



Saint Pius X School Newsletter

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Calendar Highlights

- 8/27 Mass, 8:30 am followed by 8th grade "Back to School Breakfast"
- 8/28 Volleyball @ SLS, 9:30 am
- 8/30 Hot Lunch Begins
PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm (Alumni Auditorium) followed by classroom visitation (K-8)
- 8/31 No School Mass
Soccer @ FCD, 4:30pm
- 9/2 Blood Drive
Soccer @ SPX vs. GDS, 4 pm
- 9/3 Dress Down Day – Peru (\$1.00 donation)
- 9/6 Labor Day – No School
- 9/7 Mass, 8:30 am
Soccer @ BMHS, 5 pm
- 9/8 Bake Sale (Gr. 3)

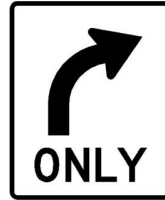
Saint Pius X School Mission Statement

Our mission, as a Catholic faith oriented school, is "to make one's faith become living, conscious, and active through the light of instruction." Our program strives to develop in each student a positive self-image with all the skills needed to assume Christian responsibility and become a contributor to our changing society. We recognize the importance of a strong partnership within our school community.

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From the principal



**MORNING AND AFTERNOON CARPOOL:
RIGHT TURN ONLY**

August 26, 2010

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

What a great start to the school year! It has been such a joy to see our returning students back at school and to welcome our new students. Throughout this year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the office, Mrs. Flynt, or me if you have any questions or concerns.

I promise that the time it takes to get through the morning and afternoon carpool lines will shorten as families get into routines, carpools are organized, and more extra-curricular activities begin. However, a few simple precautions can greatly shorten the time. Please, only **turn right** when exiting our parking lot when the carpool line is moving. I do understand that many of you may need to be driving in the opposite direction, but both Elm and Cornwallis have convenient side roads enabling you to drive around the block in order for you to get to where you need to go. Carpools that include students in grades 6-8 should use the back carpool line only. Please make sure your students are ready to exit your car as soon as you are safely stopped in line. Also, it is very crucial for our students' safety and for the safety of the other drivers that you are not talking on your cell phone during carpool. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

I also appreciate your patience as we transition to our new uniform company, Land's End Uniforms. Many of you, including myself, have had trouble ordering the correct PE uniform with the logo heat transfer. The problems on the Land's End website have now been corrected. Land's End has a 100% satisfaction guarantee. If you have ordered either the wrong uniform or if your PE shorts and/or t-shirts do not have the heat transferred logo, please exchange them for the correct item. One parent shared with me that her child's incorrect uniforms with names already written inside the collar were able to be returned with no hassle. Free shipping returns and orders may be made at Sears.

I hope you are planning on attending Monday night's PTO meeting. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the Alumni Auditorium and will be followed by K-5 teacher presentations in your child's classroom. Middle School teachers will also hold a middle school open house so that you may tour the classrooms.

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke

THE SCHOOL DIRECTORY AND HANDBOOK will soon go to print. If you **DO NOT** wish to have your telephone number and address listed for distribution to school families, please contact the school office tomorrow.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE, PARISH, PHONE NUMBER – If a change of residence or telephone number occurs, a parent must notify the school office at once. Also, a parent must notify the school office of a change in a work number and/or cellular number so the school may keep every student's emergency card up to date. It is extremely important for security that all student records are kept up to date. Because of subsidy paid by the parishes, a parent must notify the school, current parish, and previous parish in writing when there is a change in parish membership. Each parish has its own policy regarding subsidy payment of student.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – ALL articles and inserts for the Thursday Newsletter **MUST** be submitted via email no later than Monday afternoon at 3:00 pm of the week that you would like your article to run. *Information received after that time will be included in the following week's newsletter.* Please email your information to Jean Navarro at jnavarro@spxschool.com.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS will be offered on Sat., Sept. 18 and Sat., Nov. 13 from 9am -12 pm in the St. Pius X School Media Center. You must pre-register for this workshop at www.virtus.org. All school parents are required to attend a workshop before volunteering. Please bring your certificate of completion to the school office and complete a Background Check Form.

INFORMATION NEEDED – All Student Emergency Cards and Photo/Video Release Forms are to be completed and returned to school tomorrow. If you plan to drive for any class field trips, you must also complete a Volunteer Driver Form (under Forms on spxschool.com website). Each driver in the family who plans to drive for field trips must complete a form. Also, volunteer drivers must complete the Protecting God's Children Workshop and a Background Check Form.

VOICEMAIL LISTING – Included in today's Thursday folder is a copy of the SPX Faculty/Staff Voicemail Directory. Please refer to this sheet if you would like to leave a voicemail for an SPX faculty or staff member. Simply dial the school voicemail only number, 273-4584 and enter the extension of the person you are trying to reach. You may wish to enter this number in your cell phone contacts. If you do not know the extension of the person you are trying to reach, you will be prompted to dial 9 for a school directory.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM – Registration for SPX Performing Ensembles will continue through September 3, 2010. Violin and Guitar Ensembles are open to students in grades K-8. Band and Choir are open to students in grades 4-8. Check Miss Blanton's website for schedules and registration information. For more information, contact Miss Blanton @ 273-9865, ext. 110 or cbblanton@spxschool.com.

STUDENT PLANNER UPDATE: Please make the following correction to the handbook section of your student's planner: If your student leaves school **BEFORE 2PM**, it will be considered a half day. We apologize for any inconvenience.

THE COMET: Student Literary Magazine – We are ready to get the press rolling for The Comet, our school's new literary magazine. The formation of a Journalism Club is vital to the editing and publishing of this student magazine.

All students in grades K-8 may submit a letter of interest to their homeroom teacher addressed to the faculty advisors of the Journalism Club (Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ruddy, and Mrs. Cotton). Letters should explain why a student has an interest in joining the St. Pius X Journalism Club and what qualities and talents they have that would make them an effective team member. Students should turn in their letter of interest no later than Friday, September 3. Any letters received after this date, will not be considered for membership this school year.

If you were a Journalism Club member last year, please stop and see Mrs. Parker or Mrs. Ruddy to confirm the continuation of your membership.

BEVERAGE, SNACK/ICE CREAM COUPONS - For your convenience, a Coupon Order Form for Beverages, Ice Cream and Snacks was included in this week's Thursday newsletter. In the future, you will find this form under the Forms section of the St. Pius X School website: www.spxschool.com. Coupon Order Forms are also available in the brochure holder in the front lobby of the school. Please remember that the forms must be returned in your child's Thursday folder. The orders will be processed and coupons will be sent home in the following week's Thursday folder. If you have any questions, please contact LeeAnn Clark @ 273-4584, ext. 136.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE - Your help is needed! St. Pius X School and Church will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 2 from 8:00am-12:30pm and 2:00-6:30pm. We really need Parents and friends of our Students to give the "Gift of Life". It truly is a gift. As a parent of a child who received many blood transfusions, I am truly grateful for every person that donated blood to save her life. The process is very easy. Simply make an appointment, show up, relax in a chair, and let the wonderful people from the Red Cross assist you. After your donation, you will enjoy a snack and drink, and be proud of yourself for giving "The gift of Life".

To Register, visit: www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule, then click on "search by sponsor code", and enter 3350, or you may call Wood Regan at 854-5522, or myself at 545-8047.

Also, if anyone is interested in making brownies, cookies, cakes, etc. as a snack for those who donate blood, please contact me at 545-8047. Thank you so much for all you do!

Amy Reilly
SPX School Blood Drive
Coordinator

BISHOP MCGUINNESS BACK TO SCHOOL BASH for students in grades 7-9 from any Triad Area Catholic School on Saturday, August 28. Junior Villains middle school football game at 7pm at BMHS followed by a dance until 11pm in the BMHS cafeteria. Ten dollar admission includes food, drinks, and DJ.

HOT LUNCH UPDATE -

Parents, there is still time to sign up to volunteer for hot lunch. Coordinators for each day are listed below. To volunteer, just contact the person that coordinates the day that best suits your schedule.

Monday - Backyard Burgers

Mary Edmonds 643-0469

Tuesday - Barberitos

Kelly McDonald 333-5787

Wednesday - Quiznos

Therese Chase 644-9196

Thursday - Chick Fil A

Gina Decker 545-9910

Friday - Elizabeth's Pizza

Kristin Lloyd 605-5566

HOT LUNCH BEGINS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2010

HOT LUNCH ORDER PERIOD #2:

9/13/10 - 9/24/10

START ONLINE ORDER: 8/30/10

CUTOFFDATE: 9/8/10

HARRIS TEETER – TOGETHER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

– Start earning money for St. Pius X School every time you shop at your local Harris Teeter grocery store. When you purchase select Harris Teeter Private Label Products using your VIC Card, Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of those purchase dollars to St. Pius X School. It's easy to join! Simply link your VIC Card to St. Pius X School using the code number 1852. You can do this online at www.harristeeter.com, by registering at the customer service desk at your local HT store, or by completing the enclosed VIC Card Link Form. The program runs from August – May every school year.

HEALTH ROOM NOTES - As children return to school, there is always an increase in illness. If your child complains in the morning that he or she does not feel well, the responsible thing to do is to keep your child home and monitored. Please do not give your child medicine in the morning and expect him or her to function for the day. Students who are sent to school sick infect all those around them.

If your child is absent from school, you are required to phone the school to notify us of the reason for absence. Please call our voicemail number, 273-4584 and dial ext. 104 (the nurse's office) and leave a message explaining the illness. The day that your child returns after an absence, a note from a parent is required explaining the absence from school. Even if you have phoned the school, your child still needs a written note upon returning to school.

MEDICATION – A doctor's signature is required for all medication dispensed to students while at school. This includes both prescription and over the counter medications. State law prohibits schools from supplying "over the counter" medication to students. If it is necessary for non-prescription or prescription medication to be administered during the school day, please fill out the medical form (physician's signature required) and send to school with the medication. If the student is allowed to self administer insulin, Epi Pen, or Asthma Inhaler, a Self-Medicating Student/ Parent/ Physician Agreement must be completed. The Medication Form and the Self-Medicating Agreement Form are available under the Forms section of the school website: www.spxschool.com.

SPX BOOSTER UPDATE

GO COMETS!

Black & Gold Booster Memberships are now available. Thanks to all the families that have joined as SPX Booster Members over the summer!

Exciting new SPX "Spirit Shirts" are available in all sizes in yellow and gray. SPX socks are also available and make for great Spirit Wear.

Spirit Wear will be on sale on Monday, August 30 at 6:00 PM before the PTO Meeting. (Remember to bring your checkbook.) Don't forget, our first "Spirit Day" is Friday, October 1st.

Fall Update:

- **Thursday, September 2.....First Home Soccer game**
- **Sunday, September 5..... First Home Volleyball game**
- **Friday, October 1.....Spirit Day at SPX. Wear your spirit wear!!**
- **Saturday, October 2.....SPX Church & School Fall Festival Celebration, 12-4 pm, SPX Boosters will sell hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch.**
- **Thursday, October 14.....Silpada jewelry for sale at the Kloster Center. Everyone welcome!**
- **Saturday, November 20..... First home basketball games vs. OLM. Wear your spirit wear!!!!**
- **Saturday, November 20..... First annual VIP Parking Space Auction. We will be auctioning two VIP spaces, one for JV Basketball and one Varsity Basketball home games.**

Come have some fun and support the comets! Don't forget to wear your Spirit Wear to the games and on Spirit Day!!!!

Good Luck and Go Comets!

2010-11 School Year Coupon Order Form

Last Name: _____ Oldest Child's Homeroom: _____

<u>Cost</u>	<u># of sheets</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beverage Coupons: \$5.00 per sheet of 10 coupons	_____	_____
Ice Cream/Snack Coupons: \$6.00 per sheet of 10 coupons	_____	_____
Grand Total	_____	_____

Please make checks payable to: St. Pius X School

Return order form and check in Thursday folder

OFFICE USE ONLY Check # _____ Date Order Filled: _____



**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
501 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET
CHARLOTTE, NC 28203**

MEMO

DATE: July 1, 2010 Feast of Bl. Junipero Serra
TO: All Parents of Students in our Diocesan Education Programs
FROM: Father Arnsperger
RE: Eucharistic Congress 2010 Children's Track and Middle School Track
Saturday, September 11, 2010 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM (Lunch Before Arriving)

Dear Parents,

The 2010 Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress is fast-approaching and I have an opportunity for your stewardship of time and talent! As you know, the Congress has been an annual time of celebration, community building and catechesis. The Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Again this year, we are blessed to have Rob Evans, "the Donut Man," for the children's program (K-5) on Saturday, September 11. As you may know, Rob is a nationally recognized singer and songwriter who was received with great joy by the children at the 2009 Eucharistic Congress. We are also blessed to have the Brothers and Sisters of the Alliance of the Two Hearts (O.A.T.H. and L.I.H.M.) with us for the Middle School Track (6 - 8). The Youth have enjoyed their program immensely.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would volunteer and if you could recruit five other parents to serve as "guides" from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm or from 1:30 - 3:30 pm to help us on Saturday September 11. This scheduling will provide the time to see some of the Youth Programs as well as attend at least one talk in the adult program if you would like to do so. This year we are not providing lunch in the various youth tracks but there will be a snack in the afternoon.

You can view the requirements and register to volunteer by visiting the Eucharistic Congress' website: <http://www.goeucharist.com>.

Thank you for all you do to shepherd God's children! I hope to see you at the Congress! May our Lady intercede for you and our Lord grant you abundant graces. You are in my prayers daily.