



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

- 8/25 Innisbrook Sale Begins
- 8/26 Grasshopper Family Night
- 8/27 Volleyball @ SLS, 11:00AM
- 8/29 Hot Lunch Begins
PTO Meeting & Classroom
Visitation, 6:30PM
- 8/30 School Mass, 8:30AM
followed by 8th Gr. Breakfast
Soccer vs. BMCHS @ SPX,
4:30PM
- 8/31 Volleyball @ SPX vs BSS,
4:30PM
- 9/1 Innisbrook Kick-Off
Assemblies, 9:18AM (MS)
& 9:45AM (K-5)
- 9/2 No Uniform Day – Peru
Soccer @ Canterbury,
4:30PM
- 9/5 Labor Day – No School

**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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August 25, 2011

St. Pius X Family and Friends,

It was such a joy to see your children back at school on Tuesday. I have enjoyed hearing about all the many places visited over this summer break and about the various activities that have kept your children entertained during our hottest days of the summer season. In addition, I am looking forward to getting to know our many new students and families that have joined us this year.

Monday, August 29 at 6:30 PM is our first PTO meeting of the year. This is a chance to learn not only about PTO opportunities, but to also meet your children's teachers and teacher assistants in the classroom setting. The PTO meeting should last about 45 minutes followed by two 20 minute sessions within the K-5 classrooms. The middle school teachers will also be available in the Seton Hall (the middle school hallway) for those who would like to tour the middle school classrooms. Each parent is automatically a member of the PTO by having a student at St. Pius X. Please come out and support our PTO.

This Friday is St. Pius X Night at the Greensboro Grasshoppers! If you were unable to secure baseball tickets, you are still invited to the tailgate party which will begin at 5:30pm in our school parking lot near the school playground. I look forward to seeing you at the tailgate and/or at the game.

I am extremely happy that you have chosen St. Pius X Catholic School for the 2011-2012 school year. Your input is very important to our program. Please feel free, throughout the year, to communicate your questions and concerns to either your child's teacher or school administration so that we can provide you with the best experience at St. Pius X.

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke

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IMPORTANT HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

Order Period: 09/12/11 - 09/23/11

Start Online Order: 08/29/11

Cutoff Date: 09/07/11

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Backyard Burger will NOT be able to deliver lunch orders on Monday, August 29. Anyone who has ordered for Monday, August 29 will receive a credit online. Please remember to pack a lunch for your child on Monday, August 29.

CALENDAR UPDATE!

There will be an EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:00pm (noon) on Friday, September 16.

After school care will be available beginning at noon. Please pack a lunch for students staying in after care that day.

SPORTS INFO FROM THE DESK OF COACH SHELTON.....

Welcome back to school Comet Fans!!!! The fall sports season is underway. Congratulations to all fall sport participants!

Please come support the SPX JV and Varsity Volleyball teams this Saturday at Saint Leos at 11am. Also, the teams have a home game on Wednesday, August 31st vs. BSS at 4:30pm. Hope to see you there!

The SPX Soccer team will take the field for the first time Tuesday, August 30th at 4pm at SPX. They are also home September 1st at 4:00pm vs. Wesleyan. September 2nd is their first away game of the season but we don't have to go very far.....it's vs. Canterbury at 4:00pm. Good Luck Comets!!!!!!

WISH LIST FOR THE SPANISH DEPARTMENT

1. facial tissues
2. paper towels
3. Clorox wipes

All donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity.

Sra. Albanese

PTO NEWS!

Reminder to All Parents: Please don't forget turn in your **PTO Volunteer Registration Form** to the front office, or send it to school with your child. Thank you so much for you volunteerism, and please remember that any time you can give is very much appreciated! We hope to see everyone at the first PTO Meeting on Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

Amy Reilly
PTO President

REMEMBER TO RE-LINK! It's time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC Card and help our school earn money!!! Ask your Harris Teeter cashier to link your VIC card to SPX School **#1852**. We earn money on store brand purchases, including: HT Traders, Hunter Farms, HT Farmers Market, HT Naturals, YourHome, and YourBaby.

Don't forget to ask your friends and family to Link also for our biggest year yet!

BOOK COVERS FOR SALE! Additional cloth book covers are available in the school office for \$2.00 each.

JOURNALISM CLUB: The Journalism Club is ready to start a new school year. We look forward to welcoming back our members from last year and hope to add new members as well. Club meetings will start each Wednesday morning at 7:35 in Mrs. Parker's room after Labor Day. In order to join the Journalism Club for the 2011 – 2012 school year, we ask that both old and new members write a letter of interest to Mrs. Parker stating why you would like to be in the Journalism Club. Letters are due to Mrs. Parker by Friday, September 2. Club members will be notified of their acceptance after we return from the Labor Day holiday.

SCHOOL FORMS

Enclosed in today's Thursday folder, you will find a copy of the Student Photo Release Form and a student Emergency Card. Please be sure to complete these important forms and return to the school office TOMORROW.

LOST & FOUND: Please remember to write your child's name on all personal belongings. This includes PE Uniforms, Backpacks, Lunch Boxes, etc. Lost items will be taken to the lost & found in the back of the Alumni Auditorium. Valuables will be taken to the school office.

CARPOOL

We appreciate your patience while we assess our morning and afternoon carpool situation. We will notify you if any changes are necessary. Please remember to use the FRONT carpool line for students in grades K-5 and the BACK carpool line for students in grades 6-8.

If your carpool contains both elementary and middle school students, please use the BACK carpool only. Thank you for your cooperation!

VOICEMAIL INFORMATION: Included in today's Thursday folder is a copy of the voicemail numbers for St. Pius X School faculty and staff. For your convenience, please dial the backdoor number to leave a voicemail for a teacher.

DRESS DOWN DAYS FOR PERU

Friday, September 2nd is our first monthly Peru dress down day. The \$1.00 donation that each student brings to school that day benefits the Hot Lunch Program for the students in Manazo.

Our students look forward to the opportunity to be "out of uniform" one day a month while supporting this important mission of St. Pius X Catholic School.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the families in Peru!

REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Attention Parents of New Students: Please turn in Diocesan Health Forms and Immunization records for all kindergarten and new students to the school office ASAP. All students entering St. Pius x School are required to provide proof of a physical examination completed within the past year and have all required immunizations.

All parents of 6th grade students are required to provide proof of a physical examination completed within the past year and documentation of the Tdap vaccination.

DONATE YOUR TIME TO GIVE BLOOD AND PERFORM A MIRACLE!

St. Pius X School families are being asked to donate blood at the next parish blood drive on Friday, Sept. 16th at the Kloster Center. Extended hours have been made available especially for you, from 8:00am-12:30pm, as well as the regular times from 2:00pm-6:30pm.

Only human blood donations can keep patients alive to become well. Surely you know a mother who lost excessive blood in childbirth, a family who had a premature baby in NICU, a chemotherapy patient who could not produce their own blood, a trauma victim who required massive blood replacement, a chronic dialysis patient who requires occasional transfusions, a hemophiliac who needs blood clotting factors, and so many more. When you volunteer the 60-90 minutes to donate a unit of blood, you can be part of the miracle of life, because they can't live without this precious gift that God has blessed us with. *Please be a blood donor! A short amount of time and some minor discomfort truly saves lives!*

Make an appointment to donate on Sept. 16th by calling 294-8958 or 339-1006. You can also do it directly on the Internet @ www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule , selecting sponsor code 3350, entering your information, picking an open appointment, and confirming your appointment.

God bless you and thank you for sharing this gift of life!

