



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

- 9/2 No Uniform Day, Bridges of Hope Foundation Soccer @ Canterbury, 4:30PM
- 9/5 **Labor Day – No School**
- 9/6 Mass, 8:30AM
- 9/7 Soccer @ BSS, 4:00PM
- 9/9 Soccer @ FCD, 4:00PM
- 9/10 Volleyball @ SPX, 9:30AM

**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 1, 2011

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

Thank you for overwhelming turnout and support for our first PTO meeting of the school year. With so many of you in attendance, I can only believe that this will be a terrific year! As a busy, working parent myself, I understand that a number of you were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments and responsibilities. A few items I would like to review from our meeting are:

- **Carpool Name Signs:** Thank you for including Last Names with Homerooms on a sign placed in your car that can be seen by our faculty and staff assisting with carpool.
- **Carpool Safety:** Children's bodies should remain completely in the car at all times. I am still seeing children extended out of windows when the cars are in motion. This is very dangerous as the carpool line could stop suddenly. We request that drivers do not talk on cell phones. Also, please stay in your cars at all times. Faculty and staff members will help students needing assistance in and out of their cars.
- **Carpool Courtesy:** To help our environment, please turn off your cars when waiting for our carpool to begin.
- **New Standardized Tests:** The Diocese of Charlotte has decided to move to a different standardized test. We will now be administering the Pearson Stanford 10 Achievement Test for grades 3 through 8 and the Pearson Otis Lennon Cognitive Ability Testing for grades 2, 5, and 7. Unlike our prior tests, in which the school and students' scores were based on 99 points to create a percentage score, the new assessment will be based on quartiles to create a percentage score.
- **Noon Dismissal on Friday, September 16:** In order for teachers to be trained on administering the new standardized tests, the k-8 schools in the triad will be dismissed at 12:00 pm on Friday, September 16. Lunch will not be served. Students attending After School Care should pack a lunch and afternoon snack.

After assessing the carpool lines for the past week and a half, I would like to offer any cars that drive students in 5R to use the back carpool line. This offer is limited to 5R only and is optional.

Today was our official Innisbrook kick-off day. Please support our PTO by selling Innisbrook items. There are even more items available online, and family and friends living in other cities and states have to opportunity to purchase items from your child by using the Innisbrook site. Directions were included in your child's packet, which was sent home in last week's Thursday folder.

I pray that each of you are able to enjoy a relaxing Labor Day weekend with your friends and family.

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke

BEVERAGE, SNACK/ICE CREAM COUPONS: A Coupon Order Form can be found by clicking the Coupon Order Form link on the home page of the St. Pius X School website: www.spxschool.com. To order, simply print and complete the form and send back to school (with payment) in your child's Thursday folder. Orders will be processed and the coupons will be sent home in the following week's Thursday Folder. Coupon Order Forms are also available in the brochure holder, located in the front lobby of the school. Questions: Contact Lee Ann Clark @ 273-4584, ext. 136

CALENDAR UPDATE: There will be an **EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:00 PM (noon) on Friday, September 16**. After school care will be available beginning at noon. Please pack a lunch for students staying in after care that day.

A REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE: Please be considerate of others and keep your child home if he/she is sick. If your child is home due to fever or vomiting, he/she must be symptom-free for at least 24 hours without medication before returning to school. Students who have been diagnosed with strep throat may not return to school until 24 hours after an antibiotic has been started.

JOURNALISM CLUB: The Journalism Club is ready to start a new school year. We look forward to welcoming back our members from last year and hope to add new members as well. Club meetings will start each Wednesday morning at 7:35 AM in Mrs. Parker's room after Labor Day. In order to join the Journalism Club for the 2011-2012 school year, we ask that both old and new members write a letter of interest to Mrs. Parker stating why you would like to be in the Journalism Club. Letters are due to Mrs. Parker by Friday, September 2. Club members will be notified of their acceptance after we return from the Labor Day holiday.

HOT LUNCH INFORMATION
Order Period:
09/12/11 - 09/23/11
Start Online Order: 08/29/11
Cutoff Date: 09/07/11

INFORMATION NEEDED: Please return all completed Volunteer Driver Forms, Emergency Cards, and Photo Release Forms to the school office tomorrow. Each member of the family that plans to drive for school field trips must fill out a Volunteer Driver Form and complete the Protecting God's Children Workshop and a Background Check Form before volunteering to drive.

NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER
CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL READERS!! The **Middle School Battle of the Books Club** is gearing up for a great year! Our meetings are held each **Thursday** after dismissal and last an hour. Our first meeting was held today, so it's not too late to check it out! If any parents are interested in helping as an assistant coach, please email Mrs. Foley @ cfoley@spxschool.com. Students are asked to read and discuss at least one of two books each week.

You can find our book discussion schedule listed on the Media Center web site:
<http://spxschool.com/Foleyindex.htm>

HELP YOUR ST. PIUS X TEACHERS! Our school has an ongoing school trade credit account at **Ed McKay Used Bookstore**. Donate items to Ed McKay Used Bookstore, and ask for the "trade credit" to go towards **St. Pius X School** Teachers will be able to use this credit to add books to their classrooms and for our St. Pius X Library.

Students will begin checking out library books this week, start the year off right with **daily** reading habits!

GIRL SCOUT READING CLASS IS FULL! Thank you so much for your support of Troop #41465. Due to the overwhelming response, we will no longer be accepting any new students in the after school Reading Program. Again, thank you for all your support of our troop and Silver Award Project.

Mercer Brady Courtney, Decker, Madison Fly Troop#41465

PTO NEWS! Please encourage all friends and Family to Link their **Harris Teeter VIC card** to St. Pius X! **Our St. Pius X School number is 1852**. Make sure to remind them to Re-link every August so our school will continue to receive credit. You may re-link this online at: www.harristeeter.com. Please start sending in those Box Tops and Campbell's soup labels! Please encourage family members to clip them also!

EXTENDED CARE: If you plan to send your child/ren to Before or After School Care this year, please submit a completed Extended Day Registration Form to the school office, along with the \$15.00/family registration fee. If your child/ren will be attending Extended Day full-time, please include an automatic bank draft form. The Extended Day Registration Form can be found on the home page or under the Forms Tab of the St. Pius X School website: www.spxschool.com.

DONATE YOUR TIME TO GIVE BLOOD AND PERFORM A MIRACLE! St. Pius X School families are being asked to donate blood at the next parish blood drive on Friday, Sept. 16th at the Kloster Center. Extended hours have been made available especially for you, from 8:00am-12:30pm, as well as the regular times from 2:00pm-6:30pm.

Only human blood donations can keep patients alive to become well. Surely you know a mother who lost excessive blood in childbirth, a family who had a premature baby in NICU, a chemotherapy patient who could not produce their own blood, a trauma victim who required massive blood replacement, a chronic dialysis patient who requires occasional transfusions, a hemophiliac who needs blood clotting factors, and so many more. When you volunteer the 60-90 minutes to donate a unit of blood, you can be part of the miracle of life, because they can't live without this precious gift that God has blessed us with. *Please be a blood donor! A short amount of time and some minor discomfort truly saves lives!*

Make an appointment to donate on Sept. 16th by calling 294-8958 or 339-1006. You can also do it directly on the Internet @ www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule , selecting sponsor code 3350, entering your information, picking an open appointment, and confirming your appointment.

God bless you and thank you for sharing this gift of life!

SCHOOL DIRECTORY: The St. Pius X School Directory will soon go to print. Please notify the school office if you have recently changed your home address, phone number, email address, etc.

If you ***DO NOT*** wish to have your name, home address and phone number published in our school directory, please contact Jean Navarro, Admissions Coordinator, at 273-4584, ext. 101 or jnavarro@spxschool.com. Our directory is only distributed to our SPX School families and staff. Thank you!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting articles for the Thursday Newsletter is Monday at 3:00 PM. All articles submitted after that day/time will be included in the following week's Newsletter. Please email your Word Document to: jnavarro@spxschool.com.

SCHOOL FORMS can be found under the Forms Tab on the St. Pius X School Website: www.spxschool.com.

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

Family Name: _____

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

