



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

Dec. 15

Basketball, Scrimmage@SPX,
JVB Black/Gold, 5:15PM

Dec. 17

Basketball @ SPX vs. IHM,
9:30AM

Dec. 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 20

Mass, 8:30AM
SPX Christmas Program, 6:30PM
(Church)

Dec. 21

Early Dismissal, 1:15PM
(Extended Day Care Available)

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

Christmas Break – No School

Jan. 3

Classes Resume

**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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December 15, 2011

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

Last week, we sent home what we thought were the Parent Activation Codes for Edline. After several parents shared with us that they had trouble activating their students so that they would be linked together, we discovered that the codes we sent home were the Student Activation Codes. As I had expressed, this is a learning process for us all.

Today, you will receive the real Parent Activation Codes. Please follow the prompts that will allow you to activate each of your children together, so that when you log on to Edline you will have access to your students at one time. I greatly appreciate your patience as we learn how to administer Edline to our families.

Please refer to Miss Blanton's flyer concerning Tuesday evening's Christmas Program. The students have been working very hard to provide a sensational performance for parents, family members, and friends. This year will be the first year in the church, so please remember that we will only have one performance at 6:30 PM.

Next week, we will be dismissing early on Wednesday for our Christmas break. Whether you are traveling or staying home, I pray that your family has a safe and heartwarming Christmas. May we all be thankful for the meaning of Jesus' birth and be thankful for all that we have as so many will be cold and hungry this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas to you all and Happy New Year!

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke

IMPORTANT SIBLING APPLICATION INFORMATION

If you plan to enroll a sibling for the 2012-2013 school year, please return the student application and screening forms to the school office by Friday, December 16. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Navarro at 273-9865, ext. 101 or jnavarro@spxschool.com.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INSTRUCTIONS: St. Pius X School will make an independent announcement regarding inclement weather for closing and opening and/or delayed opening of school. This announcement will be made as early as possible. Necessary information will be available via the school website and local television stations. The primary source of information is the school website: www.spxschool.com. When school is held during inclement weather, each parent is responsible for making his/her own decision as to whether or not a student may attend school safely. **Please note:** St. Pius X School **does not** follow the school closing instructions for Guilford County Schools.

FROM THE ART ROOM

Things are getting messy around here! Second grade is working with paper mache, 3rd and 5th are working with clay (4th grade will be soon), and 7th grade will be working on stop frame animation after the New Year. Every space is filling up with creativity!

Please double check your volunteer schedule for the art room. Your help is so valuable to the students and myself. If you can give some more time, I know slots are available. Please CONTACT YOUR CLASS PARENT TO SIGN UP. I am good on towel rolls for this year, but keep the clean plastic caps and lids coming, please.

Parent and grandparent volunteers, you have really been great! Thank you for all you do!

Have a wonderful holiday!
Artfully yours,
Laura Grant

BMCHS BASEBALL COACH NEEDED

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is seeking an assistant JV Baseball Coach for the spring season. This is a paid stipend position. If interested, please contact Jeff Stoller at js@bmhs.us.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

This Saturday Dec 17th, the Booster Club will be selling spirit wear during the SPX vs. IHM games. Come out and support the Comets and get some last minute Christmas gifts. We have tumblers, baseball hats, fleece and knit hats, Christmas ornaments, blankets, pencils, key chains and t-shirts..... Get something for your favorite Comet fan!! Hope to see you Saturday!!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Mrs. Tanahey has an availability on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm, beginning in January 2012. Cost: \$45.00 session. For more information, please contact Mrs. Tanahey at stanahey@spxschool.com.

SUNSHINE UNIFORM DONATION

Please do not donate your old Sunshine Uniforms to outside organizations. Monice Schwartzel, parent at St. Pius X School will again be collecting uniforms to donate to Soles 4 Souls later this year. More information will follow.

HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

There will be **NO hot lunch** on Monday, December 19th due to Christmas play practice but milk/snack and ice cream will be available. There will be **NO hot lunch, milk, snack or ice cream** on Wednesday, December 21st.

Our next hot lunch ordering period will open on **January 3, 2012**. The program will be closed over the Christmas break.

ORDER PERIOD: 01/16/12 - 01/27/12

**START ONLINE ORDER PERIOD:
01/03/12**

CUTOFF DATE: 01/11/12

LETTERS TO SANTA

St. Pius X student, McKenzie Hall, is collecting letters to Santa for the Macy's Believe Campaign. For every letter written and addressed to Santa Claus at the North Pole, and placed in a **stamped** envelope, Macy's will donate \$1 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation up to a million dollars. Just drop your letter in the drop box near the front office. Please have your letters in by December 21 so they can be delivered to Macy's. This is open to kids of all ages!! Last year McKenzie collected 114 letters and is hoping to collect even more this year. Thank you for helping!

**Booster Club Memberships
2011-2012
(updated 12.12.11)**

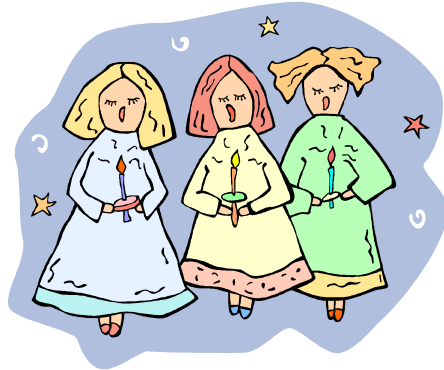
Thank you to the following families for their support of this year's SPX Booster Club!

The Barber Family	The Kreber Family
The Bell Family	The Jim King Family
The Berry Family	The Knox Family
The Bliss Family	The Kordsmeier Family
The Brady Family	The Luther Family
The Boydoh Family	The Markwell Family
The Buisson Family	The Michaels Family
The Callaghan Family	The Mount Family
The Casper Family	The Muller Family
The Conlon Family	The Nalley Family
The Cooke Family	The Oldis Family
The Decker Family	The Palmisano Family
Amelia Deletto	The Paul Family
The Diaz Family	Sofia Pavone
The Earle Family	The Picklesimer Family
The Emerick Family	The Pitman Family
The English Family	The Plemmons Family
The Errington Family	The Raines Family
The Finn Family	The Regeis Family
Heidi Fleshman	The Register Family
Rosie Fleshman	The Rolandelli Family
The Fly Family	The Sands Family (Clem)
The Ford Family	The Sardzinski Family
The Gamble Family	The Schaftlein Family
The Garner Family	The Schmedes Family
The Gessner Family	The Schmidt Family
The Griffith Family	The Shannon Family
The Heringhaus Family	The Simmons Family
The Scott Hudson Family	The Brian Smith Family
The Michael Hunt Family	The Stoller Family
The Skip Hunt Family	The Stoehr Family (Ellison)
The Rodney Ingram Family	The Swetnam Family
The Iruela Family	The Trego Family
The Jandzinski Family	The Trumbo Family
The Dan Jones Family	The Vanore Family
The Joseph Family	The Victor Family
The Kanir Family	The Washburn Family
The Kernels Family	The Workman Family

**TRIAD AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
"MAKING A DIFFERENCE" CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this year's "Making a Difference" Campaign. Your donations provide financial assistance to families in need, support technology enhancements for teachers and students, and provide resources for classroom refurbishments. To date, we have received \$13,055 toward this year's goal of \$30,000.

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION:



When selecting a show outfit, please use the following guidelines:

- Show clothes should be “dress attire”.
- Both boys and girls are required to wear dress shoes; no tennis shoes of any type are permitted. Heels may be no higher than 1½ inches.
- Appropriate dress for girls would be skirts/dresses that are knee length or longer or dress pants. Short skirts with leggings would not be appropriate.
- Dress for the boys would include a dress shirt (not a uniform shirt) with a tie and slacks.
- No denim or denim material or jean style pants.
- No shorts or capris