



*From the Principal*

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**Calendar Highlights**

- 9/30 Spirit Day!** (Wear Spirit wear or black/gold)
- 10/3 – 10/7**  
Stanford Achievement Test, Gr. 3-8  
& Otis Lennon Testing, Gr. 2, 5 & 7
- 10/3** Chick-Fil-A Night, Pisgah Church Rd., 5-8 PM
- 10/4** No School Mass
- 10/6** Pep Rally, 1:30 PM
- 10/7** Living Rosary, 1:30 PM (Church Cloister)
- 10/7-10/9**  
PECSAA Volleyball Tournament
- 10/10-10/11**  
Otis Lennon Testing, Gr. 5 & 7

**Saint Pius the Tenth  
FALL FESTIVAL  
Saturday, September 8  
12:00 (Noon) - 8:00 PM**

**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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September 29, 2011

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

Please keep in your prayers the Our Lady of Grace School community as they mourn the loss of their beloved 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Joan Regan. Mrs. Regan had taught at Our Lady of Grace for over 12 years and will be greatly missed by her students and the parish community.

Next week, 3rd through 8th grade students will be administered the Stanford 10 Achievement Test and 2nd grade students will be administered the Otis Lennon Cognitive Ability Assessment. The following week, 5th and 7th grade students will also be taking part in the Otis Lennon Cognitive Ability Assessment. I have explained these two assessments in a previous newsletter and at the PTO meeting. A letter from the Superintendent of the Diocese of Charlotte is included in this week's Thursday Folder to further explain the Diocesan testing program and the reason for the switch from the Riverside assessments to the Pearson assessments.

I ask that you please make sure that your child arrives on time to school, well rested and fed. While this should be the case on a daily basis, it is especially important during these testing days.

Parents and teachers have been reporting that a number of parents are parking either across the street or in our parking lot and walking up to retrieve their children in order to avoid the carpool line. Please know that we understand that parents have busy schedules and time commitments. However, it is not fair to the parents who follow the carpool rules as well as the fact that it is not safe due to the moving vehicles. Please make arrangements in order to pick up your children in the carpool line, unless your child attends Before and/or After School Care.

In order to plan for the upcoming Winter sports season, 5th through 8th grade students who are interested in trying out for basketball or cheerleading must complete the form enclosed in this week's Thursday folder. Students who do not complete the form and do not have a current physical will not be able to try out. Try outs will begin October 11. Additional information about try outs is posted on our website.

We are still in need of volunteers for the Fall Festival. Please complete the enclosed sign-up sheet if you can donate a few hours of your time.

In Christ's love,

*Anne W. Knapke*

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**HOT LUNCH INFORMATION**

**Order Period:**

10/10/11 - 10/21/11

**Start Online Order:** 09/26/11

**Cutoff Date:** 10/05/11

**ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

Our first dance of the school year is just around the corner!

**When:** Friday, October 21

**Where:** The Alumni Auditorium

**Time:** 7 - 9:30 PM

**Cost:** \$5.00

**DOOR PRIZES!!!**

**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](mailto: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.

**REMEMBER TO RE-LINK! AND MERIT OPPORTUNITY:**

SPX comets, remember to re-link and help our school earn money. Ask your Harris Teeter cashier to link your family's VIC card to school #1852. We earn money on store brand purchases, including: HT Traders, Hunter Farms, HT Farmers Market, HT Naturals, YourHome, and YourBaby. We have opportunities for Middle School students to **earn a merit** by helping to link Harris Teeter customers on Oct. 1st at Garden Creek Center (New Garden Rd.) and Oct 22nd at North Elm Village. If your middle school student is interested in volunteering, please contact Natalie Angeron at [nangeron@gmail.com](mailto:nangeron@gmail.com) or 324-2746 for more information.

**ATTRACTION BOOKS FOR SALE!**

When you buy an attraction book from St. Pius X Catholic School, you can save your family money on dining, shopping, and events all over the Triad. You also contribute important funds for the St. Pius X Catholic School music program. The funds raised help buy new classroom instruments, books, and other resources that benefit every student. Attraction Books cost only \$25 and are available in the main office.

Thank you in advance for your purchase and for your commitment to the arts at St. Pius X Catholic School.

**PHOTO CALENDARS NEEDED**

**FOR ART:** We could really use photo calendars, new or used, that you can donate for reference material in the art room.

Subjects may include the following: wildlife, landscape, animals, flowers, architecture, and/or travel. The large photos are great to work with and reuse for many lessons. I appreciate all you do for the school's art program.

Artfully yours,  
Laura Grant

**WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS**

will begin on October 11. All students planning to try out **MUST** have a current (within the past 12 months) physical on file in the nurse's office. Physicals must be turned in before a student can attend tryouts. A physical form can be found on the school website: [www.spxschool.com](http://www.spxschool.com) under the forms tab. Please submit physicals to the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Jordan, SPX School nurse at [sjordan@spxschool.com](mailto:sjordan@spxschool.com) or 273-9865.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT!!!**

**Monday, October 3rd**

**5:00-8:00 PM**

**Pisgah Church Rd.**

**PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!**



**LIVING ROSARY AND HEARTY SOUP DRIVE!**  
**SEND IN THE SOUP!!**

We will gather together on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Church cloister for the Annual Living Rosary. Please join your children as they pray the rosary together.

Again this year we will collect hearty soup beginning Monday, Sept. 26 until Friday, Oct. 7. On Oct. 7 the soup will then be gathered up and placed in the center of the rosary and will be donated to Urban Ministries. Last year we donated over 300 lbs. of soup for the hungry in our area. Let's do it again!

So start buying your soup and start bringing it in on Monday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**SPX CHURCH CHILDREN'S**

**CHOIR:** The St. Pius X Church children's choir has started again for the school year. Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the choir rehearsal room at the church. No sign-up is necessary. If you have any questions, please call Sallie Kelton at the parish office, 272-4681.

**ST. PIUS X SCHOOL ANNUAL**

**CROP WALK** - Friday, October 14 at 10:00AM: Today, each family at Saint Pius is receiving a CROPWALK ENVELOPE. Please sign the consent so that your child can recruit sponsors. Directions on how to fill out the form are on the envelope. Please make all checks out to CROP WALK OF CWS/CROP and return the envelope to Mrs. DiCarlo or Mrs. Graves by Friday, October 28th. Thank you.

**NEW SPX LEGO CLUB NEEDS**

**YOUR HELP!** A new Lego Club for SPX students in grades K-5 will begin on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The club will meet once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Mrs. Allison Strafacci, former SPX kindergarten teacher will be heading up this club. **To get the Lego Club started, donations of new or used Lego's will be gratefully accepted in the school office.** See today's Thursday folder for a Lego Club flyer and registration form.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the St. Pius X FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION**

This year the Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 8 from Noon until 8:00 PM. We are in need of a lot of help! Please consider volunteering an hour or more of your time. What better way to be a part of something so special! If you are able to help, please complete the following form and return it to the school office tomorrow.

*We are in great need of volunteers to help with games and rides. No experience necessary!!!*

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

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

Please check the time that you are able to volunteer:

12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 2:00-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00-6:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00-8:00 \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNSHINE UNIFORM DONATIONS:** Sunshine uniforms are still being accepted in the school office for the First Lutheran Church Souls4Souls Program. The collected clothing will be sent to needy families around the world. Thank you to the SPX families that already donated Sunshine uniforms. Donations will be accepted through October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **CROP WALK T-SHIRT DONATION FORM SPX ALL-SCHOOL CROP WALK FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**

FamilyName: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor all or a portion of my child's homeroom.  
(The cost of each t-shirt is \$2.00).

***Please make checks payable to:  
St. Pius X School***