



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

- 12/2 No Uniform Day – Peru
**PTO HOLIDAY MARKET,
2:00-7:00PM (Connolly
Athletic Center)
BOOK FAIR – Media Ctr.
& Holiday Market**
- 12/3 Basketball@SPX vs. BSS,
9:30am
- 12/4 Family Fun Day at the Book
Fair after 9:00 & 11:30am
Masses
- 12/5 Book Fair, 7:30-3:45
Moms “Hassle-Free”
Shopping Day
Basketball@SPX vs. IHM,
4:30pm
- 12/6 Mass, 8:30am
Book Fair-Grandparents Day
Elizabeth’s Pizza Night,
4-10pm
- 12/7 Giving Tree Gifts Due
(Lawndale & Battleground)
- 12/8 **No School - Feast of the
Immaculate Conception –
Holy Day of Obligation**

**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 1, 2011

Dear St. Pius X Catholic School Family and Friends,

Today, each family will be receiving our 2011-2012 Family Directory. I would like to thank Mike and Mary Ealley along with GSO Printing for their donation. Throughout the remainder of the school year, we will post in our newsletter updated contact information for existing and new families. Please make sure to make notes of these changes in your directory.

Our Book Fair officially kicks off tomorrow. Your children have had a sneak peek at the many books available for purchase. Several special activities have been planned to promote the Book Fair, please review the schedule included in this newsletter. I appreciate all that Mrs. Foley, Ms. Morse, and the Book Fair volunteers have done to support our Book Fair and library.

Our St. Pius X PTO Holiday Market will be held tomorrow from 2:00-7:00 PM. We look forward to our biggest market yet. This event is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and treats for all of your friends and family. I appreciate the many volunteers, lead by Tanya Thomas, who have worked to make tomorrow possible. I would also like to thank Jack and Shelley Kreber for their donation of Holiday Market signage.

I am happy to report that our parent handbook is now available online. A link to the handbook is located on the left hand side of the home page of our school website. In addition, next week each family will receive an activation code and directions to begin accessing Edline to view new teacher webpages, student assignments, and grade updates. I am thrilled that we are soon able to provide this service to our parents.

Finally, I would like to remind you that next Thursday, December 8 our school, along with all the Catholic schools in our diocese, will be closed to allow families to attend Mass together on this feast day of the Immaculate Conception. St. Pius X Church will offer Mass at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

In Christ’s love,
Anne W. Knapke
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HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

ORDER PERIOD: 1/02/12 - 1/13/12
START ONLINE ORDER: 12/05/11
CUTOFF DATE: 12/16/11

There will be **NO hot lunch** on Monday December 20th due to Christmas play practice but milk/snack & ice cream will be available. There will be **NO hot lunch, milk, snack, or ice cream** on Wednesday, December 21st.

NEW!!! SPX ELIZABETH'S PIZZA NIGHT **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6** **4:00-10:00PM**

Tired of the holiday rush? Give yourself a break at Elizabeth's Pizza (**Battleground or Lawndale ONLY**). SPX School will receive 10% of the proceeds on Tuesday, December 6 from 4:00-10:00PM. Dine In or Take Out. **Be sure to say you're from St. Pius X School!**

PTO HOLIDAY MARKET

Don't miss the **ST. PIUS X SCHOOL PTO HOLIDAY MARKET on Friday, December 2nd from 2:00-7:00PM**. Shop from vendors selling jewelry, crafts, pottery, art, and much more! Enjoy baked goods and hot drinks at the Comet Café! Get your shopping done early and support the St. Pius X School PTO!

NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

The SPX Spirituality Committee will be selling Original Christmas Gifts again this year. The gifts are real gold, frankincense and myrrh in satin-lined wooden chests or richly colored figures of Melchior, Balthazar and Caspar carrying real gold, frankincense and myrrh. If you purchased the Kings last year, you can add Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Angels and Shepherds to your collection this year. Hope to see you at the Holiday Market on December 2!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS

PGC Workshops are offered intermittently throughout the school year. All volunteers in the Diocese of Charlotte are required to take a **PGC Workshop IN PERSON** and complete a Background Check Form before volunteering with students.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The **ONLINE version** of the Protecting God's Children Workshop **IS NOT** accepted by the Diocese of Charlotte. Please visit www.virtus.org to register for a workshop.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports were sent home with your child in today's Thursday folder. All school accounts must be up to date in order to receive your child's report.

GIVING TREE REMINDER

Please remember to turn in your Giving Tree gifts by **Wednesday, December 7th**. Each gift should be wrapped and have the gift tag attached. We still have several gift card tags in the office. If you are able to provide an additional gift for a family in need you may pick one up at the front desk. We appreciate your support.
God bless you,
Patricia DiCarlo
Karen Graves

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Dear Parents: We need you to volunteer for the SPX Book Fair, Nov. 30-Dec. 11th! There are many opportunities to donate an hour of your time. We have time slots during the school week, at the SPX Holiday Market, special sales event days or after the 9:00am and 11:30am masses on Sunday, Dec. 4th and 11th. Please contact Therese Chase at wchase@gmail.com to confirm your spot. Help us make this SPX Book Fair the best one yet!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Christmas Book Fair arrived on Wednesday afternoon! The **first sale day is Friday, Dec. 2 ALL DAY, including at the Holiday Market!** Give a great gift, the gift of reading this Christmas! All your favorite browsing and buying opportunities... Giving Tree gifts, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, AND a new event – "Grandparents Shopping Day" Tuesday Dec. 6 await you! This is the #1 fundraiser for our school library, and it helps offer more resources for your students as they visit the Library every week!

Ask your out-of-town relatives to support the SPX book fair by ordering books online through a specially designed Scholastic web site just for SPX! Many books will be featured, in addition to those sold at the fair. Order books and have them delivered to your child at school!
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/saintpiustenth>

I hope you have taken the opportunity and reserved your copy of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* today! Books will be delivered before Thanksgiving, and sales go toward our SPX Christmas Book Fair. Thank you! For supporting the SPX Library!
Mrs. Foley

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS!!!

ST. PIUS THE TENTH CONFIRMATION MEETING

Parents of 8th grade students, there will be a Confirmation information session on Monday, **December 5 at 7pm** in the Kloster Center. The meeting shouldn't last more than an hour. If you cannot attend, please contact Dave at davespxyouth@gmail.com with questions.

SPORTS NEWS FROM COACH SHELTON

Seasons Greeting Comets Fans and boy is this season off to a great start! Come check out the Comets in our upcoming HOME games.....

12/3 at SPX vs. BSS, 9:30am (JVG, JVB Gold, VG, VB Gold)

12/5 at SPX vs. IHM JVB Black, VB Black 4:30/5:30

12/10 at SPX vs. SLS, 9:30am (JVG, JVB Gold, VG, VB Gold)

12/12 at SPX vs. Caldwell JVB Gold, VG, VB Gold 4/5/6:15

12/14 at SPX vs. FCD VG/VB Gold 4:30/5:45

12/15 at SPX JVB Black/Gold Scrimmage 5:15pm

12/17 at SPX vs. IHM, 9:30am (JVG, JVB Gold, VG VB Gold)

We hope to see you at some games. C'mon Comet Fans, let's fill the bleachers and really support our teams!

SPX BOOK FAIR!

The #1 Fundraiser for our Library HAS ARRIVED...help
"Give the Gift of Reading" this year!

Our 2011 Book Fair arrived yesterday, and your child is getting a sneak preview and filling out their wish lists. **Sales begin TOMMOROW, and go through Dec. 11th!** Sales run every open school day from 7:30 – 3:45 and after the Masses Dec. 4th and 11th. Circle your SPX December calendar for a familiar event, a new one, or just pop on by anytime we're open! Free gift wrapping by the Girl Scouts during the Holiday Market, AND after the Masses BOTH weekends of Dec. 4th and 11th! Why buy at B&N when you can support SPX! The book fair flyer sent home today gives you a sneak peak of what new titles you will find, but ask any student and they will tell you there is much more for sale!

NEW BUYING OPPORTUNITY: Call or email your out of town relatives and tell them to look on the main SPX Web Site for the SPX Online Fair link: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/saintpiustenth> Online buying began yesterday and will go through Dec. 12th. Scholastic will ship orders for free directly to our school for your child BEFORE Christmas break Dec. 21st! Save yourself time –we'll even gift wrap it for you! ☺

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.



CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT!
Monday, December 5
5:00-8:00PM
Pisgah Church Rd.
Give mom the night off!

FROM THE ART ROOM

It has been such an exciting three months in the Art Room. The students of SPX are hard-working and creative young people. It is truly a pleasure to be their teacher.

In October, the 8th grade traveled downtown on a crisp, sunny day to Elsewhere Collaborative where their notions of Art were challenged and engaged; learning happened for both the students and the adults who chaperoned this interesting trip.

Original Works was an exciting, creative mountain to climb for my first time and I look forward to seeing what exciting products are produced from this fundraiser! Contact me if you need to submit a late order. Thank you to all who helped in this effort.

Student art has been submitted and printed in the *News and Record*. It is always exciting to see our students' work printed for others to see. Look for more in following weeks.

Following the touching Veterans Day ceremony, I have employed most of our grades to create Holiday Thank You cards to send to our Troops stationed on the John C. Stennis Aircraft carrier. Candy will be sent with their notes. The discussion for this project focused on how one aspect of art is that it can be
The middle school sketchbooks continue to impress me with the creativity and learning that is being generated by your children—I am truly inspired by their work!

I would like to eventually have students create a recycled art installation. This will take MANY plastic caps and lids (especially colorful) including lids from Gatorade to margarine tubs. Please send those in as you collect them—this may take a year to get enough recycled material for the students to create with.

Finally, I have to thank those who are showing up to help in the classroom. Many of the projects could not happen without you being there.

Again, I feel very blessed to be here at SPX, and I thank all of you for the support you have shown for our art program.

Artfully yours,

Laura Grant
Art Teacher

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 \$11,590 toward this year's goal of \$30,000.



Give the Gift of Reading at The SPX Book Fair

*Adult Best
Sellers*

*Books for All
Ages!*

*****Sale Starts Friday, Dec 2nd*****

* Fri, Dec. 2nd ~ 7:30-3:45 @ Holiday Market (2-7)

* Sun, Dec. 4th & 11th after 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses

* Mon, Dec. 5th - Fri, Dec. 9th ~ 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. *no school the 8th*

Board Books

Cookbooks

*****New This Year*****

Online Shopping!

bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/saintpiustenth

* Out-of-Town Relatives can Support the Book Fair

* Books Delivered to your Child at School before Christmas break begins*

No shipping charges!!

We will GIFT WRAP for you the online orders delivered to school!



*****Upcoming Events*****

*Dec 4th and Dec 11th Family Day after the Masses *free gift wrap!**

Mon, Dec. 5th - "Mom's Shopping Day"

Tues, Dec. 6th - "Grandparent's Day"

Tues, Dec. 6th - Cookie Decorating with Kindergarten

Wed, Dec. 7th - Muffins for Moms (7-8:15 a.m.) Fri, Dec. 9th - Donuts for

Dads (7-8:15 a.m.)

