



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 4/15 - 8:00 All School Mass
7:00 Drama Club Presents *Annie Jr.*
Saturday 4/16 - 2:00 and 7:00 Drama Club Presents
Annie Jr.
Sunday 4/17 - 1:30-4:00 Jesus Day Retreat
Monday 4/18 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 1-4)
8th Grade goes to Cathedral
Tuesday 4/19 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Wednesday 4/20 - Skyline Night
Thursday 4/21 - Camp Joy (Gr. 8)
Friday 4/22 - No School for 8th Grade
Monday 4/25 - NO SCHOOL (In-Service Day)
Students in Gr. 2-7 will be testing this week!

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!



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

All parents **must** register on the FACTS Tuition Management System regardless of previous payment selection by **Friday, May 13th**. 2016-17 tuition information and simple steps to register on FACTS are available on St. Pius X School's [website](#) under "Facts announcement". You will need your parish ID# to register. This number can be found on your church weekly donation envelope. All tuition assistance requests must be completed through FACTS. The deadline for financial aids and grants is Friday, April 15th.

Principally Speaking

Dear Parent,

If finally looks and feels like spring has arrived! The students are thoroughly enjoying the warm weather and outdoor recess! This time of year provides families with such wonderful opportunities to get outside and to enjoy one another's company!

I would like to remind you to register for FACTS. All families **must register** regardless of payment choice or method. Also, you **must** choose a payment method in order to be registered. As of today, 132 families have registered. There are 384 families total.

It has come to my attention that some families thought they had registered but in fact had not because they did not choose a payment method. Please check your registration status as soon as possible. Also, the **deadline for applying for financial aid is April 15.**

Terra Nova testing is underway. Please make sure students are getting plenty of sleep and beginning the day with a good breakfast. Remind your student(s) that standardized tests give them the opportunity to show what they know. They should do their best but should not stress out over the tests.

Enjoy your week and try to spend time together as a family.

Mrs. Lonnemann

St. Pius X - Board of Total Catholic Education (BOTCE) **Nominations & Elections**

BOTCE's mission statement is to provide an opportunity to receive an excellent quality of Catholic education through superior leadership, service, and support to the Pastor, Director of Religious Education (DRE), and School Administration/Faculty. BOTCE is comprised of 9 voting members elected from the parish at large for three year terms and 4 permanent non-voting members. The 4 permanent non-voting members are the Pastor, the Principal, the Vice Principal, and the Director of Religious Education.

There are 3 member at large positions open for election this year. Thus, there will be an election on May 7th and May 8th 2016 after all the Masses. Any active parishioner, age 18 or older is eligible to serve on BOTCE. If you are interested, you can nominate yourself or you can nominate someone else who you feel may be interested in serving. Nomination forms will be in the back of church or can be obtained by contacting BOTCE President Chris Schutte (859-743-7163 or kbk@fuse.net). Nomination forms must be submitted by May 2nd 2016.

Further information about BOTCE, copies of the bylaws and policies, and the statement of the mission and goals can be found on the parish website (<http://www.stpiusx.com/BOTCE.shtml>).



Healthy Tip of the Week: Why is healthy eating important for my child? Many more children in the United States are being diagnosed with high cholesterol, or as overweight or obese. These conditions can cause many health problems for your child, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. These conditions can affect your child now and later as an adult.

By helping your child establish a healthy diet and regular exercise you can reduce his or her risk of experiencing these health problems.



What's New in the Classroom?



Third Grade

The Tremendous Third Graders had a blast learning about the Iditarod (the annual Alaskan dog sled race) during Social Studies. We learned about the rules of the race, how it all got started and we even picked a musher to follow! The 3rd grade hallway was decorated with the different checkpoints. We worked with our Iditarod buddy to research the race on our chromebooks and created our own Iditarod poem. Check out <http://iditarod.com/> for more information!

Also, Ashley really impressed her mom when she answered a question about the Iditarod correctly while they were watching Jeopardy! WOW!!!! This week we will be writing congratulations letters to our mushers! We hope they write us back!



Fourth Grade

The fourth grade has been extremely busy with our water unit! Every year, the 4th grade classes participate in the Sanitation District #1's water curriculum. This curriculum covers storm water, water pollution, and water conservation. After the students complete 5 lessons in a water log notebook, one lesson being taught by a representative from SD1, the students get to go on a field trip to SD1's Public Service Park. During this field trip, students experience various activities that teach about water conservation and environmental care. Not only do the kids learn a great deal about water, completing the program also earns a percentage off our storm water bill at St. Pius X! Way to go 4th grade and keep working to protect our waterways!



Fifth Grade

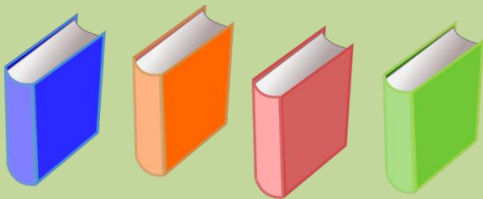
The 5th graders are currently reading *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. This mystery novel follows sixteen eccentric characters that have been accused of the death of Sam Westing. The heir that figures out the mystery wins the "game" along with 200 million dollars! The students are using the book to look for clues, make predictions and inferences, and learn about character development. This book is great for practicing the essential skill of finding proof and support with text evidence. This week the students made predictions as to which character they feel committed the crime and created Wanted posters using details from the text to draw the character and find motive for the crime.



Family Literacy Series

The Family Game Night that was scheduled for April 21st at 6:30pm has been CANCELLED.

We look forward to offering and seeing you at more Family Literacy Series events next school year.



Girls on the Run

This season the Girls on the Run team is having a lemonade stand to raise money for JDRF. JDRF stands for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This program helps find a cure for Diabetes Type 1 through research. This is important to us because one of the team members on GOTR is diabetic. This event is during your child's school day at lunch/recess on Wednesday April 27, 2016. It will be \$0.50 a cup and you can donate as much money as you want for this cause, but your child will only receive 1 cup of lemonade. Thank you for your donations, this is a great cause to donate and we are happy that our St. Pius X family is getting involved. By donating you will touch every girl on our teams' heart. Have a nice day!!!

5th Grade GOTR
Spring 2016



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!



PTG Vice President Opportunity!

St Pius X PTG is currently seeking someone to act as Vice President for the 2016/2017 school year. The position is extremely satisfying and minimally time consuming. Please consider joining our board today! Everyone interested, please contact our current President, Kathy Laws, for more information and to sign up (kathylaws@yahoo.com)



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.

Theology of the Body

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.



Scholarship Winner!

Congratulations to **Lincoln Bent** on being awarded the Brian and Kenny Williams Scholarship! This scholarship is given to one 8th grade Diocesan student going to Covington Catholic High School. To apply, students were asked to write an essay, provide their GPA and get a letter of recommendation.

Congratulations to Lincoln on a job well done!

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Upcoming Edgewood Events:**
[Roller skating night](#) this Sunday from 6:30 - 8:30pm
[Edgewood Night at Super Bowl](#) on 4/28/16 from 4-6pm
[Perennial Swap](#) May 7th at 10 am at Noll Shelter
[Yard Sale](#) on Saturday May 14th 9am - 12pm.
- **Covington Catholic High School presents "ENGINEERING NIGHT"** on Sunday, April 17th from 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the CCH Gym. CovCath's Introduction to Engineering Design students will present their Reverse Engineering Projects at 25 different stations. Principles of Engineering students will present projects and Robotics demonstrations will be showcased as well. Please attend to see the CCH STEM program in action!
- **Dixie Youth Raiders Football & Cheerleading Signups:** Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at Freedom Park from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Larosa's Sign and Dine, April 26th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Please see our website for details <http://www.raideryouthfootball.com/>
- **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. 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, Averbeks 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.
- **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.