung Up on Healthy Habits

Dear Hung Up on Healthy Habits,

Your friend is right. It is very important for students and teachers to participate in the Healthy Challenge because it reminds us to be aware of the foods and drinks we consume. I bet you didn't know that about 37 percent of kids in the state of Kentucky are considered overweight. That is why it is important for us to teach you good, healthy eating habits. Here are just a few ways that living healthy can have a positive effect on your life:

- **It can improve your grades.** Being hungry is one of the biggest causes of distraction in school. Instead of focusing on the teacher, you are thinking about lunch or how much your stomach is bothering you. By eating a nutritious breakfast, you are starting your day out right and giving yourself the focus you need to work towards good grades.
- **It can make you smarter.** Okay so eating an apple won't automatically help you get an A on your next test but research has shown that diet, exercise and sleep can change the way your brain works. Eating certain foods can improve your memory, problem solving, and concentration skills.
- **It can keep you from getting sick.** A healthy diet of fruits and vegetables can help support your immune system. If you do get a cold or the flu, put down the junk food and eat more foods with Vitamin C. The Vitamin C will help you bounce back faster.
- **It gives you energy.** Did you know that junk food can actually make you feel tired and run down? Eating a bag of potato chips won't help you find the energy you need to get through that soccer or basketball game. When you eat a balanced diet and exercise regularly, you will find the energy you need to get through your day. It will also help you sleep better at night.

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:

Did you know that engaging in creative activities, such as coloring, drawing, dancing and singing can help you reduce stress and anxiety?



What's New in the Classroom?



Sixth Grade



The 6th grade students have been exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. We recently learned about the Trojan War and completed a STEM activity creating our own Trojan Horses! The students did a wonderful job designing and building their horses. Prizes were awarded for speed, distance, and appearance.

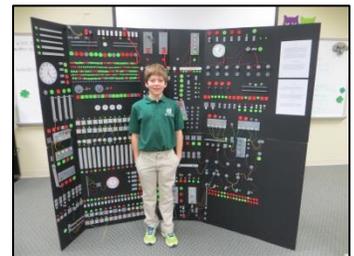


Seventh Grade

Math students in seventh grade are involved in experimental probability and spatial awareness through transformations. They have integrated their creative art talents with tessellations and transformations. Their unique creations are on the wall by 702.



Seventh graders are publishing a book of poetry. *The Wise Turtle: An Anthology of Seventh Grade Poetry* will be available in May. The cost is \$17.99 per book. See a seventh grade student or Mrs. Garbett to order your copy.



J.J.Kampinga presented his timeline of computers to the faculty on March 8. J.J demonstrated an incredible depth of knowledge in the evolution of computers and how quickly the computer field has advanced in seventy years. He created a model of the 1946 ENIAC, an early computer that was used by the U.S. military. Well done, J.J.!

Eighth Grade



The Diocesan Academic Showcase that was held at St. Henry School on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Christopher Fitz placed second and Will Clark placed fourth in the math division of the competition. We would also to congratulate seventh grader, Madelyn Gordon, who won third place for her drawing submitted for the Art competition. Way to go students!



801 also proudly displays their refrigerator art. The students post their 100% tests here. Many students have stainless steel refrigerators, so they can't put them up at home! They were confused when their 100s referred to as "refrigerator art," and asked if they could hang it in the room and make a "refrigerator."



dreamstime.com

Congratulations to **Tyler Turnpaugh** who represented St. Pius X School at the Regional Spelling Bee this past weekend. Tyler made it through 6 rounds and lost on the word "bobadil. He came in 8th out of 53 kids.

Way to go Tyler!



Enchanted Evening Winners

Over the last couple of weeks, several St. Pius X students were able to see what it was like on "the other side"! At this year's Enchanted Evening several in school opportunities were raffled off. Lucky students won the opportunity to be "Principal for the Day", "Assistant Principal of the Day", "Music Teacher for the Day", "Librarian for the Day" and "P.E. Teacher for the Day". Congratulations to the following students whose parents won this for them!

Sydney Allen

Principal for the Day

Andrew VonLehman

Assistant Principal for the Day



Chloe Calitri

Librarian for the Day

Olivia Eibel

Music Teacher for the Day

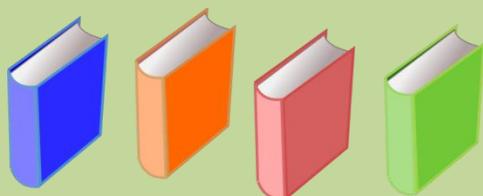


Still to come...**Chloe Calitri** as P.E. Teacher for the Day!



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.



Everybody Counts Volunteers Needed!

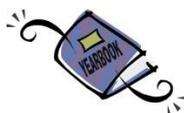
SPX is holding Everybody Counts Thursday April 7th and Friday April 8th. We need volunteers for Thursday. Each grade learns about a different disability. Materials for most grade levels have been updated this year. Please consider offering as little as 1 hour of your time for our students. No teaching 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!



2016-2017 Tuition

Tuition for the 2016-2017 schoolyear will be available in next week's PawPrints.



The Healthy Challenge



Once again this year, the St. Pius X school community participated in the Healthy Challenge, a program sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Health Department. The students, faculty and staff were challenged to reach three goals for all seven days of the challenge: eat five servings of fruits or vegetables, have zero sugar sweetened drinks and get 30-60 minutes of exercise every day. We kicked off the challenge with an upbeat assembly! Fox 19 Sports Anchor, Jeremy Rauch, emceed the assembly, talking to the students about his experiences with local sports figures. Representatives from the Health Department, along with Produce Man, explained the three goals of the Healthy Challenge and had some students participate in a fun relay race. Local high school athletes also spoke to the students about the importance of a healthy diet and exercise to have success in the both the classroom and on the field. We would like to thank Dr. Holly Dannemann, Mrs. Cathy VonLehman, Mrs. Linda Nageleisen and Mrs. Allie Lampe for all of their work organizing this event!



The Eat Healthy NKY Food Summit is a free event that will showcase healthy eating habits, local food production, and food preparation in our region. The Summit is being held on Monday, March 28th. Register to get your free ticket today.

<http://www/eathealthynky.eventbrite.com>

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **The Catholic Conference of Kentucky and EdChoice KY** are hitting the road and will be in Northern Kentucky to discuss the bipartisan push to expand educational opportunities for all students. Scholarship Tax Credits can provide every family with the opportunity to choose their children's school, including nonpublic religious schools. Please consider joining us and invite anyone who might be interested in learning more about the issue, including pastors, educators, parents, and business leaders. The event will take place at Bishop Howard Memorial Hall, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky on March 21st at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Kaylee@runswitchpr.com. You can also sign up for the event by visiting EdChoice KY's [Facebook page](#).
- **Liz Hart Volleyball Camps at NKU** focus on developing volleyball skills in all aspects of the game. Camp instructors will consist of NKU volleyball coaches and current/former NKU volleyball players. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **RC Hinsdale Carnival Committee** needs student volunteers to work at their carnival on Saturday, May 14th from 12-4pm at RC Hinsdale school. It is a great fun way to earn community service hours! Click [here](#) online for their online volunteer signup. Students are free to select any slot that interests them. However, to be a volunteer in the dunking booth, the volunteers must be at least 17 years old. There are no age restrictions on any other booths.
- **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.
- **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 (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.
- **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.