



## From Our Principal, Mr. Zafra

Dear St. Pius X Families,

I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday and I hope your student(s) had a well deserved break. As I mentioned to the students at our Thanksgiving Prayer service, I am grateful to each of our families and our faculty and staff for being important members of our St. Pius X School community. Your presence here makes our school a better place.

This year's Pirates' Gold Raffle netted the school nearly \$13,000 after payouts and other purchases. Remember that fundraisers like this help us offer financial aid to families, allow us to update and introduce new programs, and support our annual operating costs. We are nearing the end of our raffle drawings. Congratulations to all those whose tickets were drawn and a special thanks to those winners who donated their prize money back to the school. Your generosity is appreciated.

We tip off the TCBL Basketball season this weekend. Our teams have been practicing for weeks and are ready to go! Thanks to our Athletic Association Board members and all of our volunteers for getting the gym and our recently renovated Concession stand ready for the season. We ask our Lord to keep all of our student athletes safe this season and to guide our coaches, teams, Board members, families, and fans with school spirit and sportsmanship as they represent St. Pius X.

This winter is projected to be very cold. To help those in need this Christmas season, 7th grader Sean Shewell has begun a service project at St. Pius X through his Boy Scout troop 490 to collect new or gently used socks, scarves, mittens, and winter hats. Drop off these items to the school office and Sean will make sure they are delivered to the right organization.

Good luck to our Middle School students who will be taking midterm exams over the next few weeks. May they be focused, well prepared and well rested during this time.

Carol Night is Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. followed by a Cookies and Cocoa reception. Our Band and Chorus Christmas Concert is on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m.. Make plans to attend these wonderful holiday events.

God bless.



## Carol Night

**Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00pm in Church**



Each year, the retelling of the story of Christ's birth is performed by our eighth graders. Please join us as the children lead us in the songs that celebrate the season!

**All children in grades 1-8 are expected to participate.**



Please join us afterwards in the Parish Hall for hot cocoa and cookies!

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 30.....Pep Rally to kick off Basketball Season

### DECEMBER

Dec. 3 - Dec. 6 ....Penguin Patch Shop open 8:00 - 12:00

Dec. 5.....PK3, PK4 & Kindergarten Christmas Concert

Dec. 11.....8th Grade ONLY - Noon Dismissal  
Carol Night 7:00pm in Church  
Cookies & Cocoa Immediately Following (PH)

Dec. 18.....Middle School Breakfast (PH)  
Christmas Concert at 6:30 (PH)

Dec. 19.....1:30 Dismissal

Dec. 20 - Jan. 2...Christmas Holiday

### JANUARY

Jan. 3.....Classes Resume

Jan. 9.....Blood Drive

Jan. 11.....Noon Dismissal  
End of 2nd Marking Period

Jan. 16 - Jan. 23.....SPX Church hosting the N.E.S.T.

Jan. 18.....1:30 Dismissal  
2nd Quarter Report Cards Released



## Arrival Times!

Our goal is to make *every day* a great day by making the most of *every minute* of the day! Please be on time!

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. This means the school doors will be locked at 8:00 a.m. promptly. **Students who are not in their classroom or arrive past 8:00 a.m. must report to the school office accompanied by a parent/guardian to pick up late slip.** It is in your child's best interest to arrive to school on time, so they can participate in daily learning activities.

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# SCHOOL UPDATES & GENERAL INFORMATION

## From the School Office.....

- Students are to be in the winter uniform. Only those items listed under the school uniform requirements are to be worn.
- Don't forget to log in your volunteer hours on your RenWeb/FACTS account. All SPX families are required to give 20 hours of service to the school each year.
- Please remember to use amazonsmile.com when shopping on Amazon. Please pick St. Pius X School to support on amazonsmile.com so we will receive a percentage of all your purchases.



## Basketball season begins this weekend!

St. Pius X

### PEP RALLY

Friday, November 30th  
at 2:00pm

Parents welcome!

All students may wear their PE uniforms.

Basketball players can wear their SPX Jersey over their red short sleeved t-shirt and their gym sweat pants.



## 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 16th - 23rd. They will be collecting items to make the hygiene bags for our guests, the needed items are: travel size soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, tooth brushes, and wash cloths. Socks, mens/womens briefs, are also needed.



Send your donation to the school office. Thank you!!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30pm  
in the Parish Hall



The band, strings and choir students have been working hard this year and have invested a lot of time learning their instruments and music. They are very eager to show everyone what they have accomplished. Please join us for an evening of great music!

## A BIG THANK YOU TO.....



Dr. Kate Berenguer, Audiologist and her intern, Skylar Goodman, for conducting our yearly hearing screenings.

**AND**

Ms. Isis Bell from Family Optometric Associates P. C. for conducting the yearly vision screenings.



St. Pius X School appreciates your continued support to our students health and well being.

## Just in time for Christmas.

### St. Pius' Handy Cash Order Form

A Handy Cash Order form is in this week's communiqué. Order form and payment must be in by 8:15am on Monday, December 10th. Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, December 14th.



Beginning Monday, December 3rd through Thursday, December 6th the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe will be open. Students will be able to shop for their families and friends during the school day. Look for the Gift List Envelope in this communiqué so you can help your child list who they are buying gifts for this Christmas. We are still in need of volunteers to help the students shop. Please look for the email with the sign up genius link.

### Hours of operation:

Mon-Thur: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

## WINTER UNIFORMS IN EFFECT AS OF NOVEMBER 1ST.



Winter uniforms went into effect November 1. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for information on student uniforms. It is important to make sure your child wears the appropriate uniform daily.

