



From Our Principal, Sr. Linda...

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the many Christmas remembrances. It is hard to believe that we have turned the calendar to 2017. Each Christmas we hear the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of St. Luke. It is indeed a story ever ancient, ever new. We are called to ponder the different people who followed the words of the angels or the star to Bethlehem to greet the new born King of the Jews. Let us consider the shepherds. They were simple men who were caretakers of the flock. What caused them to leave the flocks and follow the star? They went in haste, and worshipped the infant Jesus. They returned to their fields changed by what they heard and saw. How often are you and I changed by what we see and hear? Do we allow God to change us into the person we are called to be? Perhaps 2017 is the year for us to bring "Peace on earth and goodwill to all we meet"!



**Theme: Catholic Schools:
Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service**

What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Schedule of CSW events will be posted later in the month.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- Jan. 5.....Mass 8:30 *All are welcome!*
- Jan. 11 - 18.....NEST
- Jan. 12.....Mass 8:30 *All are welcome!*
- Jan. 13.....2nd trimester Progress Report issued
- Jan. 16.....**No School** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 18.....Class Pictures
Blood Drive 2:45 - 7:00
- Jan. 19.....Mass 8:30 *All are welcome!*
- Jan. 20.....Signed Progress Report Envelope Due
- Jan. 25.....Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off 1:15 GYM
- Jan. 26.....Mass 8:30 *All are welcome!*
- Jan 29 - Feb 4...Catholic Schools Week (CSW)
- Jan. 29.....Catholic Schools Week Kick Off
Open House 9:00 - 12:00

FEBRUARY

- Feb 2.....Mass 8:30 *All are welcome!*
- Feb 8.....First Eucharist Meeting 7:00 pm (PH)
- Feb 9.....Mass 8:30 *All are welcome!*
- Feb 14.....Happy Valentines Day!!

St. Pius X School Lost & Found

Is your child missing a SPX sweatshirt, lunchbox, etc. Be sure to check the school lost and found located in the Parish Hall.

Be sure to label all your child's loose articles of clothing in case they are lost.

St. Pius X School Contact Information

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SCHOOL UPDATES & GENERAL INFORMATION

From the school office.....

Thank you

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff of St. Pius X School, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent us gifts and goodies for the holidays! They were very much appreciated!

- Family Service Hours. Just a reminder all SPX families are required to give 20 hours of service to the school. Completed hours **MUST** be documented on your RenWeb account. 
- Students go out to recess each day. Please make sure to dress your student appropriately for the weather of the day. Students not dressed for the weather will have to remain indoors interrupting a teachers lunch. So please remind/help your child to wear the appropriate outer-wear.
- Cold and flu season is upon us, please make sure to teach your child to cover their mouth and nose when they sneeze and wash their hands **ALOT!!** Please keep your student home if they are sick. Students must be fever free (without the help of medication) for 24 hours before they may return to school.
- Please call/email the school office to report an absence. Homework requests must be in by 8:30am. Students in grades 6th - 8th must be absent 2 days before homework can be requested. Always check RenWeb for daily homework.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 29, 2017 for an event you do not want to miss!

*Celebrating
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*St. Pius X School Auction
April 29, 2017*

WANTED: ITEM DONATIONS!

We need donations of new or like new items for our Auction!



Anything goes! Picture frames, candles, kitchen gadgets, books, toys, jewelry, ladies accessories, knickknacks, holiday and garden decorations are needed.

RenWeb Parent Alert & Emergency Closings

In our effort to improve communication between parents and school, St. Pius X School is using a telephone broadcast system called **RenWeb Parent Alert** that will enable school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation, or a late start.

St. Pius X School follows Norfolk Public Schools actions on the 1st day of closings. If necessary, we will report school closings/delays as St. Pius X School the next day on television channels WTKR 3, WVEC 13, and WAVY 10. A RenWeb Parent Alert message via phone will also be issued.

Therefore, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that the phone number listed on RenWeb be a number that is *always* available for you to answer.

Scantron Testing Information

On Monday, January 9th we begin the second session of Scantron testing. This computer based testing, for grades 2-8, assesses your child's progress and is adjusted to each child's ability level. This is not a timed test, so the approximately hour-long session varies for each student. The testing provides immediate results for teachers, allowing them to adjust instruction to meet the needs of each child. Your child does not need to study for the test, however we do encourage you to be sure your child gets a good night's rest, a good breakfast and tries his or her best. A schedule of the testing will be available on the website communiqué page.

N.E.S.T. January 11th - 18th

Please donate if you can...



St. Pius X Church will be partnering with the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) to provide meals and shelter to homeless single adults during the week of January 11th - 18th. They will be collecting items to make the hygiene bags for our guests, the needed items are: travel size soap, shampo/conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, tooth brushes, and wash cloths. Socks, mens/womens briefs, are also needed.

Send your donation to the school office by Jan. 10th. Thank you!!

Carpool Procedures.....

Just a reminder **cars exiting the school parking lots during the afternoon carpool line may only make a RIGHT**

turn. If you need to change the carpool line for the day, call the school office and we will alert your child(ren) of the change.



Directions of the faculty and staff on duty are to be followed at all times for the safety of the children. Please treat St. Pius X School faculty and staff with respect. Abusive language **will not** be tolerated. The administration reserves the right to suspend carpool privileges of anyone violating policies and procedures of the carpools.