



*From the Principal*

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**Calendar Highlights**

- 11/10 **Early Dismissal, 1:15pm**  
(After School Care until 6pm)  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Gr. K-5 (by appointment)  
Gr. 6-8 & Specials, drop in  
2-6:30pm
- 11/11 **No School**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Gr. K-5 (by appointment)  
Gr. 6-8 & Specials, 9am-1pm
- 11/14 **Food Drive Ends**  
Basketball@IHM, VG & VBG  
4:30 & 5:45pm  
Basketball@Westchester,  
VBB, 6:30pm
- 11/15 **Mass, 8:30am, followed by  
Giving Tree Service**
- 11/16 **Picture Retakes**
- 11/17 **Basketball@IHM, JVG-4:30  
JVBG – 5:45**

**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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November 10, 2011

My speech this morning to students and veterans:

Thank you Monsignor Marcaccio, Major Kanir, Lieutenant Colonel Matthews and Lieutenant Commander Matthews, Mr. Welliver, the St. Pius X Spirituality Committee, Mr. Payne our Taps soloist, Mrs. Flynt, and the St. Pius X Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, choir members, and student council.

Most importantly, thank you, our honored veterans! Thank you for allowing our students and school community the opportunity to honor you this morning, as well as honor your fellow veterans unable to be here today. We are humbled that you have chosen to spend this morning with us.

Students, as we have learned, Veterans Day is a day set aside each year on November 11 to remember the contributions made to our nation by United States military...past and present.

We have also been learning about and striving to be good stewards by committing our time, talent, and treasure to enhance other's lives and improve our community and world. As Monsignor Marcaccio explained to us this past Tuesday at Mass, there are times when we do things not for a reward or praise, but because we ought to and should do something to help others. That is what stewardship is all about and that is why I believe our United States veterans are role models of stewardship. Throughout American history, our veterans have given of themselves, not for reward and praise, but to help others, our country, and our world because it is the right thing to do.

By our veterans' stewardship, we are free to openly practice our religion. In some countries, people can be imprisoned or worse for publicly displaying their religious beliefs. We have plenty of food and warm clothes to wear, necessities many people throughout the world are not able to depend on. And besides the necessities, we have the luxuries that are not prevalent in some parts of the world. Most importantly, we are able to begin each day together in prayer and pledging Allegiance to the flag. We must never take for granted our freedom and liberty.

How fortunate we are to have these freedoms, but it is important for us to always respect the fact that our freedom exists due to the sacrifice of others. Throughout history, our freedom has been challenged and jeopardized, and it has been noble service men and women who have sacrificed their safety in order for us to practice our freedom today. Freedom has come at a cost, and we owe our United States service members the utmost respect and honor.

A recent poll by the Pew Research Center portrays post-9/11 veterans as proud of their work, scarred by warfare, and convinced that the American public has little understanding of the problems that wartime service has created for the military members and their families. My brother and his wife are both post-9/11 Army veterans who have had two tours in Iraq. It breaks my heart that they and those they work with might feel that we as United States citizens do not understand their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their family members. What can we do to show veterans that we do understand their sacrifice and appreciate what their families must give up for the sake of the greater good? The next time you meet a veteran, express your gratitude for his or her service. Students, talk to veterans. Learn from them. They are full of knowledge and we can learn from their experiences.

I consider myself fortunate to have family members, including two deceased grandfathers who were WWII veterans, who have shared with me their first-hand accounts and experiences being in the military.

When we have the ability to see pictures and hear the stories from the soldiers who actually serve or have served in the areas we hear reports about or have read about in history books, we can learn firsthand about human sacrifice, selflessness, war, peace, and loyalty.

Our service members...our veterans, some of whom sit before us today, are and have been throughout history heroic, honorable, selfless, and brave. United States veterans have volunteered their safety, their security, and their lives for their families, friends, neighbors, and for those they have never met. Veterans have not only jeopardized their safety for those living in the United States, but have abandoned their security for those living throughout the world. If that is not being a good steward of our community, country, and world, I do not know what is.

Our United States veterans, our guardian angels here on earth, our good and faithful stewards, have fought to preserve our rights and to keep us safe, and we are so fortunate to have these present guardian angels here at St. Pius X Catholic School this morning.

Because of our current veterans and because of those who have gone before them, we are here today, we have been given the opportunity to experience life, we have our liberty, and we have our freedom.

Thank you, veterans, for your stewardship no matter the cost. Thank you for giving of yourselves so that we may have life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Thank you for sharing this morning with us so that we can express our love and gratitude for all you have given to us. May God bless you and your families on Veterans Day and throughout the year and God bless America.

### **PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN**

**HOUSE:** We will host our final Open House for Prospective Families on Wednesday, November 30 from 9:30 – 11:00 am. If you know of any families that are interested in enrolling a student in St. Pius X School, please let them know about our Open House or ask them to contact Jean Navarro, 273-9865, ext. 101 or [jnavarro@spxschool.com](mailto:jnavarro@spxschool.com).

### **GIVING TREE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Giving Tree Service will be held after Mass on Nov. 15, in the church. Each school family will have an opportunity to pick an ornament off the tree for a family in need. The number of families needing assistance, through the Giving Tree, has increased. We would encourage any families who are able to take an ornament and gift card (s) this year. **Please return your gift(s), wrapped and with the tag(s) attached, by December 7<sup>th</sup>.** God bless you and thank you for participating in this very worthy project.

Patricia DiCarlo  
Karen Graves

**SIBLING INTENT FORM:** If you plan to enroll a new sibling (*Gr. K-8*) in St. Pius X School next year, please complete the Sibling Intent Form that was enclosed in last week's Thursday Folder and return to the school office by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact: Jean Navarro @ [jnavarro@spxschool.com](mailto:jnavarro@spxschool.com) or 273-9865.

**HOLIDAY MARKET:** Don't miss the **ST. PIUS X SCHOOL PTO HOLIDAY MARKET** on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**PICTURE RETAKES** are scheduled for Wednesday, November 16. If you would like a retake for your child, please be sure to send the original picture package to school with him/her on Wednesday. Extra order forms are available in the brochure holder in the front lobby of the school for students who missed the original picture day. All students will be photographed for the yearbook.

### **HOT LUNCH INFORMATION**

**Order Period:**  
11/21/11 – 12/02/11  
**Start Online Order:** 11/07/11  
**Cutoff Date:** 11/16/11

### **THE CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

ends on Monday, Nov. 14. Please see the flier in today's newsletter regarding classroom food donation assignments.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:**

Congratulations to our winning classes for the first quarter! Mrs. Malphurs' class won the most points for Box Tops and Mrs. Ruddy's class had the most points for Labels for Education. We collected over 10,000 Box Tops points and 3200 Labels for Education points! Each class received a special holiday treat.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter competition has begun, so keep checking your items you purchase for Box Tops and Labels for Education. New companies and products are being added all the time to the product list. Please make sure you include the whole UPC label for the Labels for Education (we need the scan bar code along with the point value, if it has one).

Don't forget as you begin your online holiday shopping (& winter uniform shopping) to start at the Marketplace on bfe.com. You must first create an account with bfe and then the Marketplace & Reading Room (Barnes & Noble link) will take you directly to the site you want.

When searching for our school, type in "St Pius X" and then scroll to find Greensboro. The search engine is very particular.

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

Thank you also to my label counting crew! You were awesome!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Christmas Book Fair arrives Wednesday afternoon Nov. 30! Student previews will take place that day and the following day, with the **first sale day 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

# Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll 2011-2012

## Excellent Honors (4.0)

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Ran Albright  
Taylor Berry  
Mahlon Brady  
Brendan Chase  
Leo Garcia Calderon  
Olivia Griffith  
Rebecca Hunt  
Jenny Iruela  
Kaeli Miller  
Claire Register  
Nathan Urquhart

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Kennedy Barber  
Virginia Billings  
Neal Kordsmeier  
Haley LaJeunesse  
Emily Martin  
Claire Michaels  
Ryan Trumbo  
Lilly Washburn

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Grace Adams  
Will Buisson  
Jeffrey Davidson  
Courtney Decker  
Jack Emerick  
Madison Fly  
Kendall Hunt  
Olivia Ingram  
Bryan Johnson  
Sarah Grace Johnson  
Jimmy King  
Elena Schmidt  
Wes Shannon  
Alex Strasser  
Roan Urquhart  
Daniel Zukowski

## Honors (3.6 – 3.99)

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Maeve Adams  
Bryan Bell  
Meghan Ealley  
Sam Floyd  
Madeline Gentry  
Ella Hackett  
Emma Heard  
Jillian Heard  
Connor Hudson  
Chase Longino  
Beth Palmisano  
Mark Palmisano  
Adam Pitman  
Will Roselli  
Anna Sardzinski  
Nora Schmedes  
Emma Smith  
Madison Tam  
Rachel Trego  
Christian Workman

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Azuka Chukwedebe  
Conor Fitzpatrick  
Molly Garner  
Cassidy Kreber  
Kate McBane  
Julia Miller  
Matthew Muller  
Alexis Pean  
Kayley Scannell  
Cassidy Shaw  
Joseph Spillane  
Ellie Verchick  
Fraser Welsford

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Jacob Anderholm  
Jenna Basel  
Emily Bliss  
Jack Boydoh  
Mercer Brady  
Caity Burnham  
Addie Clem  
Kathleen Ellison  
Julia Errington  
Taylor Finn  
Jillian Ford  
Mary Hamrick  
Brianna Hardcastle  
Emily Jandzinski  
Philippe Lian  
Emma Lloyd  
Sabrina Meadows  
Devin Moragne  
Brooke Plemmons  
Andrew Workman

**Triad Catholic Schools Foundation**  
**“Making a Difference”**  
**2011-2012 Campaign Donors**

Thank you to the following families for their generous contributions 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 \$8,125 toward this year's goal of \$30,000.

Mary Albright  
Allen William  
Louis and Wendy Barber  
Wes and Kelly Bartlett  
John and Helene Belfi  
Al and Marge Birge  
Ruth Boblett  
James and Dayarmys Breen  
Frederick and Debra Champagne  
Nick and Jill Chmil  
Bill and Gail Conlon  
Jeff and Lalonnie Coutts  
Stephen and Shannon Dahlstedt  
Brian and Kathy Davidson  
Joel and Erin Davis  
Gary and Cindi DeVillers  
Elizabeth and John Dewey  
William and Patricia Edwards  
David and Lisa Elser  
John and Shelley Emerick  
Chip and Ann Flynt  
Ken and Allison Gentry  
Leo and Alice Gottschalk  
Douglas and Dorothy Green  
Fitzhugh and Monica Hamrick  
Jim and Lisa Haslam  
Jay and Leslie Hertwig  
Corey and Sonja Huck  
Steven and Charlotte Immel  
Frank and Mariana Iruela  
David and Dianne Kaehler  
Kevin and Amy Kemp  
Catherine and Michael Kernels  
Kris and Anne Knapke  
Keith and Julie Kordsmeier

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Lorraine Malphurs  
Kelly and Monica Martin  
Jeannette Meadows  
Christopher and Leslie Meadows  
Marc and Lisa Michaels  
Doug and Ruby Miller  
Marc and Suzanne Miller  
Joseph and Deborah Moore  
Paul and Lesley Moxon  
Donal and Theresa Mulligan  
Dorothy Murphy  
Joseph and Irene Nichols  
Rachel Pean  
Alexzandrew and Tara Perkins  
Brandy Persson  
Michael and Amber Register  
Richard and Barbara Romak  
Mark and Judieth Roy  
Timothy and Jenny Rundle  
Reiner and Sheila Schmedes  
Michael and Deanna Shannon  
Jim and Tracy Shaw  
John and Sarah Sherrill  
Brian and Karen Smith  
Bill and Joanne Spillane  
Glenn and Pat Spivey  
Larry and Dale Stoehr  
John and Eileen Trovato  
Hector and Celena Velez Abadia  
Jess and Susannah Washurn  
Carl and Laura Yontz  
Ben and Alice Yorks



## From Our Table to Theirs Thanksgiving Meals for Those in Need

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and we would like continue our tradition of putting together food baskets for those in need. We will be collecting food, preparing the bags of food, and making the actual deliveries to individuals and families in need.

There are many ways in which you can be a part of this parish/school wide stewardship of giving.

1. Help prepare the bags of food for delivery: Call parish office: 272-4681
2. Deliver a Thanksgiving basket on Sunday, November 20. Maps will be provided. See form below.
3. Make a donation toward the purchase of a turkey. See form below.
4. Donate food items based on grade assignment:

K:	stuffing
1 <sup>st</sup> grade:	canned sweet potatoes
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade:	instant mashed potatoes
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade:	canned fruit
4 <sup>th</sup> grade:	ready-made gravy
5 <sup>th</sup> grade:	canned green beans
6 <sup>th</sup> grade:	canned corn
7 <sup>th</sup> grade:	boxed macaroni n' cheese
8 <sup>th</sup> grade:	cranberry sauce

The collection of food in the classrooms will continue until November 14<sup>th</sup>.

\* As always, participation in this stewardship activity is voluntary.

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**Please detach and return to the school office by Nov. 14.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Our family would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the purchase of a turkey.  
The cost of each turkey is approximately \$10.  
Please make checks payable to St. Pius X.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our family would like to deliver a Thanksgiving basket on November 20.  
A map will be provided.

We will pick the basket up after the following Mass on Nov 19/20.  
Please circle - 5:00 7:30 9:00 11:30