



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

Jan. 6

Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Kick-Off –*Students may wear red*
Jump Rope for Heart Assembly,
1:30pm
Basketball @ HPC, 4-VG, 5:15-VBG

Jan. 7

Basketball @ SPX vs. OLG,
9:30am

Jan. 9

Basketball, SPX @ IHM, 4:30-JVBB, 5:45-VBB

Jan. 10

Mass, 8:30am
Basketball @ HPC, 4pm

Jan. 11

Bake Sale, Gr. 8
Lego Pals Club, 3:15-4:15pm
Basketball, SPX @ BSS,
4:30-JVBB, 5:45-VBB

Jan. 12

Basketball, Chatham Carter @ SPX, 4:30-VG, 5:45-VBB

Jan. 13

No Uniform Day - Peru

**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 5, 2012

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! I pray that each of our families finds 2012 to be a rewarding and memorable year.

I was saddened to learn on Saturday evening that Mr. Clark English, father of Caroline, William, and Andrew and husband to Allyson, had passed away unexpectedly earlier that day. St. Pius X is a strong, supportive community and I am always in awe of the love and friendship provided by our parents when a family is faced with diversity. Thank you for being a source of support for the English family during this difficult time. Allyson, Caroline, William, and Andrew, you are in all of our prayers.

Tomorrow is our 2nd Annual Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart Assembly. I was so impressed by the classes routines which Coach Shelton and Coach Hernandez organized and choreographed last year, and cannot wait to watch the classes perform this year. I also look forward to listening to students' personal accounts of how heart disease has affected them. Parents are welcome to attend the program which will be held in the Connolly Athletic Center at 1:30 PM. Students are invited to wear red, while adhering to the guidelines for No Uniform Days, provided in the Parent Handbook located on our home page of our school website.

Thank you for the wonderful turn-out for our Christmas Program. The students performed wonderfully, and I greatly enjoyed the diverse ways the classes demonstrated their musical abilities. I am so appreciative of Mrs. Blanton, our music director, Carmen Eby, our band director, and Lorraine Malphurs, who coordinated the performance. I also appreciate the strong parental support for our music and cultural arts program.

Finally, on behalf of the Specials Teachers, Maintenance Staff, and Office Staff, I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity during this Christmas Season. We so much enjoyed the treats, goodies, gifts, and gift cards that we received.

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke
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HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

ORDER PERIOD: 01/16/12 - 01/27/12
START ONLINE ORDER PERIOD: 01/03/12
CUTOFF DATE: 01/11/12

ORIGINAL WORKS ADDITIONAL ORDERS, MISSING PIECES, MISTAKES

If you would like to order more items or had a mistake with the last order, I will send out this last batch on Tuesday, January 10.

I just need your original order number. I will not need the art again if you are reordering or a mistake was made. If you do not have your order number, I may have it if you included your yellow copy when ordering last month.

If you have any feedback that may help in future years, I am welcoming your comments. Please feel free to email me anytime.

Artfully yours,
Laura Grant

SPX BOOKFAIR RECAP

I wanted to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who visited the 2011 "Give the Gift of Reading" Book Fair. This was the **most successful book fair TO DATE with sales increasing 200% compared to last year!** I hope you were able to attend one of several buying events and found some great Christmas presents!

A portion of the profits from the 2011 Christmas Book Fair will go toward:

- Purchase of a new barcode scanner for checking in/checking out students
- New books! Over **80 books** were pulled from the book fair to become part of the SPX Library collection!
- Support raising funds for a document scanner
- Continued subscriptions to Destiny Quest Library Catalog, Countryreports.org, Reading Counts program, Battle of the Books program
- Library supplies and magazine subscriptions

I'd like to extend a special thank you to the many book fair volunteers, who gave of their time, talent, and treasure!

Book Fair Committee:

Colleen McGuire, Book Fair Chairperson
Therese Chase, Volunteer Coordinator

Book Fair Volunteers

Alana Hernandez
Amy Reilly

Angela Henn
Angie Wells
Annette Cobb
Carli Guanciale
Christina Griffith
Colleen King
Colleen Urquhart
Darlene Biffle
Dianne Darnell
Dianne Kaehler
Donna Keel
Erin Davis
Gina Decker
Gretchen Ray
Jackie Moyer
Joan Workman
Kas Schwamberger
Kate Wahlberg
Kathleen Johnson
Kelly Bartlett
Kristin Kale
Kristin Lloyd
Matt Lloyd
Colleen McGuire
Laura Santomauro
Giacomo Santomauro
Lisa Michaels
Mariana Iruela
Renee Regeis.
Robin Bourgeois
Sandy Hill
Sandy Sherwood
Shannon Dahlstedt
Sheila Schmedes
Therese Chase
Trisha Edwards

Thank you to Giacomo's and Quizno's and to **all** the volunteers for providing a yummy teacher/staff luncheon to kick off the fair!

Thank you to the **8th grade Girl Scouts:** Mercer Brady, Courtney Decker, and Madison Fly for being great gift-wrappers during our Sunday sale days!!

SAVE THE DATE: "BOGO" FAIR DURING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IN MAY!!

Parents, if you or your business would like to donate prizes for the RC Challenge for 2nd quarter please email Mrs. Foley by Jan. 13th. This was hugely successful 1st Quarter for grades 2-8 and really motivates students to take their RC quizzes! Or if you know of a business that is school-friendly that is interested in donating their product for a reading program, also please email me! Thank you! Mrs. Foley, Librarian cfoley@spxschool.com

God Bless you this year!
Christina Foley, Librarian

**SPORTS NEWS FROM THE DESK OF
COACH SHELTON**

We will have our 2nd annual Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart kick-off assembly this Friday, January 6 at 1:30pm in the Connolly Center. All students will be participating and able to wear RED! Parents are welcome to attend. Fundraising for the American Heart Association will begin January 6-January 27. Information will be coming home this week.

Promoting physically active lifestyles to our students is more important than ever! Overweight children and adolescents are at risk for significant health problems, both during their youth and as adults. Jump Rope for Heart and

Hoops for Heart helps students become involved in community service while they are learning how their bodies work and how to care for them. Jumping rope and playing basketball are two great ways to keep students moving and help others at the same time.

We all know someone in our lives that has been affected by heart disease. In their honor we will try and meet our school goal of \$5,000. Thanks in advance for all your support and efforts.

An ice cream party is being offered to all classes with 100% participation! Good Luck!

Also, please come out and support the Comets this weekend vs. OLG at SPX. Games start at 9:30am. Go Comets!!!!

**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.