



*From the Principal*

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**Calendar Highlights**

- 11/3 Middle School Report  
Cards Go Home  
Talent Show, 6:30pm
- 11/4 **Spirit Day** (wear, black/gold  
or spirit wear)
- 11/5 Protecting God's Children  
Workshop, 9am-Noon  
SPX School Library
- 11/7 **Into the Woods** Auditions,  
Gr. 6-8, 5:30-6:45pm
- 11/8 Mass, 8:30am  
**Fall Athletic Awards**,  
Gr. 4-8, 2pm (Connolly Ctr.)
- 11/9 Bake Sale, Gr. K  
**Into the Woods** Auditions,  
Gr. 6-8, 3:30-5:30pm
- 11/10 **Veteran's Day Assembly**,  
8:30-9:30am  
**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

**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 3, 2011

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

In today's Thursday folder, each family will be receiving the new Comet Magazine. I hope you will take the time to read through our first edition. I would like to thank Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Maya, and the Journalism Club for their talent and leadership. The magazine would also not have been possible without the students who shared their writing and artwork. The next issue will be sent home before Christmas break. All students are encouraged to share their artwork and writing. Enjoy!

I have had a change to my schedule and will now be able to attend the Talent show tonight at 6:30 PM in the Alumni Auditorium. If it is like any of our past events, it will be a terrific show. Thank you to Mrs. Warren, Cindi DeVillers, Lucinda Hernandez, Maureen Kessler, Kristin Shelton, and Chrissy Verchick for organizing the fun and free event. For those students performing, Break A Leg!

On Halloween evening I came down with a bad case of strep throat. With the diagnosis, my foot surgery will have to be rescheduled. I hope to have my surgery in the next several weeks. I greatly appreciate the sweet wishes of get well that I have received, and I will keep them with me until my actual surgery.

Last week, I was given the privilege of attending the International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC) with Monsignor Marcaccio, Mr. Parker, church staff, and parishioners. I was so pleased to discover that our students definitely live and lead a stewardship way of life. I was able to share with people across the country and around the world just some of the many stewardship activities of which our students are involved. I am so proud of our students for their unselfish acts of stewardship, whether it be time, talent, or treasure. Together, we are raising thoughtful and caring leaders of our community and world.

Next Thursday, November 10 at 8:30 AM, St. Pius X Catholic School will be hosting our annual Veteran's Day tribute and prayer service. If you have a family member or friend who is a veteran and you have not yet turned in his or her name to be invited to this tribute, please personally make sure he or she is invited. We do not want to leave anyone out. We also would like any students who have a veteran or family member attending the service to know that they are invited to sit with their veteran. As a United States citizen and a granddaughter, a sister, and a sister-in-law of veterans, Veteran's Day is very important to me. I look forward to this very special event. I also greatly appreciate the help of Monsignor Marcaccio, Mrs. Therese Chase and the Spirituality Committee, Mr. Tracy Welliver, Major Ed Kanir, Mr. Scott Matthews, Mr. Richard Matthews, Mr. Josef Strasser and the St. Pius X Boy Scouts, Ms. Kristin Blanton and the SPX School Choir for making this event possible

In Christ's love,

*Anne W. Knapke*

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**SIBLING INTENT FORM:** If you are planning to send a new sibling (*Gr. K-8*) to St. Pius X School next year, please complete the enclosed Sibling Intent Form and return to the school office by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **HOT LUNCH INFORMATION**

**Order Period:**

11/21/11 – 12/02/11

**Start Online Order:** 11/07/11

**Cutoff Date:** 11/16/11

**Please note:** Saint Pius the Tenth Church will provide a pizza lunch for all students in grades 6-8 on Monday, November 7.

### **COMING SOON! YOUR CHILD'S ORIGINAL**

**WORK:** With the Thanksgiving holiday coming soon, I just wanted to let you know that the Original Works fundraiser packet will be in your child's Thursday folder on Nov 17. Please keep your eye out for it. Your order, if desired, will NEED to be returned by the following Monday morning if our school is to make the holiday delivery deadline. This is important because many orders are place for Christmas gifts. If you have a conflict with this deadline, please contact me and I will try to get you your packet sooner.

Artfully yours,  
Laura Grant

[grantla@triad.rr.com](mailto:grantla@triad.rr.com)

**MEDIA CENTER NEWS:** Congratulations to all students who completed their RC quizzes for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Over 40 MILLION words were read by grades 2-8, for a total of over 11,000 RC points! Special congratulations to those students whose names were drawn for the "RC Challenge". Students received

-yummy treat prizes, extra recess, merits, and homework passes! Many thanks to the following businesses / SPX organizations who donated prizes: Quizno's Subs (on Battleground)  
Rita's Italian Ice  
Feenie's Frozen Yogurt Bar  
SPX Hot Lunch Program  
SPX Athletic Booster Club

The second quarter just began, so get in the running for more prize opportunities when the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>! If you are a business or family and would like to donate a prize, please email Mrs. Foley [cfoley@spxschool.com](mailto:cfoley@spxschool.com).

**SPIRIT DAY:** Tomorrow is Spirit Day at St. Pius X School. Students may wear their Sprit Wear shirts or SPX School colors (black/gold). Uniform shorts are the only shorts that are permitted. Jeans may be worn.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Christmas Book Fair arrives Wednesday afternoon Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>!**

Student previews will take place that day and the following day, with the **first sale day Friday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> ALL DAY, including at the Holiday Market!** Give a great gift, the gift of reading this Christmas! All your favorite events...Giving Tree gifts, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, AND a new event –“Grandparents shopping day” Tuesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> await you!

\*\*\*We will be taking preorders for the latest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book *Cabin Fever*, set to release right before the Bookfair.\*\*\* Look in this week's newsletter for the presale order form.\*\*\* Order forms must be sent to the Office by November 11. You will pick up your book before Thanksgiving break. Support your SPX Library and save a trip to the bookstore! ☺

**YOUR HELP IS SO APPRECIATED:** Join us for the next St. Pius X Parish blood drive on Friday, November 11th, from 2:00 - 6:30pm at the Kloster Center.

*Remember all those who gave so much on this Veterans Day by donating your time and blood for so many who could not live without your life-saving gift. If you weigh more than 110 lb, are at least 16 years old, are in good health, and have not already given since Sept. 17th, than you can try to give your blood! Become one of our heroes who are so patient and kind, knowing that their gift of one unit of blood helps at least three other people such as premature infants, trauma victims, cancer patients, chronic illness clients, hemophiliacs, and so many others.*

*To reduce waiting times, we ask that you try to make appointments by calling Neil at 339-1006, Woody at 294-8958, or by visiting: [www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule](http://www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule) entering your info, selecting sponsor site code 3350, picking an available time, and confirming your appointment. If you cannot be a donor, then please consider being a volunteer helper or supplying some home baked goodies. God bless you for being Christ's hands in this secular world!*

**IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:** All St. Pius X School volunteers must take the Protecting God's Children Workshop before volunteering at the school. The Workshop **MUST** be attended **IN PERSON**. If you have taken the online course, you will not be able to work with students at St. Pius X School until you complete a course in person. The next workshop at St. Pius X is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 5 from 9:00AM-Noon. You can register for the workshop at: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**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 \$7,320 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  
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John and Eileen Trovato  
Hector and Celena Velez Abadia  
Jess and Susannah Washurn  
Carl and Laura Yontz  
Ben and Alice Yorks

November 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

Each January the St. Pius X School Board meets to put together a proposed budget for the following year. In order to be effective in our planning, it is important for us to have an idea of how many of our kindergarten spaces will be needed for the siblings of our current students, as well as any other grade sibling that you wish to send to St. Pius X School in 2012-2013. Please indicate below and send this form to the office tomorrow. Failure to respond may jeopardize a spot for your child.

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke  
Principal

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### **SIBLING INTENT FORM**

***PLEASE NOTE:*** This is ***NOT*** a re-registration form for students currently attending St. Pius X School. Only parents who wish to enroll a ***NEW*** student for next school year (grades K-8) should complete this form. ***Please return to the school office by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.***

I intend to enroll the following new student/s in St. Pius X School for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name of sibling/s you intend to enroll:

Grade in 2012-2013:

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Parents Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_