



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

Feb. 3

No Uniform Day – Peru
Student Awards Assemblies:
Gr. 6-8, 8:30am (Church)
Gr. K-5, 2:00pm (Alumni Aud.)
**FREE Pizza, Beverage, and Ice
Cream Lunch for Students**

Feb. 4

Prot. God's Children Workshop, 9am-
12pm (Media Ctr.)
Basketball @ OLG, 9:30am

SPIRIT WEEK, Feb. 6-10

Feb. 6

Character Day
Creature Teacher, 9:15-10:15am
7-K - McIver, 12:20-1:45pm
PTO Chick-Fil-A Night, 5-8pm
(Pisgah Church Rd.)

Feb. 7

Mass, 8:30am

Feb. 8

Wacky Tacky Day
Bake Sale, Gr. 3
Lego Pals Club, 3:10-4:10pm

Feb. 9

Pajama Day
Vision Screenings
Gr. K, Circus – 9:30am-1:00pm

Feb. 10

Spirit Day- spirit wear or black/gold
Pep Rally, 1:30pm

Feb. 10-12

PECSAA Basketball Tournament @
OLM- **GO COMETS!**

**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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February 2, 2012

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I hope your child has shared with you some of the activities their class has participated in this week. It is the one week each year that every Catholic school within the United States joins as one large community to celebrate Catholic education. Some of the activities that have taken place or will be taking place include: prayer buddies creating Valentine's Day cards for soldiers and veterans who will be spending the holiday in a veteran's hospital, writing thank you cards to Monsignor Marcaccio and our four parish Deacons, wearing school uniforms to Sunday Mass to display SPX pride, the middle school essay contest and elementary poster contest, 100 Days of School activities, Mystery Saint of the Day, Pasta Dinner, Awards Assemblies, PTO Staff Lunch, St. Jude's Math-a-Thon (our National stewardship project), Triad Family Services "Change for Change" Baby Bottle Project (our community stewardship project), and free lunch for students. Wow, what a week!

Have you been in the school lately? As I was walking around the school today, I made note of the wonderful student work that adorns the walls. Not only is there beautiful artwork throughout the hallways, there are projects and writing samples from a variety of subject areas. If you have the opportunity, I invite you to peruse our hallways.

The faculty and I believe that it is important to consistently reflect on and analyze our academic program to ensure that we continue to provide the highest quality of education for our students. Over the past year, we have heard from our alumni and their parents that we could better prepare our students for high school midterm exams by administering end of term exams in middle school. Beginning this quarter, middle school students will be taking part in quarterly assessments in order to better prepare them for future high school exams. These assessments and related organization strategies will be designed for each grade level.

Next week is Spirit Week as our basketball teams and cheerleading squads prepare for the PECSAA Basketball Tournament. I apologize that we did not include this week on the February calendar. Students in grades K through 8 have the opportunity to wear attire related to the daily themes, created by our Student Council. A Spirit Week flyer is included in this newsletter. Participation is optional, but I ask that you as parents please enforce attire that is appropriate in a school setting.

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke

HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

ORDER PERIOD: 2/13/12 - 2/24/12
START ONLINE ORDER PERIOD: 01/30/12
CUTOFF DATE: 2/8/12

On FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd we will offer a Free Pizza Lunch for all students in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Each student will receive pizza, a beverage, and ice cream. NO snacks will be offered that day. Students will receive special drink and ice cream tickets the morning of the 3rd to be used ONLY on Friday February 3rd.

There will be **NO HOT LUNCH** on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Beverages, Snacks and Ice Cream will be available. Parents please remember when you order beverage, snack, and/or ice cream tickets you **MUST fill out a coupon**. The coupon can be printed from the link on the school website.

HEALTH ROOM UPDATE

There has been an increase in illness the past few weeks. A stomach virus has been traveling around the classes since our return from Christmas break. We have also seen an increase in coughs, colds, and a respiratory illness that can linger for almost two weeks.

Influenza is at a low level in the state of North Carolina, but is expected to increase in the coming weeks. In most years, flu activity begins to increase in January and peaks in February and March. Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. They include fever (100 degrees or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

If your child is sick and will be absent from school, please call the school office in the morning to inform us of the absence and let us know the reason. It will help us keep track of student's symptoms and illness in classrooms.

Good vision is essential to learning! Vision screenings will be Thursday, February, 9th for students in Grades 4-8. If your child has corrective lenses, please make sure they are wearing them that day. Thank you to Mrs. Julie Kordsmeier MSN, RN and the pediatric nursing students from UNCG for providing this important service to the school.

HANDBOOK ADENDUM

Shorts are permitted on No Uniform Days as long as they are no shorter than 5 inches above the knee cap. Bermuda and walking shorts are preferred.

MATH-A-THON NEWS

Did you know that more than 5,900 patients visit St. Jude each year? All of them want just one thing...a chance to beat cancer. The cost to treat just one child with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common type of childhood cancer, is \$546,229 a year. Thank you to all the children who already returned their Math-a-thon permission slip. If you haven't returned one yet, please return it by tomorrow so I can order the math fun books. Mrs. Malphurs, Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Congratulations to all students who took part in the RC Challenge for 2nd Quarter!

Total words read: 38,637,095

Total RC points: 11,315

Special recognition to: Joseph Clampett (3-L), Anna Trego (6-P), and Cami Rivas (3-E) who had the top RC points for 2nd Q.

Thank you to Quizno's Subs and the Longino Family for donating sub coupons and t-shirts! Thank you also to the SPX Booster Club for your donation! Let's make 15,000 our goal for RC points in 3rd quarter!

VOLARE WOMEN'S MASS TONIGHT

Attention all women! You are invited to the Inaugural Women's Mass tonight (February 2) at 7:00pm, followed by a short reception in the Kloster Center, hosted by Volare Women, a new St. Pius X women's group. We hope to see you there! Childcare will be provided.

STAY AND PRAY THE ROSARY

The Spiritual Committee would like to invite any family or friends to join us in the Chapel after the Tuesday morning, school mass each week to pray the rosary. Whether you have special intentions, or would simply enjoy joining us in prayer, we'd like you to join us after each school mass or as often as you can. If you have any special intentions for which you would like us to pray, please e-mail Joan Workman @jworkman1963@hotmail.com or contact Lorraine Malphurs in 2M.

NURSERY CO-OP FOR SCHOOL MASS

Would you like to attend mass with your SPX student each Tuesday without the distraction of your younger child? Join the SPX Nursery Co-op. We offer safe supervision during school masses for little siblings of our SPX students in the church nursery. Call or e-mail Lisa Michaels 638-4528 or lmichaels@triad.rr.com if you are interested in using or helping with this ministry. All volunteers need to have taken the Protecting God's Children class and completed a Background Check Form. Even if your youngest child is not so young, this is a great way to get a baby fix and give some parents in our community a peaceful and prayerful hour. Please consider volunteering.

ATTENTION ALL ST. PIUS X FAMILIES & FRIENDS:

SPX YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Save \$\$ now by placing your order early.

Early Order Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2012

Book price: \$30.00

Book Price after March 9: \$35.00

Please make checks payable to St. Pius X. (*Be sure to write "yearbook order" in memo area*). Enclose your check in the enclosed order envelope attached and return in Thursday envelope. **Thank you!**

YEARBOOK ADS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2012

Celebrate your child's time at St. Pius X with a FULL COLOR yearbook ad.

Full Page: \$150

Half page: \$80

Quarter Page: \$50

Please make checks payable to St. Pius X
(*Please write "yearbook ad" in memo area*)

Please send check **and sketch of ad layout**, in an envelope, to the school office. On your layout, draw a box for each photo and identify each box with a number/name to match each photo.

Please email photos and ad copy to Mr. Markwell at: mmarkwell@spxschool.com. Thank you!

February 2, 2012

Dear Students and Parents,

For the past fourteen years, we have supported thirty students in Manazo, Peru and surrounding villages with the Educate-A-Child Program. Over that time, St. Pius X School has done a tremendous job supporting the mission.

Last year we struggled some, but in the end, we provided an education, school supplies, uniforms, and a pair of shoes for each of the thirty students. Unfortunately, two of the students had to leave school to help their families by working in the fields, so this year we have only 28 children – 7 elementary students and 21 high school students to sponsor. The cost of educating these students has remained the same - \$90.00 for elementary and \$150.00 for high school. Each homeroom class will be collecting donations for this mission during the month of February.

I would like to recognize the following students who suggested their friends bring donations to support this mission to their birthday parties instead of gifts. Thank you: Thomas Gessner, Mary Workman, and Mila Veijalainen. Thanks also to Jack Boydoh and Jack Oldis for using their 8th grade “Pay It Forward” project proceeds to sponsor a high school student.

Thanks to all of our SPX families, in advance, for continuing to support our sister parish in Peru and especially the children in the Educate-A-Child Program.

Yus Pegarasnski (May God Repay You),
Patty Delaney