



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 4/22 - 8:00 All School Mass
No School for 8th Grade
Monday 4/25 - NO SCHOOL (In-Service Day)
Tuesday 4/26 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Progress Reports sent home (Gr. K-3)
Thursday 4/28 - First Communion Practice (6-8:00pm)
Friday 4/29 - 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

CORRECTION TO SCHOOL CALENDAR: May 17th is Election Day and we will have Private Transportation on that day. May 24th we will have bus service as Kenton County Schools will still be in session on that day. May 31st will be our last day of school. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

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



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

All parents **must** register on the FACTS Tuition Management System regardless of previous payment selection. The deadline to complete this was **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.

Family Literacy Series Cancelled

Our Family Game Night, on April 21st from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms, has been **CANCELLED**. We hope to offer more events in our Literacy Series next year.

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

The students have completed their standardized testing for the year. We appreciate your support during these last two weeks in making sure they were ready for testing. In the next couple of weeks, sixth and seventh grades are beginning the program *Theology of the Body for Teens*. Programs like this remind us of how blessed we are to have our children in a Catholic school. Teachers and parents can work together to help our teens become the adults that God created them to be.

We are heading into the last month of school. Our last day is May 31 and the 8th graders will be graduating that same day. Although May can be busy with activities and warm weather, we need for the students to continue to give their best effort every day.

It is imperative that every family register with FACTS in order for the registration process to be complete. The link to FACTS is on the website.

Lastly, our gift this month is the gift of family. The family that prays together stays together. Our children just wish for the gift of our time. Summer allows us to relax and spend time with each other and with God. Spending time with each other is not expensive but priceless!

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs. Greenwell



Summer 2016 Camp

Give your 4th through 8th grade student the wonderful opportunity to write computer games or animate stories this summer. The summer camp programming projects will encourage creative and critical thinking. The two summer sessions are being offered the week of 6/13 to 6/17. Scratch programming is from 9:00 to 11:00 for \$90 and ALICE programming is from 12:00 to 2:00 for \$90. The enrollment will be limited to 12 students per session. Click [here](#) for more information!



Counselor's Corner:

Dear Mrs. Clark,

I'd like to find different ways to get my children involved with volunteering and community service. Do you have any tips on how I can encourage my children to give back to their community?

Sincerely,

Caring for our Community

Dear Caring for our Community,

April is Community Service Month and Keep America Beautiful Month so this is the perfect opportunity to encourage your children to volunteer more. There are so many valuable life skills that kids can be taught when they volunteer. Here are a few tips to help you introduce volunteering into your family:

- **Start at an early age.** If you start getting your child involved in volunteer opportunities while they are young (ages 10 and younger), you will create a lasting impression that will carry with them into adulthood.
- **Make it fun!** Students in middle school and junior high are required to meet a certain goal for community service hours. Some students might start to view this as a chore or something they are doing because they have to. Help your student find a volunteer opportunity that they will be engaged in and find fun. This will help to foster a positive attitude towards community service.
- **Try something new like "Voluntourism".** Instead of going on a traditional vacation, try spending your vacation time helping others. There are many opportunities out there for families who are interested in volunteering time on their vacation, both in the U.S. and abroad. USA Today has compiled a list of the ten best family volunteer vacations which includes things from helping at a theme park for children with serious illnesses to feeding animals at an animal sanctuary.
(<http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/10greatplaces/2014/03/13/family-volunteer-travel-vacation/6372067/>)
- **Mix it up.** Give your child many different opportunities when it comes to volunteering. There are no rules; just find what works best for your family's lifestyle .

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

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Healthy Tip of the Week:



How can I help my child eat right? Set an example for your child. If you prepare nutritious foods for your family and eat healthy foods yourself, your child will eat healthier too. Make sure to provide a variety of foods so your family gets all the vitamins and minerals their bodies need to function properly.



What's New in the Classroom?



Sixth Grade

In the fifth and sixth grade math class we have used Scratch to introduce some math concepts. Scratch is an online computer programming language. It provides a palette of commands the students may select to create their computer programs. The students use their Chromebooks to access and run their scratch programs. Scratch makes the math concepts intuitive and interesting.

In the fifth grade the students used Scratch to introduce the concept of adding fractions and decimals. The song Hot Cross Buns is made up of eighth notes, quarter notes and half notes. Each measure of the song gets four beats. This gave the students an opportunity to see how the addition of fractions and decimals is part of their daily lives.

In the sixth grade the students used Scratch to introduce the concept of inequalities. The students wrote a High - Low game. The game prompts the user for a number between 1 and 10. The program checks the number and lets the user know if their guess is too high, low or correct. Some of the students completed the challenge to modify the program to prompt the user for a number from -10 to 10. This was a fun game that required the students to use inequalities. The students enjoy using technology in the math classrooms to make the math concepts more interesting and intuitive.

Seventh Grade

For the past two weeks, seventh grade has been learning about endangered species. Students chose an endangered animal to research, then they created a Slides Presentation on Google and presented their findings to the class. Seventh graders learned about animals that had been unfamiliar to them; they also learned specific ways that can prevent the extinction of certain animal groups. The projects turned out well, and students enjoyed the project.

Mathematically, seventh grade continues to be earnestly engaged in solving equations, equations, and more equations, especially those that require multi-steps. Additionally, these competent mathematicians are exploring geometric concepts, specifically area.

In language arts, students are reading in groups tiered by gender. The boys are pursuing *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*; girls are reading *I Have Lived a Thousand Years*. Each has a topic to research on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum site which is an excellent source for understanding World War II and that tragic era known as the Holocaust.

Eighth Grade

The Everybody Counts program is offered at St. Pius X School each year and is such a valuable gift to our students. Each grade level learns about a different disability through speakers and demonstrations. Our goal is education and the development of Compassion and Empathy. Through this program, students realize that many people are dealing with difficulties that they may or may not be able to see, and that each of us is called to be the hands of Jesus to everyone we meet.

8th graders heard from a young woman suffering from Alopecia. Alopecia sufferers lose their hair, and the speaker shared how she was bullied throughout her school years. Our students were attentive and compassionate, and our follow-up discussion allowed us to focus on bullying - how that makes people feel and what we can do to prevent such behavior. Everybody Counts is a wonderful program, and we are blessed to have the opportunity to realize how we can become the hands of Christ to others throughout our lives.



Many thanks to the following students who participated in the Library Birthday Club on April 14th: Adison Witajewski, Kimmie Woeste, Evan Thacker, Maya Dailey, Landon Dailey, Charlotte Little, Maddie Janszen, Ben Reeves, Charlie Reeves, Lauren Reeves, Ivy Mullins, Emily Ehrman, Thomas Ehrman, Abby Carnes, Ayden Laake, Katelyn Davey, Malia Christensen, Olivia Eibel, Gwendolyn Whelan, Annette Cento, Sam Baker, Mrs. Cecilia Baker, Luke Darpel, Brooklyn Boren, Ava Hehman, Avery Sturgeon, Madison Walker, Anna Neubacher, Will Dusing, Sean Dusing, Kate Dusing, Madison Hagedorn, Ella Wright, Alexandria Starke, Ty Copeland, Mason McQuade, Andrew VonLehman, Luna Woods, Kirtley Hanna, Ben Ireland, Henry Barlage, Lauren Pence, Max Deavey, Garrett Berkemeier, Drew Kaufman, Norah Fathman, Emily Creed, Jack Blau, Zoe Doerger, Ella Farro, Reid Hartzler, Trinity Callahan, Nolan Bonta, Ava Holocher, Matthew Vann, Ellie Bischoff, Michael Bischoff, Richard Tapke, Teagan Kruer and Tate Kruer.

Through the generosity of these students and their parents, our school library continues to grow. We also wish to thank Mrs. Christine Gallagher, Mrs. Mary Ruberg, Mrs. Emily Ireland and Mrs. Mary Fender for all of their help this 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



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.

ODDS AND ENDS-

- **It's time to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program!** Please see this [flyer](#) for instructions. If you want to enroll for the first time, and have questions, please contact Stefanie Reid at 859.578.9939 or stefa5678@gmail.com.
- **Youth Group News:**
 - Mini March for Life:** April 30th the youth group will join St. Pius parishioners and Life's 5th Quarter in a mini march from 8am - 10m in Cincinnati. Details were in this past Sunday's bulletin. Please join and invite friends, neighbors, relatives of all ages!
 - Nuke Em/Newcomb Ball Tournament:** The St. Pius youth group is hosting a Nuke Em/Newcomb Ball tournament on Friday May 13th from 6:30-8:30p. This is open to the whole diocese - 6-8th graders will play in the PAC and high schoolers in the gym. A \$3 cash donation at the door per player (which will go to Holy Name Church in Cincinnati, who is affiliated with the pro life group, Life's 5th Quarter) is requested. People may sign up [HERE](#) as either whole teams (9-12 players) OR individuals and groups that will be placed on a team. It will be SUPER fun (as always) -we even have a team of clergy signing up to play!
For non electronic version they can go to the St. Pius church or school homepage to sign up :)
- **2016 SPX Summer Festival Student Contest** - The goal of the contest is to promote the Grand Raffle and sell tickets. The grade who sells the most tickets will win a pizza party to be held on May 20th. Completed entry forms, cash and/or checks or online submissions must be returned to the school by May 6th. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **St. Pius X Athletic Association** is looking to fill two spots on it's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee guides all sports at St. Pius, and also works with other schools to create better leagues and an all around positive experience for the students of St. Pius. If you are interested in running for one of these positions or have questions about what is involved, please contact Kevin Larkin (klark@killthecan.org) or Josh Browning (joshuaabrowning@gmail.com). The election will be held on Thursday May 19th.
- **Attention all 7th Grade Girls!** Join in all of the "Pandamonium" at the Notre Dame Academy 7th Grade Olympic Day on Friday, May 6, 2016, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Don't miss this afternoon of fun, friends and food. The event is FREE, however, you can start *Making a Difference* in the lives of others with a donation of 2 canned goods that will be delivered to a local food shelter. For more information contact NDA's Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari, at [859.292.1829](tel:859.292.1829) or click [here](#).
- **Laffalot Summer Camp** information available [here](#).

- **Kings Basketball Academy** information available [here](#).
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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](#).
- **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.
- **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.