



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!

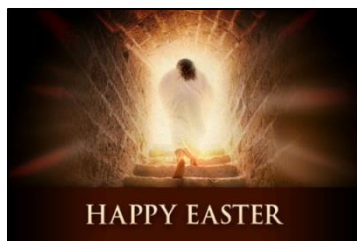
Important Dates:

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



Dear Parents,

I recently saw this image and it took my breath away. Jesus' resurrection gives our lives and struggles meaning. It assures us that there is something more, something greater than what we see and experience now. God is love and light. Embrace His love and life during the Easter season. Take time to be with him during our Easter break. Make sure your children know the real reason for Spring break by attending Mass and Triduum services.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

God Bless You.

Mrs. Lonnemann



Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

I know that standardized testing is coming up soon and was wondering if you had any tips for things I can talk about with child over the next few weeks to help them prepare.

Sincerely,

Tips for Testing

Dear Tips for Testing,

I think it is a great idea to start preparing your student now for standardized testing. There might be some things on the test that your child is not familiar with, especially the younger grades. Here are few good testing strategies you can share with your child to help them do their best on the test:

- **Use time efficiently.** Explain to your child the importance of using their time wisely. If they get stuck on a question, tell them it is okay to make the best guess and move on to the next question. They might have time left over at the end to go back and try again. Also, if they finish before time is over, encourage your child to go back and check their answers.
- **Listen carefully to directions.** Remind your child that it is important for them to listen to their teachers when they read the directions. They want to make sure they fully understand what the test is asking them to do.
- **Read each question carefully.** Be aware of keywords such as "all," "now," "always," "never," "only," "exactly" and watch out for negative words like "not," "no," "never." These words can have an impact on our ability to choose the correct answer.
- **Go with your gut.** Often times our first choice is usually correct. Tell your child that they shouldn't change an answer unless they have a good reason to do so. This will also help them feel more confident during the test instead of always second guessing themselves.

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

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Healthy Tip of the Week:

Eat Your Way to Happiness. People who eat more than two servings of fruits and vegetables daily report being happier than those who eat less. Another glad tidings: The more produce you eat, the more your mood can improve. People who ate 7 to 8 servings of fruits and veggies were the happiest.



What's New in the Classroom?



Art

The 8th grade is working hard on linoleum carving in Art class. Students created a design in the Pop Art style which they are now carving into a block of linoleum. After they finish the carving they will be printing their design multiple times using complementary colors.



P.E.

The Kindergarten students were busy practicing spatial awareness, striking and volleying skills while playing with a balloon and a racket. They also worked on learning how to roll a ball, to bounce and catch a ball and to dribble. It looks like we have some future volleyball, tennis and basketball players.

Chloe Calitri also got to spend the day as the P.E. teacher instructing the 3rd grade how to do the Bunny Hop!



Library

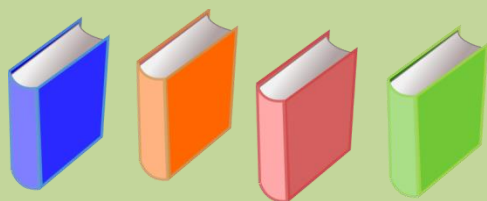
The Parent Storytellers visited the K-3rd grades this past week dressed as the Easter Bunny! They shared the story of the fork and the book *The Legend of the Sand Dollar*. The students learned that at Easter we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead and opening the gates of Heaven for us. Heaven is the best that is yet to come, just like dessert, so "hold on to your fork"!





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.



Birthday Club

The library Birthday Club invites students in grades K-5 to donate books to the library in honor of their birthdays. Four times a year, a birthday club get-together is held in the library. Great hardback books are displayed for students and their parents to select from. A label with the student's name is placed in the front of the book to show all students who donated it to our library. The student's picture is also taken with the book and displayed in the hall, and of course, treats are served!

The final meeting of the St. Pius Library's Birthday Club will be on **April 14th** from **2:00-3:00** in the Library. Students in grades K-5 who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays during the months of **March, April or May** will receive an invitation in their Tuesday folder. Anyone who missed a previous Birthday Club and would like to attend, are also welcome! We hope you will meet your children after school in the library to make a selection, have some refreshments, and be a part of our Birthday Club. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us add wonderful new books to our library shelves!



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>



Chess Club News



Chess club was a HUGE success this year with over **90 students** from Grades 1-8 participating. Twice a month the students met in the PMR's after school to learn more and to challenge their classmates in friendly games of chess. The season culminated in our Chess Tournament for grades 4-8 followed by a pizza party and awards ceremony. Trophies went out to our Overall Winners, Grade Level Winners and Distinguished Players as well as our 1-3 grade Extra Effort Award recipients.

Congratulations our Chess Champions!

Overall Chess Champion - Drew Kent
Upper Grades Champion - Jason Reid
Middle Grades Champion - Alex Williams
Elementary Grades Champion - James McDermott
8th Grade Champion - Will Fathman
7th Grade Champion - Tre Lohre
6th Grade Champion - Thomas Williams
5th Grade Boys Co-Champions - Jonathon Fitz & Nick Thapar
5th Grade Girls Champion - Kira Kent
4th Grade Boys Champion - Drew Browning
4th Grade Girls Champion - Mia Kent

THANK YOU to all of the wonderful volunteers that made this year possible. We could not continue this club without the support of our wonderful volunteers.





On March 17, 2016, the 4th grade sponsored an out of uniform day and a spin on a split the pot. The difference between this raffle and other split the pot raffles was that the pot was split into thirds, 2/3 of the money going to the DPAA, and 1/3 going to one lucky student whose name was randomly drawn from a "pot of shamrocks". This student did not get to keep the money, but rather got to choose where the 1/3 of the pot would be donated. Miss Gabby Goetz was picked and she chose to donate the money to a charity for a 5 year old girl in her neighborhood who was recently diagnosed with DIPG, the same brain cancer that Lauren Hill had. The total calculated by the 4th grade class was over \$600. \$475.00 is being sent to the DPAA and \$237.00 has been donated to the GoFundMe page for Smile for Brooklyn:

<https://www.gofundme.com/brooklynsjourney>

If anyone else would like to donate, please do so and remember to keep little Brooklyn in your prayers. Thank you to all who donated by the \$1.00 out of uniform or purchased extra shamrocks! We are so blessed at St. Pius X and we are happy and committed to helping others!

TUITION 2016/2017

IN-PARISH TUITION

	TUITION 2016/2017	FEES	(-) REG. FEES			TUITION + NET FEES
1 CHILD	\$4,690.00	\$320.00	-\$100.00			\$4,910.00
2 CHILDREN	\$7,180.00	\$640.00	-\$200.00			\$7,620.00
3 CHILDREN	\$8,720.00	\$960.00	-\$300.00			\$9,380.00
4 CHILDREN	\$9,855.00	\$1,280.00	-\$400.00			\$10,735.00
5 CHILDREN	\$9,895.00	\$1,600.00	-\$500.00			\$10,995.00

OUT-OF-PARISH TUITION

	TUITION 2016/2017	FEES	(-) REG. FEES	Family Out- of-Parish Fee (+)	Less (-)	Tuition + Net School Fees + Out of Parish Fees
1 CHILD	\$4,690.00	\$320.00	-\$100.00	\$500.00		\$5,410.00
2 CHILDREN	\$9,380.00	\$640.00	-\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$2,000.00	\$8,320.00
3 CHILDREN	\$14,070.00	\$960.00	-\$300.00	\$500.00	-\$2,000.00	\$13,230.00
4 CHILDREN	\$18,760.00	\$1,280.00	-\$400.00	\$500.00	-\$2,000.00	\$18,140.00
5 CHILDREN	\$23,450.00	\$1,600.00	-\$500.00	\$500.00	-\$2,000.00	\$23,050.00

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Go for Gulu 5K:** Notre Dame Academy's chapter of Unified for Uganda is hosting a 5K run/walk on April 3, 2016 at NDA. Runners will begin at 8:30a.m and walkers at 8:45a.m, onsite registration starting at 7:30. Please join us to support the education and healthcare finances of the six children that NDA sponsors in Uganda. Space is limited so register now! Click [here](#) for more information.
- **CovCath Camps & Covington Youth Football Program:** More info and online registration for the camps & CYF are available online at covcath.org/summercamps.
- **CCH Spirit Shop:** Open school days from 11:30 - 1:00, or shop online anytime at covcath.org/spiritshop. Now is a great time for Future Colonels to add to their CCH gear.
- **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.
- **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!
- **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.

- **Notre Dame Academy Summer Studio Art Class** information available [here](#).
- **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 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.