



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

Jan. 26

Re-Registration Packets Sent Home (*Deadline for Guaranteed Placement: 2/24/12*)

Jan. 28

Basketball @ SLS, 9:30AM

Jan. 26-28

SPX Players Presents:
Into The Woods, Junior (Alumni Aud.), 7:00 PM

Jan. 29-Feb. 3

Catholic Schools Week – Faith. Academics. Service

Jan. 29

Students encouraged to wear school uniforms to Mass

Jan. 30

St. Jude Math-a-Thon Kick Off

Jan. 31

Mass, 8:30AM
Basketball @ Canterbury, 4-JVG,
5-JVBB, 6-JVBG

Feb. 1

PTO Spaghetti Dinner, 5-8PM
(Alumni Auditorium)

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

**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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January 26, 2012

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

This is week you will find a full Thursday folder containing a number of important items. I appreciate your careful review of all documents.

Parents of third through eighth grade students should look for a sealed envelope containing your child's standardized test scores, a letter from the superintendent, and material to help you better understand how to read the test report form. As Dr. Ritter explains, the Stanford 10 and Otis Lennon are new to the Diocese and to our students this year. Your child's Stanford 10 and/or Otis Lennon scores should not be in any way compared to the past ITBS or CogAT scores, as the comparison would be like comparing apples to oranges. Due to the fact that the Stanford 10 score is based on equal quartiles and not based on a 100 point scale like the ITBS, scores in the 99% are less common. On average, we have found that the Stanford 10 scores for a particular student are not as high as the ITBS scores for that same student. Please do not be concerned if your child scored a lower percentile rank than last year. This year's score should be looked at as a baseline to be used to compare future scores to determine the rate of academic and/or cognitive growth. If you have any questions or concerns related to the Stanford 10 or Otis Lennon, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

In addition to test scores, each family will receive a re-registration packet for the 2012-2013 school year. As you will find, the school board has approved a minimal 3% tuition increase for the 2012-2013 school year. Monsignor Marcaccio, school board members, and I appreciate the sacrifices of our parents to enable our students to attend St. Pius X. We made it a priority to increase tuition only to the extent that it meets the rising costs of curriculum, maintenance, and health insurance coverage.

One of our school board members mentioned to me that parents have asked what the \$300 re-registration fee covers. The \$300 covers textbook usage, subject area classroom supplies, and administrative costs. Please know that this is a fee that the school board has made a priority over the years not to increase.

Finally, I would like to remind you that *Into the Woods, Jr.* will be performed by our middle school Pius X Players tonight, Friday night, and Saturday night at 7:00 PM in the Alumni Auditorium. Yesterday morning the student body got a "Sneak Peak" of the musical, and I was very impressed with our middle school talent. I hope you will be able to make it to one of the performances.

Thank you for all you do to support St. Pius X!

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke

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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.

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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Make sure you send in your Box Tops & Labels for Education labels! Our second quarter deadline is **January 27th**. The class with the most Box Tops & the class with the most Labels for Education will get a special award.

Don't forget to go through the Box Tops Marketplace (btfe.com) and the Reading Room. Anytime you purchase something online through the Marketplace, our school can earn free Box Tops!

Thank you! Sandy Hill
sandyhill@triad.rr.com

MATH-A-THON NEWS

As a Catholic Schools' Week service project, St. Pius X School will participate in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-a-thon. This past week the students saw a DVD about the program. In today's Thursday folder you will find a permission slip. Please fill it out and sign your child up to take part in this worthy cause. It is a supplemental math education program for grades K-8. Each year, thousands of schools participate in Math-a-thon. Hopefully I will have lots of signed permission slips next week so I will be able to call St. Jude's and order the Math-a-thon Fun Books. You can choose to participate on-line if you prefer. As with all fundraising activities at St. Pius X School, participation is optional. Thank you for your consideration of this project.
Mrs. Malphurs, Coordinator

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9am-12pm in the SPX Media Center. All school volunteers must take the Protecting God's Workshop before volunteering with students. If you are interested in registering for this workshop, please visit www.virtus.org. Once you have completed the workshop, please bring a copy of your certificate to the school office and complete a Background Check Form.

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.

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, our donations have totaled 69% toward this year's goal of \$30,000.

**If you would like to make an online donation, please visit:
<http://www.charlottediocese.org/donations>**

**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!**

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!!!

PTO SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please come to the Alumni Auditorium between the hours of 5pm-8pm

On **Wednesday, February 1, 2012** for a Spaghetti Dinner!

Cost: \$6 per plate (submitted to the school office by January 27th) and \$7 at the door.

**Please complete the following information and return to the school office by Friday, January 27,
2012:**

Family Name: _____

Number of Children's Plates: _____

Number of Adult's Plates: _____

Amount Enclosed (cost of each plate is \$6): _____

Please make check payable to St. Pius X Catholic School PTO

****No tickets will be distributed. There will be a list of paid families at the door. If you have
questions, please contact Christina Griffith at 644-9514.**