



# 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 4/8 - 8:00 All School Mass  
Sunday 4/10 - 3:00 Serra Club Altar Servers' Award  
Monday 4/11 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)  
Tuesday 4/12 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)  
Thursday 4/14 - 2:00-3:00 Birthday Club  
Friday 4/15 - 7:00 Drama Club Presents *Annie Jr.*  
Saturday 4/16 - 2:00 and 7:00 Drama Club Presents  
*Annie Jr.*

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

We will have PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION from Monday 4/11-Friday 4/15!  
Click [here](#) for the lunch menu!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from spring break. What a blessing it was to have time to spend with family! Our spiritual focus for the month of April is our "Gift of Family". Keeping this in mind, we have scheduled two events to support our mission of helping to form strong, faith-filled families who live out the teachings of our faith.

Our first event will be on April 14 at 7:00 P.M for our sixth and seventh grade parents. It is an informational meeting regarding our next unit in religion, *Theology of the Body*. Parents will be informed of what students will be taught, and how *Theology of the Body* concepts put our Catholic faith's teachings into practice. It is a beautiful program that is mandated by the Diocese of Covington, and one that I strongly support.

Our second event is the Family Literacy series scheduled on May 19, 7:00 P.M. Our reading specialist, Mrs. Allie Lampe, will be our featured speaker. Mrs. Lampe has designed a presentation that is both informational and practical. Parents will receive a variety of ideas for creating reading games to play with their children. They will even create a game that evening to use immediately with their children! There will be a variety of games designed to support all ages and developmental levels.

Take time to be a family this month. Please remember that the family is the first church for children. Family is where we learn to love unconditionally. Family is a place of comfort, learning, and support. Enjoy your family and thank our Heavenly Father for the gift of your family.

Mrs. Lonneman



## Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,  
Standardized testing is next week and I want to make sure my child is prepared. Do you have any suggestions on how I can help my child do well on the test?

Sincerely,  
Tricks for Testing Time

Dear Tricks for Testing Time,  
Your child maybe the one taking the test, but there are definitely things you can do as a parent to ensure that your child is performing their best. Here are some tips for you to help your child on the day of the test:

- **Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.** Many teachers have reported that students who do not do well on tests did not get enough sleep or eat breakfast. If your child does both of these, they will be better able to perform their best.
- **Get to school on time. Don't let your child miss school.** Children tend to do better when they take the test with a group, rather than at the make up time. Unless your child is sick, make sure they have the opportunity to be at school and on time so they can take the test with the rest of their class.
- **Make each morning pleasant.** Try to make each morning as pleasant as possible. Don't engage in any unnecessary conflicts. This could add to your child's stress for the day and impact their performance on the test.
- **Remind your child the test is important.** You don't want to add more pressure onto your child, but you should remind them to try their hardest. Encourage your child the try their best. It even helps to go over the test with them at the end of each day. Ask them what they think they did well and what they wish they could have done differently. Going over testing strategies after the test can be just as beneficial as going over beforehand. These are skills students will always need for the future.

Have a question for the counselor? Email me at [nrauen@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:nrauen@teachers.stpiusx.com).

Mrs. Nikki Clark  
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St. Pius X School  
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### Healthy Tip of the Week:

HAVE A SUPERMARKET STRATEGY - We all know not to go food shopping when you're hungry. You end up with impulse buys and junk you then feel obligated to eat. Instead make a list and stick to it. Shop the perimeters of the store - that's where you will find the most whole foods. Include an indulgence or two so you don't feel deprived.



## What's New in the Classroom?



### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten Class enjoyed making Resurrection Eggs to help tell the story of Easter. They practiced the story with each other and then they went home to share with their families.



### First Grade

First grade has been comparing the past and present in our Social Studies unit. We've explored changes in schools, transportation, technology, and communication. Here are some students trying out phones through history.

### Second Grade

The 2nd graders were busy being Archeologists! They used toothpicks to dig out "fossils", or chocolate chips, just like an archeologist uses tools to dig for fossils!



### Sixth Grade

Homeroom 602 had Villanova in the NCAA March Madness competition and won! They celebrated their win on Tuesday with basketball cookies!



**Congratulations to the following students for receiving the March Subject Award for Music or the Monthly Exceptional Christian Behavior Award!**

**Christian Behavior Award**

Lauren Reeves  
Evan Link  
EJ Springob  
Anna Raziano  
Will Danneman  
Ben Nordmeyer  
Drew Carskadon  
Adison Witajewski  
Kate Davey  
Jacek Woods  
Jack Fleck  
Anthony Cento  
Luke Abeling  
Anna Farro  
Josie Knollman  
Alexus Nicholson  
Tyler Rennekamp  
Jonathan Fitz  
Jillian MacKnight  
Josh Tucker  
Luke Hardin  
Charlie Smith  
Abby Powers  
Ava Quigley  
Brennan Collins  
Alexis Diebold  
Caroline Barlage

**Subject Award for Music**

Olivia Middendorf  
Lauren Thacker  
Camilla Tranter  
Levi Sybert  
Brooklyn Hungler  
Michael Bischoff  
Kirtley Hannah  
Brigid Zekl  
Katelyn McDermott  
Leah Hickey  
Chloe Dunham  
Drew Huber  
Luke Abeling  
Kai Knasel  
Josie Knollman  
Katrina Hillebrand  
Will Fuller  
Meredith Maschinot  
Katie Crail  
Kevin Krebs  
Peyton Green  
Collin Gerwe  
Kade Kruer  
Kierstin Haas  
Carmen Thapar  
John Paul Mason  
Mary Camille Hagen

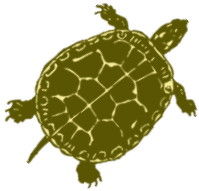




Congratulations to 7th grader, **Jaden Siemer**, who placed second in his category at the state Science Fair at Eastern Kentucky University last Saturday. Only the 1st and 2nd place winners from the regional fairs qualified. His project was called "Mind Over Matter, Does Aging Matter?", and he placed second in his category of Behavioral Sciences.



Congratulations also go out to **Trey Gronotte** who placed third in Science at the Diocesan Academic Showcase. Way to go!



### **The Wise Turtle: An Anthology of Seventh Grade Poetry**

After visiting the Dinsmore Homestead last November, the seventh grade chose to create a book of their poems and to donate the proceeds to Dinsmore, a nonprofit historic site which provides educational opportunities for students and adults alike. The poetry project is a major act of service and sacrifice.

Through a few sponsors and initial book orders, the seventh grade has raised one-fourth of the funds needed to pay the publication costs of \$4,000. Sponsors will be featured in ads and promotions for the book, *The Wise Turtle: An Anthology of Seventh Grade Poetry*, available in print in May. We welcome any and all sponsors. No contribution is too small! Of course, book orders help, too.

For more information, please see attached [flyer](#) or contact Jan Garbett, seventh grade language arts teacher, by email [jgarbett@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:jgarbett@teachers.stpiusx.com).

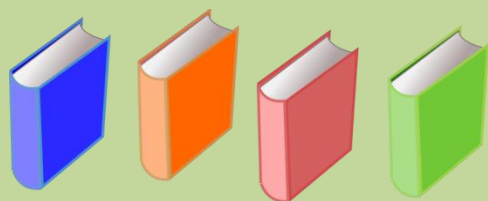
**Sixth and Seventh Grade Parents:** Within the next few weeks in Religion class, your children will be introduced to the beautiful teachings of Saint Pope John Paul II's **Theology of the Body**. An invitation to a **Parent Information Session** which is being held on **Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** was sent in the Tuesday folder on April 5. Please see the invitation for details! As a way to thank you for your support of this parent session, 6th and 7th grade students whose parents attend will be permitted to be out of uniform on Friday, April 15. Come and learn about this beautiful message of God's plan for love and life! Click [here](#) to see the invitation.





## 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](mailto: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!



## Attention All Parents!

Remember when you and your child attended the 2nd grade Jesus Day Retreat together? It was a fun afternoon for the two of you to learn about Jesus and our Catholic together. It took many gracious volunteers. We are in need again of adult volunteers to help with this year's Retreats.

Would you consider giving a few hours of your time? The dates are **Sunday April 10th or Sunday April 17th from 1:30-4pm.**

The only skill necessary is a willing heart. Please consider joining us for a fun afternoon to help others learn about Christ and our Catholic faith.

Call or email Chris Newman if you can help. [CNewman@staff.stpiusx.com](mailto:CNewman@staff.stpiusx.com) or 341-4900 ext. 206.

# 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-

- **Serra Club Altar Servers' Award** will be held on Sunday, 4/10. Students should arrive at the Cathedral Basilica by 2:15 for the 3:00 service.
- **Thank you** to all the parent volunteers who helped present **Everybody Counts** in the classroom. This year, over 40 parents volunteered their time for our students. Tomorrow, each grade will listen to one or two speakers share their personal experiences. We will also have a sign language interpreter signing all school Mass tomorrow.
- **Anne Frank: A History for Today:** In commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Month, the Boone County Library has a traveling exhibit, Anne Frank: A History for Today, on display at the Main Library in Burlington, through April 30. Additionally, Holocaust survivor Conrad Weiner is speaking at the Main Library, April 6 and April 13 at 7:00 PM. These events are especially significant for seventh and eighth grade students.

- **Dance Nation Classes:** Dance Nation is a part of Top -Flight Gymnastics in Crestview Hills, KY. Classes are available from 3 years of age through adults. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- **The Serra Club for Vocations**, Northern Kentucky, is currently selling ticket vouchers to the Florence Freedom doubleheader on Wednesday, June 22, to help raise money for their organization. Honorary first pitchers for the June 22 games include Sr. Theresa Falkenstein, C.D.P., Rev. Michael Hennigen and Deacon Bob Stoeckle. Ticket vouchers are \$10, and can be purchased through the Diocesan Stewardship Office or from individual Serra Club members. To purchase your tickets, please call Mike Murray at (859) 392-1500 or email Mike at [mmurray@covdio.org](mailto:mmurray@covdio.org). Thank you in advance for your support!
- **Parish Marian Display** will be after each Mass on the weekend of May 14-15. St. Pius X will have a display of the many faces of the Blessed Virgin Mary to honor Our Lady. If you have a picture or statue of Our Lady you would like to share with the parish on this weekend, please contact Terri Brass at 859-512-0239.
- **"Christ's followers are not individuals caught up in a privatized spirituality, but persons in community, devoting themselves to others."** – Pope Francis  
Many thanks to our parish and school community's response to the call to feed the hungry. Thanks to your generosity **50 local needy families** received groceries to prepare a proper Easter feast!! It is a wonderful way to celebrate Christ's love at Easter. Also a very special thanks to our "A-TEAM" - the Albrincks, Averbecks and Andrews - who helped collect, transport and unload donations for distribution on Holy Thursday. We couldn't have done it without them!!  
- Danette Doggett and Becky Maschinot
- **Thomas More College Girls' Basketball Camp** information available [here](#)
- **CovCath Camps & Covington Youth Football Program:** More info and online registration for the camps & CYF are available online at [covcath.org/summercamps](http://covcath.org/summercamps).
- **CCH Spirit Shop:** Open school days from 11:30 - 1:00, or shop online anytime at [covcath.org/spiritshop](http://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](http://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](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](tel:859-341-4900) or email @ [sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com).
- **Playground Duty Openings!** Please contact Kathy Carnes at [Kathleen.carnes@dinslaw.com](mailto: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](http://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.*