



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

November 9, 2022

OPEN HOUSE is TODAY from 4:30-6:30 pm. Spread the word among friends and family members. Thank you to our 6th-8th graders who have volunteered to be our school ambassadors.

Wednesday, November 16th is an opportunity for current **THIRD and FOURTH GRADE FAMILIES** to explore our **MIDDLE SCHOOL**. Join us 5:30-6:30, hear from a middle school panel, participate in a scavenger hunt, and enjoy an ice cream treat!

After a two year hiatus, the diocese is bringing back the [CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST](#) for all students enrolled at any of our Catholic schools! The winner of the contest will have his/her drawing featured on the official Catholic Schools Office Christmas card as well as receive a set of notecards with the drawing on the cover.

Guidelines:

1. The drawing must depict a religious Christmas theme.
2. All submissions must be received from families by Friday, November 11, 2022 via the [CSO website](#) to ensure we receive parental consent.
3. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, November 22nd on Facebook and Instagram.
4. Parental consent must be included as part of the submission.

I am happy to introduce our new **AFTER-CARE COORDINATOR**, Mrs. Jennifer Milles. She will join us next week as Ms. Meghan transitions to a new position, and new life, off-Cape. We wish her all the best and thank her for being a member of our community! Mrs. Milles is actually returning to SPXS, as she was a presence here when her daughter, Grace (Class of 2017) was a student. We enthusiastically welcome her return!

Although I've located an After-Care Coordinator, the continued search for a **SPANISH TEACHER** has not yet been successful. Mrs. Carr completed her time with us this week, and Mrs. Martin is lined up to sub next week, as students complete work that Mrs. Carr has left. Efforts are continuing, and the option of online work will be pursued after Thanksgiving if no other avenue is successful.

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PLEASE REVIEW THIS POLICY FROM THE SCHOOL HANDBOOK.

Too many concerns are not directed properly, and therefore cannot be addressed directly or promptly.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL STAFF

Any staff member may be contacted through school email. Each person's email consists of *first initial* and *last name*, followed by @spxschool.org. Phone messages for teachers may be left through the school office.

To best serve the needs of your child within the school, follow the guidelines below if there is a concern or question. **These guidelines will help direct you to the "expert" for each situation- the individual immediately connected to the concern or question.**

A child's teacher is the initial point of contact for most school questions. A student or parent/guardian should reach out to the class teacher with a question or concern around:

- student progress
- grade level or subject area curriculum
- classroom practices or expectations
- homework, student assessment
- student discipline
- social situations between students
- recess concern
- a family concern that might impact the students
- other matters related to the specific classroom and interactions among the group of students

A child's coach or the person overseeing an after-school activity should be the initial point of contact when a student or parent/guardian has a question or concern about specific issues such as:

- participation
- team rules
- schedule conflicts or other matters related directly to the sport, team, or activity.

If parents have athletic questions or concerns that cannot be answered by a coach, the campus Athletic Coordinator would be the next point of contact, followed by the school principal.

The guidance counselor and/or nurse is the initial point of contact for:

immediate social, emotional, and/or behavioral concerns around a student that come from outside the classroom.

The guidance counselor will, in many instances, be a secondary point of contact for student concerns that have been identified to the classroom teacher.

The nurse is the initial point of contact for health concerns and/or recent behavioral concerns. The classroom teacher should also be contacted. Other follow-up contacts (for example the Middle School teachers) may be necessary.

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The school principal is the appropriate point of contact when a question or concern exists relative to:
school rules or regulations
building goals
other matters related to school-wide activities or organization
any building-specific issues.

Also, follow-up contact with the principal would be made if parental concerns that have been directed to the classroom teacher, guidance counselor, coach, or athletic director have not been addressed.

Contact the school office when you have a question related to anything listed below if it cannot be answered by the website, handbook, monthly calendar, or weekly notes.

calendar
school events
any changes to schedule, school day
clarification related to procedures, etc.
email for school personnel

Contact the business manager with questions related to

tuition
bills
Facts
financial aid



ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

To Learn, To Grow, To Lead

Pre-K to 8th Grade

Open House

November 9, 2022 • 4:30-6:30pm



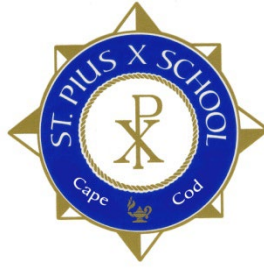
Visit: www.spxschool.org for details

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Dear Parents,

Thanksgiving is a time to thank God for all the gifts that He has given to each one of us. Just as Christ sat at the Last Supper surrounded by his family of apostles, we sit with our families and share a special Thanksgiving meal.

As part of the St. Pius X Parish Family, the school community will come together to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need of assistance. **PreK - Grade 8 students will receive the information of the assigned item from his/her child's teacher.**

This Thanksgiving donation is completely voluntary. If you choose to be a part of it, please donate the assigned item.

Please send non-perishable items to school by Friday, November 18th and send perishable items to school on Monday, November 21st. We will be delivering the food to The Yarmouth Food Pantry on Monday, November 21st.

Thank you, in advance, for your donations. Our staff and students wish you and your family safe travel and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

The Staff of St. Pius X School





November 9, 2022

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL

School will not be in session on Thursday, November 10th. The staff will be attending a Professional Day at Bishop Stang High School.

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL

School will **NOT** be in session on **Friday, November 11th** in observance of Veterans Day.

THANKSGIVING RECESS

Tuesday, November 22nd - Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on Tuesday, November 22nd. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

School will **NOT** be in session on Wednesday, November 23rd, Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please note that effective **Monday, November 28th**, students are able to wear the Winter Uniform. The listing of the Winter Uniform can be found below. The polo shirt/gym shirt must be worn as part of the Physical Education uniform. **A white SPXS turtleneck may be worn under the polo shirt/gym shirt as part of the gym uniform.** As we are now into the Winter months, the sweat pant or gym pant **must** be worn over the mesh shorts during classroom time. During Physical Education class, the sweat pant, or gym pant may be removed. **As Summer uniforms are long gone – so are shorts on dress down days!**

Please note that to keep consistency in our dress code, all uniform purchases must be made through the uniform company and not from other vendors including department stores.

WINTER UNIFORM

The Winter Uniform consists of the Standard Uniform and the following **additions**:

GRADES K-4		
Boys	Shirt	white turtleneck or white oxford button down shirt with tie
Girls	Trousers	navy pants
	Shirt	white turtleneck or standard round collar blouse
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Boys	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt with tie
Girls	Trousers	khaki pants
	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt

The 2022 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CASH CALENDAR SALE IS UNDERWAY!

We are one week in and we already have over **700** tickets sold – **16%** of our goal!
Please help us spread the word about the raffle...*31 chances to WIN CASH in January!*

Christmas Calendars 2022

THANK YOU to the sales LEADERS (as of 11/7/22)

1st Place: Puzio (70+)

2nd Place: Assad (60+)

3rd Place: Monac (50+)

40 Calendars (or more)

Carrick	Demasi	Hietsch	Reinhart
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30 Calendars (or more)

Robinson

20 calendars (or more):

Clarke	Cummings	Grew	Haroutunian	Kudarauskas
Leger	Matos Lorenzo	McPherson	Ward	Wyluda

PRIZES!

Sell 30 Calendars – 1 NUT (No Uniform Today) card for each student in your family

Sell 40 Calendars – 2 NUT cards for each student in your family, a homework pass for Lower School students and 5 House points for Middle School students

Sell 50 Calendars – 3 NUT cards for each student in your family, a homework pass for Lower School students and 10 House points for Middle School students, & 1 school yearbook for the family

Sell 100 Calendars – A week's-worth of NUT cards for each student, 2 homework passes for Lower School students and 20 House points for Middle School students, 1 school yearbook, AND a \$50 Amazon gift card.

The families who sell the MOST Raffle Calendars win

1st place - \$300 CASH, 2nd place - \$200 CASH, 3rd place - \$100 CASH

The **class** that sells the highest percentage of Calendars wins an extra recess, a pizza party, a night off from homework, AND a \$250 Amazon Gift Card for the homeroom teacher!

Ms. Perrault's Second Grade class is in the lead.

Thank you for your participation and support of St. Pius X School!

St. Pius X School's



The Friends of SPXS' Annual Christmas Cash Calendar Raffle Fundraiser has officially launched on **November 1st!**

There is an online sales option as well as in person selling opportunities.

Online Sales Link:

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/ChristmasCalendars2022/tabid/1331726/Default.aspx>

St. Pius X Church and many local businesses are generously allowing our students to set up selling locations for the SPXS Cash Calendar Raffle! All families are **REQUIRED** to sell 20 calendars but are welcomed and gratefully encouraged to sell more!

Requests for additional paper calendars to sell "in person" may be made by contacting Mrs. Shaw, in the front office.

As a reminder, please send in payments and calendar ticket stubs as you sell them!

Link to sign up for in person sales:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BA4AC2BA1F85-spxs6>

****If you plan to sell at one of the selling locations, please note below:**

- All students are to wear their SPXS Full Dress Uniforms to sell at the locations listed.
- If you sign up in a slot below, your youngest student will be sent home on the Thursday **PRIOR** to your selling location with a large envelope containing: a laminated SPXS Cash Calendar Raffle Flyer and QR code, 50 extra Raffle Calendars (unless you have requested more), and a designated envelope for sold calendars and money earned.
- On the Monday **FOLLOWING** your selling location, please send the large envelope back with your student containing the laminated flyer and QR code, any unsold calendars, and the designated envelope with all sold calendars and money earned.
- All families are responsible for bringing their own supplies to aid in selling: change (e.g. \$10 bills), several pens, clipboards/hard surfaces to write on, card table and signage to attract people- student made are always fun!

If you have any questions regarding the calendar sale after receiving the letter on November 1st, please reach out to Christie Reinhart at c637reinhart@gmail.com.

THANK YOU for supporting this important school-wide fundraiser!



Massachusetts Chapter

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American Academy of Pediatrics 
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November 1, 2022

Dear Families,

The Commonwealth, the Northeast and much of the US are seeing increases in respiratory illness in infants and children. Some of these infants and children are requiring hospitalization for support with breathing and hydration. Emergency departments and other acute care health facilities have been managing significant increases in the number of patients requiring care.

Most of these illnesses are caused by respiratory viral infections, including common seasonal viruses like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), rhinovirus and enterovirus, and influenza. Infants and children may be particularly susceptible to seasonal respiratory viral infections during the 2022-2023 fall and winter because they have had limited previous exposure to these respiratory viruses. We anticipate that there could be more respiratory illnesses as RSV continues to spread and influenza season ramps up.

The Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics want to remind parents and families about steps to take to prevent illness and stay healthy this season:

1. **Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against influenza** as soon as possible.
2. **Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against COVID-19**; children 5 and older who had their primary series more than 2 months ago should receive an updated COVID-19 booster as soon as possible.
3. **Remember, you can get a COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot at the same time.**
4. **If your infant has been offered treatment with protective antibodies** due to their prematurity or another condition, keep on schedule with their monthly treatments.
5. **Practice hand hygiene** frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer. **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue, or if a tissue is not available, cover them with an elbow, not a hand.
6. **Clean high touch surfaces** in your home frequently with household disinfectants.
7. **Keep children home from daycare or school** who have fever, especially with a cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, congestion, runny nose, or sore throat, until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medications that reduce fever.
8. **Avoid social gatherings if you or your children are ill.**

9. **Contact your pediatrician or healthcare provider if you believe your child needs medical care.** Your provider can offer advice on whether your child needs to be evaluated in person, tested for COVID or flu, and the best location (doctor's office, urgent care, emergency room) for care.

Thank you for doing all you can to keep you and your family healthy during this fall and winter season.

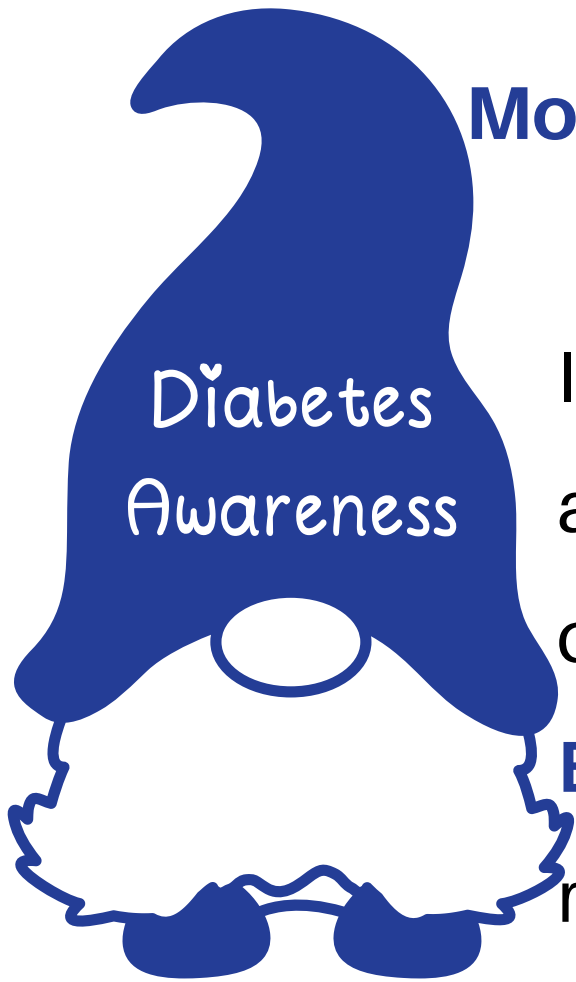
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Dr. Estevan Garcia, Chief Medical Officer
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Beth Miotto", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Mary Beth Miotto, President
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Gnome One Fights Alone



Monday, November 14, 2022
World Diabetes Day!

In an effort to spread awareness about type 1 diabetes, students may wear **BLUE**, when they bring in a minimum donation of \$2.00- All proceeds raised will benefit JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

We wear blue for Hannah!



Would you like to pick your own Dress Down Day?

The 5th Grade has a special offer for you!

For a limited time, you can purchase a

No Uniform Today Card

Cost: \$3.00

Parents, N.U.T. Cards make great
stocking stuffers too!

Limit: 1 N.U.T. Card per Student

Proceeds go to the 5th grade NEED Academy Trip

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If you would like to purchase a **No Uniform Today (N.U.T.) Card**, please return this completed form with your \$3.00 payment. Make checks payable to: SPXS

Yes! I would like to purchase 1(one) N.U.T. Card

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____





Please join us for a
Friends of SPXS
Meeting

November 18, 2022

8am in cafeteria

Topics to discuss:

- Cash Calendar Raffle*
- Lower School Christmas Party*
- Middle School Christmas Party*
- Enrichment*
- Catholic Schools Week*
- ...and more!*

Parents...

Save the Date!



**Kick off the holidays with a
Parents' Night Out!!!**

**Thursday, December 1st
Yarmouth House Restaurant**

More Details to Follow...



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

WED, DEC 7, 2022

9:15am - 10:30am

St. Pius Life Center

5 Barbara Street, S. Yarmouth, MA



St. Pius X School Spirit Rock

Do you want to say “**Happy Birthday**” in a unique way?

Reservations may be made to paint **the front of the rock** for \$15.00 per day. You may also reserve and pay for multiple days in succession. Step by step instructions on reserving the rock are provided on the Sign-Up Genius web page.

Please remember that you may only paint the front of the rock.

Just click on the link below and reserve your day!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a4af2caafc1-spirit2>

YARMOUTH RECREATION BASKETBALL

K-1 GIRLS 9:00AM
2 SPOTS LEFT

K-1 BOYS 10:00AM
& 11:00AM FULL

GRADE 2-3 GIRLS
15 SPOTS LEFT

GRADE 2-3 BOYS
FULL

GRADE 4-5 GIRLS
24 SPOTS LEFT

GRADE 4-5 BOYS
6 SPOTS LEFT

GRADE 6-8 GIRLS
32 SPOTS LEFT

GRADE 6-8 BOYS
11 SPOTS LEFT

TEAM SPONSORSHIP

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