



From the Principal

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Calendar Highlights

- 9/16 **12:00 Noon Dismissal**
Blood Drive
Innisbrook Orders Due
- 9/17 Volleyball @ IHM, 9:30AM
- 9/20 Mass, 8:30AM
- 9/21 **Open House for
Prospective Parents,
9:30-11:00AM**
- 9/22 Progress Reports
- 9/23 **Religious Prof. Dev.
No School for Students**
- 9/26-28
**7th Gr. Trip to Green River
Preserve**

**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 16, 2011

Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

As many of you may have been aware, Mrs. Cotton was unable to be present at the start of school due to medical reasons. I was notified this week that due to circumstances beyond her control, Mrs. Cotton will not be able to return to St. Pius X. We appreciate Mrs. Cotton's eleven years of service to our school community; she will be missed by all. It is with great pleasure that I welcome Mrs. Kathy Davidson as our new first grade teacher.

This Friday will be our first Peru No Uniform Day. For those of you who are new to the school, a Peru No Uniform Day means that students have the option of wearing clothing other than their uniform in exchange for a dollar donation to the hot lunch program that we sponsor for the students and elderly of Manazo, Peru. We are the only source of funding. Last year we were able to serve 15,000 bowls of hot soup throughout their school year. In most cases, the one bowl of soup is all that the students and elderly of Manazo eat on any given day.

Parents, please keep in mind that our Peru No Uniform Days are not days in which students can wear anything they like. Please make sure that the clothing that your child wears to school meets the restrictions and guidelines printed in your child's student planner. Skirts and shorts are not to be shorter than regular uniform attire. On our first No Uniform Day this school year, many of our older students wore running shorts that hit at or above mid-thigh level. Please be mindful that running-style athletic shorts are not permitted due to their length.

Enclosed in today's Thursday folder is a flyer about our upcoming Prospective Parent Open House to be held on Wednesday, September 21 from 9:30-11:00 AM. Please share this information with your friends and family. Don't forget to remind them that our kindergarten classes filled up early this year!

On a positive note, I was extremely pleased with how our student body was dressed last Friday to honor 9/11 and how respectful they were during our prayer service around the flag pole. Below are several pictures from last Friday:



In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke



IMPORTANT DRESS CODE REMINDERS!

Please make sure your student is observing following dress code policies:

- **FEATHERS** and distracting hair accessories are **NOT** permitted at school.
- **TENNIS SHOE** color must be subdued. No fluorescent or bold colors for shoes and/or laces.
- **SOCKS** must be navy, white or black (no trim color). **Students must wear socks** with any style shoe.

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.

HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

Order Period:

09/26/11 - 10/07/11

Start Online Order: 09/12/11

Cutoff Date: 09/21/11



INNISBROOK ORDERS AND MONEY ARE DUE TOMORROW!

Your support of SPX through the Innisbrook sale will help the PTO with tuition assistance and classroom refurbishment. We hope to meet or beat last year's total of \$17,000 for the school. Remember that you only need to turn in the online Order Voucher and money. Please keep the hand written order details at home so you can remember who to deliver the products to. Product delivery date is October 20.

Thanks again for supporting SPX!

Mary Ruth Hunt
Innisbrook Chair

CAMBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION BONUS OFFER!

Please see enclosed flyer for information about ways to earn bonus points for our school.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS: Last year St Pius X School collected 12,096 Box Tops, earning our school \$1209.60. With your help, we would like to increase our amount earned! Enclosed with the Thursday Newsletter, you will find an additional sheet that lists some of the products that provide these Box Tops. Some of the products include brands like General Mills, Yoplait, Ziploc, Kleenex, Betty Crocker and Avery labels. The list goes on and on! A complete list is located at btfe.com/products. We are also collecting Campbell Soup Labels (Labels for Education) to earn points that the school can use to purchase items. We earned 4,682 points to put into our "bank". On the back side of the enclosed Box Tops Products flyer is a list of eligible Labels for Education. It is NOT just Campbell Soup Labels! Pop Secret Popcorn, Post cereals, BIC products, Dannon products, even People magazine!! All of these can be turned in for points to help our school out! For these products to count, we MUST have the whole UPC symbol (some of the products require the cap instead, please see list enclosed). We do not get credit for partial UPC's.

The PTO will be holding quarterly competitions with a year-end winner for the 4th quarter. For the homerooms that collect the most each quarter, there will be a special treat! The first quarter competition will end October 25. Make sure you get those Box Tops and Labels in!

BOX TOPS MARKETPLACE & READING ROOM: There is another sheet enclosed with today's newsletter that contains information about two new ways to earn "free" money for our school. Box Tops for education (btfe.com) has a Marketplace where you can earn "eBoxTops" while shopping at over 100 retailers! The list of stores includes Target, Best Buy, Office Depot, Justice and LANDS END!!!! We can even earn money for our school when we buy our children's uniforms! For every \$10 spent at Lands' End, we earn 4 eBoxTops! If 350 school families spend \$200.00 each, that would earn us an additional \$2800 that goes directly to our school!!!!

Another area to earn eBoxTops is the Reading Room at btfe.com that

links you to Barnes and Noble. For every \$10 spent there, we earn 6 eBoxTops. This is such a great program and such an easy way to help support our school.

Here's how to earn eBoxTops:

1. log in to btfe.com and create an account for yourself
2. click on "Earn/ Shop Marketplace (or Reading Room)
3. make your purchases and you are done!

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at sandyhill@triad.rr.com. We are looking forward to the most successful year ever!

Sandy Hill
PTO Box Tops/Labels Coordinator

ST. PIUS X CHESS CLUB (And those interested in learning to play): Our first Chess Club session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2011 for students in 4th grade and higher and experienced chess players below the 4th grade level. This year we would like to teach more students the fun and challenge of Chess.

We will meet on Tuesdays in the Library from 3:10-4:15PM. For registration packets and more information, please contact Joan Workman@jworkman1963@hotmail.com, or call 540-8038 or 457-6950(cell) by Friday, September 23.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS: Spirit wear is still available for sale. Order forms are available in the brochure holder inside the front door of the school. Please contact Gina Decker (gdecker32@triad.rr.com or 545-9910) with questions. Also, it is not too late to join the Booster Club! Membership forms are also available in the brochure holder.

The Booster Club will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos and spirit wear at the Fall Festival!!! Please come out and support SPX athletics!!! **GO COMETS!!!**

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

The Booster Club hopes you enjoy your newly designed SPX car decal which is enclosed in today's Thursday folder. Additional decals are available for purchase in the school office for \$1.00 each.

GO COMETS!

BAKED ITEMS NEEDED FOR BLOOD DRIVE: We are in need of baked goods (cookies, brownies, muffins, cup cakes, etc.) for the blood drive tomorrow. If you would like to help, you can drop off your donations at the Kloster Center any time after 8:00AM tomorrow. Thanks for your help!

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES COMING SOON! Mrs. Brunhuber will be holding an after school art class (*Drawing, Painting and Collage*) for students in grades 2, 3 and 4. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 3:15-5:15 PM, beginning September 28. A registration form will be sent home soon!

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: The St. Pius Tenth Knights Of Columbus are sponsoring a Luxury Motor Coach to take us from the Kloster Center to the Charlotte Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, September 24, 2011 and returning to the Kloster Center that same evening. Please contact SK Greg Rachal at 336-215-9318 or email koc11101@yahoo.com for departure time and cost. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

PERU DRESS DOWN DAYS: Thanks to our monthly "Dress Down Friday", the students at St. Pius X School provide the only hot meal of the day to students in Manzo, Peru, home to our sister parish. We are the sole supporters of a free or reduced price (.50) lunch program. Fifty children and 25 ancients (elders) were served 12,492 bowls of soup for free and another 15,182 bowls of soup were subsidized this past year!

The money we donate provides potatoes, rice, vegetables, and occasionally a protein. It also buys the propane for the stove and the upkeep of the building (about the size of 2 classrooms). Many of you may remember our first time initiative last year. We sent an SPX baseball cap and a picture I took of our students in their class-room to our sponsored students in Peru. It was a great success! We were sent back a picture of our sponsored students wearing their baseball cap, holding the picture we sent. A picture truly tells a thousand words.

Thanks again for spreading God's love to these children. As they say in Peru, "Que la bendicion de Dios este siempre contigo – May God's blessings be always with you. Patty Delaney

ST. PIUS THE TENTH CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDS YOU! Leaders and helpers are needed to keep the very successful Sunday, 9AM Children's Liturgy Program going. It is lots of fun and rewarding! You can do it as a family one Sunday a month or get a friend to share a Sunday with. The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be. Just call the Parish Office at 272-4681 and I can get you trained in no time. I look forward to hearing from you! Patty Delaney

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 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.

FROM THE BMCHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is looking for a Head JV Girls' Basketball Coach for winter and a Head Varsity and Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach in the spring. These are paid stipend positions. If interested, please contact Jeff Stoller at js@bmhs.us.

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School will be hosting the NCHSAA High School Cross-Country State Championships at Beeson Park in Kernersville on November 5. This is the high school state championship for every public high school and every Catholic High School in North Carolina for all classifications. We are seeking adult volunteers who might be interested in helping at the event in any capacity. If interested, please contact Robert Youtz at ry@bmhs.us or Jeff Stoller at js@bmhs.us.

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

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**

NC MATH COMPETITION
Who: Grades 3-8
When: Local Competitions: 10/8/11
State Finals: 10/23/11
3 Challenging Events
Where: Participating NC Mathnasium Centers
Times vary per location
Cash prizes
Register Online:
www.NCMathCompetition.or

