



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 5/6 - 8:00 All School Mass
Monday 5/9 - 8:00 Mass (Gr.1-4)
Reconciliation (Gr. 5-8)
Tuesday 5/10 - 8:00 Mass (Gr. 5-8)
Thursday 5/12 - BOOSTERTHON
Friday 5/13 - 8:00 All School Mass
Tuesday 5/17 - **Private Transportation**

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 with 11:00 dismissal. 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 is **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.



We kicked off our Boosterthon Fundraiser earlier this week and all of the fun will culminate with our **Boosterthon Fun Runs and Color Run NEXT THURSDAY, May 12TH**! Our students enjoyed awesome pep rallies earlier

this week, and will have daily team building meetings featuring our theme **BIG WORLD RECESS**, a global fitness theme all about playing sports with character. Every teacher and principals are getting in on the action. So much so that, **if our students reach our goal, Mrs. Lonneman and Mrs. Greenwell have agreed to be duct-taped to the wall and silly stringed by our students!** Possibly even have pies in their faces! Needless to say, the kids are excited and we hope you are too - our goal is to raise \$25,000, and we need YOUR help!

The entire experience is a fun, team building, fitness event that will help our school raise much-needed funds for our new Science Fusion and Tech books. Participating is easy...

- Please create your account at <https://funrun.com>
- Please add your student/students to your account using SPX's registration codes: **167-798 (for Kindergarten-4th grade)** or **945-544 (for 5th-8th grade)**. ALL students receive a **FREE GIFT** just by having their parent or guardian register them.
- Click "View participants dashboard" and reach out for support by connecting with 10 people that may sponsor your student in the "Fun Run". **Emailing or sharing on Facebook is easy directly from your students "dashboard"**. **Anyone can sponsor ANY STUDENT.**
- If you would rather email personally or have other ways of securing sponsors, simply click the "Copy & Share This Link" link on your students dashboard and give this link to your potential sponsors so your child will receive credit .
- Sponsors can, if they choose, easily pay for pledges by credit card online.
- There are tons of fun ways to reach out for support (eg: social media) and you/your kids can even create custom videos. Awesome ideas are available via the "get pledges" tab on your students "dashboard" at <https://funrun.com>
- If every student got 10 people to sponsor them \$1 per lap (\$35 total) we would have all of the funds necessary to implement our new Science Fusion program, propelling our students to excellence in learning.
- **Join us NEXT THURSDAY @ the SPX Fun Runs and Color Run!** All students are invited to participate, regardless of financial participation, and will be running 30-35 laps on the lower baseball fields and we would love for you to come out and **CHEER THEM ON!**

Please watch this video <https://vimeo.com/46523531> for more information on the event and how it will benefit our students and school, and...We are very excited for the 2016 Boosterthon Fun & Color Runs - **see you next Thursday!**

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, I wanted to thank every family for all of the ways you made St. Pius teachers and staff feel loved during Teacher Appreciation Week. The food, cards, and words of encouragement meant more than you will ever know!

I want to thank all families who have registered with Facts. We now have 250 of the 384 families registered. We will hold a thank you raffle tomorrow for those in the Facts system before noon.

Also, thank you for supporting our Boosterthon Fun Run efforts. Students and staff are having a blast! The Boosterthon staff has been meeting with students daily to reinforce the theme of World Recess. This theme incorporates a lesson about a different country each day, teaches a new character trait or virtue, and shares a Bible verse that ties into the virtue. Students participate in fun team building activities and are recognized for participation. Overall, I have been very pleased with the SPX Panther response.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the ways you make St. Pius X School the best around! Your support and generosity are amazing and so appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Jill Lonnemann



Hello Everyone! Girls on the Run would like to say THANK YOU for your generosity for the Lemonade Stand for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The total amount raised was \$222.86

Thank you for participating in our fundraiser and helping out with this cause. We are so happy that we can make this contribution to help others.

Help Support GOTR!!

Our big race is Saturday, 5/7/16. It will begin at Paul Brown Stadium. It begins at 10:00am. Registration begins at 8:00am. Come join us for some fun and a 5K! You can register on line at www.gotrcincinnati.org

Thanks Again,

Girls on the Run, Spring 2016



Counselor's Corner:



Dear Mrs. Clark,

I'm hoping you can help me. I have a fourth grader who has expressed to me that she does not want to leave her teacher after this school year. She says that she doesn't want to go to the fifth grade. I think she is scared and nervous about the transition. Do you have any suggestions on things I can do to help prepare her for next year?

Sincerely,

Nervous About Next Year

Dear Nervous About Next Year,

I have found that there are a lot of students who become nervous at the end of the school year because they are concerned for what the next year will bring. I would take the time to reassure your student that this is perfectly normal and that she isn't the only one worried about the big "jump" upstairs. Here are a few suggestions to help your student feel confident about moving on to the next grade level, whether it be first grade, fifth grade or even high school:

- **Discuss and work out a plan for the logistics of the change.** Regardless if they are staying in the same building or going to a new one for high school, many children worry about if they will be able to find their new classroom or rooms on the first day. Many older students will also worry about remembering their class schedule. Take some time before the new year starts to talk to your child about a plan to help them figure out where they need to go. Make copies of their class schedule so they can tape one inside their planner, another inside their locker and an extra in case they lose the others. Also, take time to come up before school starts so your child can do a walk through and get a feel for their new routine. You can also see if their teacher is available for them to come in early and meet them one on one.
- **Discuss any academic concerns your child has.** Many students worry about the transition to the next grade level because they believe it is harder than their previous years. Take time this summer to talk to your child about strategies that will help ease their concerns. For example, work with them on time management skills or create an organizational system that works for them.
- **Establish routines.** This is especially true for students making the transition to high school. Your child may think that this new change means more freedom for them but unfortunately this might set them up for failure. Encourage your child to set up an after-school routine as soon as the year starts to ensure homework gets done and they stay organized.
- **Don't end your involvement. Just change it.** Your child is getting older and may not want you volunteering at their school as much. This doesn't mean you still can't show an interest in what they are doing at school. Take time to talk to your child about their day. This is something you can even start practicing on this summer. Talk to your child about what they are excited about when school starts again and what they are worried about. Show your child that you care about their transition to a new grade level just as much as they do.

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

Mrs. Nikki Clark

School Counselor/Academic Resource

St. Pius X School

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Healthy Tip of the Week

Gimme five! Eat fruits and vegetables with each meal and as tasty snacks! Fruits and vegetables are among the most important foods for giving us enough vitamins, minerals and fiber. We should all try to eat at least 5 servings a day.

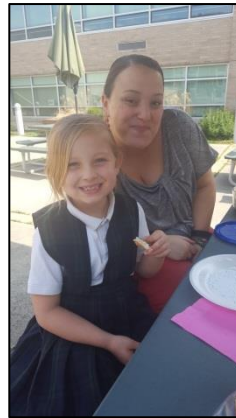
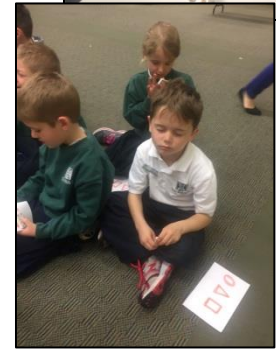


What's New in the Classroom?



Kindergarten

The three kindergarten classes recently enjoyed an outing to the Children's Theater of Cincinnati to see the Shrek Jr. musical. Students learned all about the genre of fiction and did several language arts lessons on fairy tales before the field trip. They all enjoyed the live theater experience and laughed a lot! We are grateful to PTG for this wonderful enrichment opportunity. Kindergarten also participated in Everybody Counts- a wonderful program that exposes the students to different disabilities, recognizing everyone's worth in God's eyes. We ended with an amazing speaker: a 12 year girl with sight impairment, who explained to the kindergarteners that she lives every day for the Glory of God!



First Grade

The first grade teachers enjoyed a fun lunch in the courtyard with some very lucky ladies. This was a reward from the Enchanted Evening fundraiser! After lunch, the students got to decorate cookies with icing and sprinkles! Thanks PTG for supporting such a fun time!



Second Grade

The 2nd graders spent the last few weeks preparing for their First Holy Communion. Mrs. Greenwell visited them to read the story "The Weight of the Mass" and to share about Eucharistic miracles. Last Wednesday, they visited the Passionist Nuns in Erlanger, KY to learn how the hosts are made for Holy Communion. All of their preparation led up to a beautiful Sunday where they received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time in front of teachers, family, and friends. Congratulations to our 2nd graders on receiving a very important Sacrament.

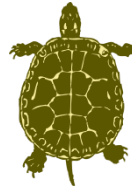
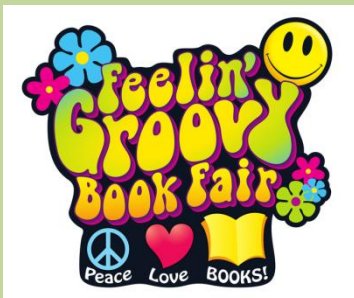




BOOK FAIR IS COMING

Mark your calendars for the week of May 16th so you can come and visit our Book Fair in the library. Every student will have the opportunity to shop at the Book Fair during their regularly scheduled library time. We invite parents, grandparents, or a friend to shop with the students during their scheduled time. For a complete list of class times, please see the volunteer sign-up sheet link below which can also be found on the school website. There will be an online sale open beginning May 8th so you can shop at your convenience and have access to many more titles carried by the Scholastic company. Click [here](#) for the school's Book Fair homepage and to shop online. Stock up on some books for your summer reading and help support your school library!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed: Many volunteers are needed for our Book Fair to be a success. If you would like to help with setup or volunteer during your child's library period, please click [here](#) to sign up. THANK YOU!!



Poetry Reading and Book Signing

The seventh grade will host a poetry reading and book signing for their book, *The Wise Turtle*. This is for parents, grandparents, and any other interested adults on Friday, May 20 from 12:30 to 1:30 in the PMRs. Students will have the opportunity to share their poems and to autograph books. Cathy Collopy, representing the Dinsmore Homestead, will briefly discuss the collaborative effort between the St. Pius seventh grade and Dinsmore.

The students will also co-host a poetry reading, book signing, and lemonade stand at Dinsmore on Sunday, May 15, 1:00 to 4:00. This is voluntary; a sign up sheet will be sent home.

See Mrs. Garbett, 701 for more details.



Field Day Items Needed!

We are in need of empty spray bottles with a trigger , i.e. Windex bottle, and old sunglasses. The sunglasses do need to have the lenses. Please send them to Mrs. Nageleisen as soon as possible. Thanks!

Pringles Can Needed!

We are looking to have another successful summer festival. Our success comes from the support of our parish and school families. The festival committee is asking each student to donate 1 unopened can of Pringles for our Pringle Can Ring Toss game. The donation of the cans of Pringles really helped last year, so we are looking for the same support. If you choose to donate a can of Pringles, then please bring them to the main office starting Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 13th. Thank you.



ODDS AND ENDS-

- **Fall Girls Volleyball:** Registration is now open for Girls Fall 2016 volleyball for incoming grades 3-8. Please register at the website St. Pius X Athletics > Home. Follow instructions for girls volleyball 2016. Please make sure you are registering for the correct grade for the 2016- 2017 school year. Volleyball open gym for grades 6 is Monday May 9, 4:00 - 5:30. Grade 7, 5:45- 7:15 and Grade 8, 7:30 - 9:00. Tryouts will be May 16 same gym times. Questions please contact Suzanne Baute clevelandsdawgpound@yahoo.com or 859-653-4203.
- **Griffin Elite Youth Summer Sports Camps:** Griffin Elite Sports & Wellness is teaming up with the area's best current & former players & coaches to offer specialty sports skills development to our youth! We will be hosting basketball camps, volleyball camps, soccer camps, baseball camps, 3v3 basketball & soccer tournaments and more to come! Click here to find out more and to register: <http://www.griffinelite.com/#!camps/biv1h>
- **Enriching Kidz is offering our Better Baby Sitter and Kidz Home Alone classes** at Lakeside Christian Church. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information.
- **ExploreMore!** is a popular enrichment program designed to meet the needs of academically, creatively, and artistically gifted students from kindergarten through sixth grade. We offer an ever-changing variety of courses in science, mathematics, visual and performing arts, and original interdisciplinary studies. Students choose their own classes on a first-come first-served basis. The ExploreMore! Program's Summer 2016 courses will be held June 6-10. The daily classes meet from 8:30 - 11:30 AM at Covington Latin School. Students may register online at <http://exploremore.rocks>. We have limited financial aid available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- **Attention all boys in grades 6-8 for the 2016-2017 school year!** Covington Catholic middle school cross country team wants you to run for them! Practices usually start mid-August (around the first week of school). In the past, they have been on Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 pm at St. Agnes. There are usually 4-6 meets in the fall and the meet distance is from 1.5-2.0 miles. The coaches are very flexible with other sports/practices. If your son is interested or if you have any questions, please email Peggy Henn at phenn@sjs crescent.org. Thanks!
- **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!

- The Wise Turtle: An Anthology of Seventh Grade Poetry:** The seventh grade chose to create a book of their poems and donate the proceeds to the Dinsmore Homestead. 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
- NDA Summer Camps:** Whether you are artistic, musical, athletic, dramatic or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! NDA offers camps in music, art, theater, and athletic camps in basketball, volleyball, archery, soccer and lacrosse. Check out all of the amazing opportunities available at NDA this summer at: www.ndapandas.org.
- 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 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.** Parents able to help chaperone or run registration please email Ashley Marshall at abb171@gmail.com.
- 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](#).

- **Kings Basketball Academy** information available [here](#)
- **Laffalot Summer Camp** information available [here](#). They are running a promotion from May 1-May 7 where campers receive \$7 off the price if they register online with the promo code 7FOR7.
- **Upcoming Edgewood Events:**
[Perennial Swap](#) May 7th at 10 am at Noll Shelter
[Yard Sale](#) on Saturday May 14th 9am - 12pm.
- **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. Some web browsers may be more compatible than others when trying to register for camp, so we suggest for users to use Google Chrome when attempting to register. 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.
- **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 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.