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IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

Monday, August 24th

Preschool Orientation - 2:30-3:00pm

PK Orientation - 3:00-4:00 pm

Kindergarten Orientation - 4:00-5:00 pm

Thursday, August 27th

First Day of School for Kindergarten - Grade 5 Students

7:45 AM - 2:15 PM

Monday, August 31st

First Day of School for Preschool and PK Students

7:45 AM - 2:15 PM

See the enclosed "Important Information" for drop off/pick up procedures.

Morning Care 7:30 - 7:45 and Extended Day Program 2:15 - 5:30

Thursday, August 27th - Full Day of School (K - Grade 5)

Friday, August 28th - Full Day of School (K - Grade 5)

Monday, August 31st - Full Day of School (Preschool - Grade 5)

Monday, September 7th - No School

Tuesday, September 8th - Classes Resume for all students

Thursday, September 3rd

9:30 AM

Opening Mass - All of our families are invited to attend this special liturgy celebrated at St.

Friday, August 28th

After care will close at 5:00 PM on this date so that families can attend the

Back to School Bash from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Thursday, September 16th

Meet the Teacher Night for Parents

6:00pm St. Pius X School Gymnasium followed by classroom visits

AUGUST '26

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30	31					

- 24 New Staff Orientation
 25-26 Professional Days
 27 First Day of School for Students K-Gr. 5
 31 First Day of School for Preschool & PK

3 School days this month

FEBRUARY '27

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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28						

- Jan. 31-Feb. 6 Catholic Schools Week
TBD Interim Parent Teacher Conferences
 10 Ash Wednesday
 15-19 Winter Break-
 NO SCHOOL

15 School days this month

SEPTEMBER '26

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

- 07 Labor Day-NO SCHOOL
 8-29 MAP Testing
 16 Meet the Teacher Night

21 School days this month

MARCH '27

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 15 Diocesan PD Day-
 NO SCHOOL
 25 Holy Thursday ½ day/
 11:30 Dismissal
 26 Good Friday-NO SCHOOL
 28 Easter Sunday

21 School days this month

OCTOBER '26

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 7 Interim Period Ends
 12 Columbus Day-
 NO SCHOOL
 14 Interim reports issued
 15-16 Parent/Teacher Conf.
 ½ Day 11:30 Dismissal
 23 ½ day PD/11:30
 Dismissal

21 School days this month

APRIL '27

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 9 ½ day PD for all schools
 9 Spring Fling
 19-23 Spring Break-
 NO SCHOOL

17 School days this month

NOVEMBER '26

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- 6 Diocesan Spiritual Day-
 NO SCHOOL
 11 Veterans Day-
 NO SCHOOL
 24 ½ Day / 11:30 Dismissal
 25-27 Thanksgiving Break-
 NO SCHOOL

16 School days this month

MAY '27

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 4-25 MAP Testing
 6 Holy Day-Ascension of
 Jesus
 31 Memorial Day-
 NO SCHOOL

TBD Gr. 5 Trip to NEED
 Academy

20 School days this month

DECEMBER '26

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 4 Report Cards Issued
 8 Holy Day-Immaculate
 Conception
 18 Christmas Break
 begins at close of
 school
 21-Jan. 1 Christmas Break-
 NO SCHOOL

14 School days this month

JUNE '27

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- 17 Final School Day
 18 Juneteenth Holiday
 Observed

All days missed due to
 emergency closings must be
 made up at the end of the
 school year for a total 180
 student days.

13 School Days this month

JANUARY '27

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- 1 New Year's Day-
 NO SCHOOL
 4 School resumes
 15 ½ day PD/11:30 Dismissal
 18 M.L. King Day-
 NO SCHOOL
 5-26 Map Testing
 20 Interim Period Ends

19 School days this month

½ Day 11:30 Dismissal –
 Blue lettering

School Not in Session –
 Red Lettering

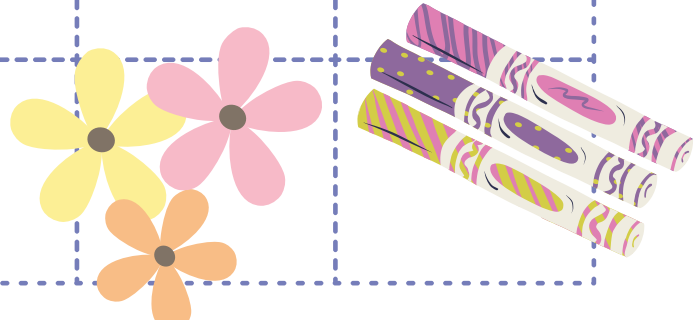
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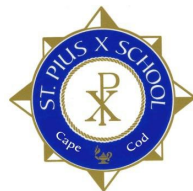


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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Preschool Orientation 2:30 pm PK Orientation 3:00 pm Kindergarten Orientation 4:00 pm	25 Staff Professional Day	26 Staff Professional Day	27 First Day of School for Kindergarten - Gr. 5 BooHoo WooHoo 8:00 am	28 Back to School Bash 5:00 pm	29	30
31 First Day of School for Preschool & PK					The logo for "BACK TO School" features the words "BACK TO" in blue outlined letters above the word "School" in large, colorful block letters (S: green, c: yellow, h: red, o: blue, o: yellow, l: red).	

SEPTEMBER 2026



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3 Faculty Mtg. 2:30 pm	4	5	6
7 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	8 MAP TESTING begins	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Meet the Teachers Night 6:00 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 MAP TESTING ends	30				



Planned Family Vacation Notification Form

This form should be submitted at least one week prior to planned vacation.

Student's Name (please print)	Grade

Dates of planned absence: _____

Total number of School Days of absence: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Schoolwork will not be provided before family vacations. The student bears the responsibility for the completion of all work missed due to absences because of a family vacation. Students will be permitted to make up all of the work missed within a period of time equal to half the number of school days missed. Any work not made up after the allotted time will receive a zero.

To keep current while out, please check the teacher's Google Classroom site.

While we recognize the need to take a family vacation when a parent or guardian's work schedule permits, Massachusetts state law requires students to be in school while it is in session and doesn't allow a family vacation as an approved reason for absence.

Turning in this form to the school will eliminate the need to contact you daily while your child is out for vacation. It will also eliminate the need for a doctor's note after five consecutive school days missed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of School Administrator: _____ **Date:** _____

A blank copy of this form can be found on our school website (under "Family Information / Forms"). A copy of the completed form will be given to the child(ren)'s teachers for documentation and to assist in planning makeup work.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

SCHOOL PHONE 508-398-6112

SCHOOL FAX 508-398-6113

SCHOOL WEBSITE www.spxschool.org

SCHOOL HOURS

Preschool & PreK 3 Day	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Preschool & PreK 5 Day	Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Grades K-5	8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Enter Building	7:45 a.m.
Classes Begin	8:00 a.m.
Dismissal	2:15 p.m.
Extended Day Program	7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. 2:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

All students are to arrive and depart by bus or car. Students may not be dropped off in the parking lots and parents should not walk students to the front door, unless they are tardy. At dismissal, students should be picked up by bus or car. Parents may not take their children from the dismissal lines. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all our students.

BUS

Bus transportation is provided by the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for students age 5 and older who reside in Dennis and Yarmouth. In addition, bus transportation is provided for students age 5 and older residing in Upper Cape communities for an additional fee. Current Upper Cape bus stops are located in Mashpee, Marstons Mills, West Barnstable and Hyannis and are subject to change. Parents must register their child for the Upper Cape Bus. Please contact the office for additional information on bus transportation or to register your child for bus transportation. Students must adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, Five Star Bus Company and St. Pius X School. Proper behavior on the school bus is essential for the safety of all children riding the bus. Students must be at their bus stop at the designated times. Afternoon dismissal for bus students will be held at the main entrance.

ARRIVAL BY CAR - Preschool & PK Students and Siblings

Preschool and PK students and siblings arriving by car are to be dropped off at the **Preschool & PK classroom doors in the rear of the building**. Please park in the rear parking area and walk your child(ren) to the teacher/staff member waiting at the classroom doors. A reminder when parking, please do not block the driveway that goes around the building.

ARRIVAL BY CAR - Kindergarten - Gr. 5 Students

Students arriving by car are to be dropped off at one of the two assigned entrances - the **front Lobby entrance** or the **side Recess entrance**. Entrance assignments, based on your child's grade, are as follows: **front Lobby entrance - students in Kindergarten, Gr. 1, Gr. 2 and older siblings, side Recess entrance - students in Gr. 3, Gr. 4 and Gr. 5**. Staff member(s) will be on duty at the entrances to direct students into the building. It is not necessary for the driver to exit the vehicle and walk the student into the building. The staff on duty will assist students exiting the vehicle.

DISMISSAL BY CAR

Students going home by car in the afternoon will be dismissed from their same assigned doors. Parents are asked to assemble an orderly pick-up line in the rear Parish Life Center parking lot and not block any bus traffic in the front of the building. **A sign in the front windshield displaying the family's last name should be visible**. It is not necessary for the driver to exit the vehicle. Staff member(s) will assist students into vehicles.

All vehicles must enter the school property via Wood Road and exit via Barbara Street.

DISMISSAL CHANGES

Please be advised that a phone call, note or email giving permission from the parent must be received each time a change in transportation arrangement is made and whenever a student is to be picked up by anyone other than the regular driver. Parents may send their child's carpool list to the school at the beginning of the school year. **Dismissal changes may be made by calling the school office or by emailing Mrs. Shaw at ashaw@spxschool.org. Please submit dismissal changes by 1:00 PM.**

PARKING

The front driveway to the school must be kept free of parked cars at all times. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the gymnasium or in the Parish lots.

At all times, please use caution and courtesy as you travel in and around the school/parish grounds.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Each student in Grades 3-5 will be given a planner. This book will serve as your child's homework/assignment book as well as a study tool and organizer. It is expected that students will use this planner to record all assignments. The teacher will instruct the students in the recording and use of this book. The goal of a student handbook is to help our students to learn organizational skills as well as the time management skills needed daily.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION - NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Weekly communication and general information from the administration will be available each **Sunday afternoon** via email and the school's website www.spxschool.org. It is extremely important that all information be read, as it is our means to disseminate updates, news, and changes. Each family will receive an email and text on Wednesday afternoon via MailChimp with the current weekly "Notes from the Office".

NOTIFICATIONS

St. Pius X School uses the FACTS Notification System which allows the school to send a telephone, email, or text message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies. It is important to inform the office of any changes to your contact information. As the beginning of the school year nears, important information will be distributed via the FACTS email system.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to wear proper and full uniforms at all times. Students must remember that proper dress and good personal hygiene are important and expected. Uniforms must be clean, fit properly, and be in good condition including no rips, tears, or frays. Make-up is not allowed. Students wearing make-up will be required to remove it before class. Jewelry must be simple, conservative, and modest. Girls with pierced ears may wear small stud-type earrings only - one earring only in each ear - traditional placement at the ear lobe. Boys may not wear any earrings. Students wearing accessories that are distracting to others may be asked to remove the accessories. Boys' hair should be no longer than the collar of their shirts. Girls may wear the headband or scrunchie available through the uniform company or a navy scrunchie, navy headband, navy barrettes or navy ribbons. Hair extensions and hair pieces are not permitted. All hairstyles should be simple and traditional. **No type of boots may be worn during the school day.** Students should bring a change of shoes if boots are worn to school. Spiritwear is not part of the standard or physical education uniform and is not permitted to be worn during the school day.

In order to keep uniformity in our dress code, it is necessary that all uniform purchases be made through our uniform company:

School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger

globalschoolwear.com

Gently used uniforms are available at the St. Pius X Clothesline.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

ALL YEAR

STANDARD REQUIRED UNIFORM

In order to keep uniformity in our dress code, it is necessary that all uniform purchases be made through our uniform company.

Preschool students are **not required** to wear the standard school uniform. The Preschool students must wear the following items:

Preschool		Heat stamped all gym pieces
Boys and Girls	Pants	Navy sweatpants with school logo
	Shorts	Navy mesh short with school logo (to be worn under sweatpants during class)
	Sweatshirt	Navy sweatshirt with school logo
	Shirt	Navy blue polo with school logo
	Socks	White
Boys and Girls	Shoes	Non-marking sneakers of a modest style

Pre-Kindergarten students are **not required** to wear the standard school uniform.
The PK students must wear the following items:

PK		
Boys and Girls	Pants	Navy pants
	Shorts	Navy shorts
	Shirt	Navy polo with school logo (long or short sleeve)
	Sweater	Navy V-neck pullover with school logo
Girls	Skort	Plaid skort with elastic waist
	Plaid Jumper	
	Blouses	White short or long sleeve pinpoint blouse
	Sweater	Navy cardigan with school logo

SCHOOL UNIFORM

ALL YEAR

STANDARD REQUIRED UNIFORM

In order to keep uniformity in our dress code, it is necessary that all uniform purchases be made through our uniform company.

GRADES K-4		
Boys	Pants	Navy
	Shirts	White oxford button down, short or long sleeve
	Sweater	Navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Socks	Navy or white
	Tie	Blue tie
Girls	Plaid Jumpers	
	Blouses	White short or ¾ length sleeve pinpoint blouse
	Sweater	Navy cardigan with school logo
	Socks	Navy knee length or white anklets
	Tights	Navy
Boys and Girls	Shoes	Navy, black or brown non-marking of a modest style (Docksidors© and Merrell© Jungle Moc style acceptable)

GRADE 5		
Boys	Pants	Navy
	Shirts	White oxford button down, short or long sleeve
	Sweater	Navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Tie	Blue tie
	Socks	Navy or white
Girls	Skirt	Pleated black watch plaid of modest length
	Blouses	White short or ¾ length sleeve pinpoint blouse
	Sweater	Navy cardigan with school logo
	Socks	Navy knee length
	Tights	Navy
Boys and Girls	Shoes	Navy, black or brown non-marking of a modest style (Docksidors© and Merrell© Jungle Moc style acceptable)

SUMMER UNIFORM

In order to keep uniformity in our dress code, it is necessary that all uniform purchases be made through our uniform company.

The Summer Uniform may be worn during the following time periods:

From the First Day of school to the Friday before the Columbus Day Holiday.

From the Monday following Spring Recess to the Last Day of school.

The Summer Uniform consists of the Standard Uniform and the following additions:

GRADES K-5		
Boys	Trousers	Navy blue walking short – no cargo shorts
	Shirt	Navy blue polo with school logo
	Socks	Navy/white crew – no logos
Girls	Skort	Plaid skort with elastic waist
	Shirt	Navy blue polo with school logo
	Socks	Navy/white ankle

WINTER UNIFORM

The Winter Uniform may be worn during the following time period:

From the Monday following Thanksgiving Recess through the last Friday in March.

Girls may wear Navy pants (K-Gr. 5).

Girls and Boys may wear white turtlenecks.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

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Preschool – Gr. 5		Heat stamped all gym pieces
Boys and Girls	Pants	Navy sweatpants with school logo
	Shorts	Navy mesh short with school logo (to be worn under sweatpants during class)
	Sweatshirt	Navy sweatshirt with school logo
	Shirt	Navy blue polo with school logo
	Socks	White
Boys and Girls	Shoes	Non-marking sneakers of a modest style/no bright colors or bright laces

The school uniform code is strictly enforced.

NON-MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Preschool - Grade 5:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate if a member of a Catholic parish
- Records from child's current school (if applicable). It is necessary for a parent/guardian to sign a Release of Records form, return it to the school and the school will forward the Release form to the current school.

(Preschools are not obligated to forward records although additional information about your child will be helpful to his/her teacher.)

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

All students entering grades **PreK, Kindergarten, Grade 4, and new and transferring students**, are required by law to provide the school nurse with a physical examination form with age-appropriate immunizations documented by the physician. The physicals must be dated within 12 months of school admission. Updated physical examinations are required every 3-4 years.

Physicals must be submitted to school by Monday, August 17, 2026.

Participation in athletics requires a physical exam within 13 months of the start of the activity.

Immunization Requirements

In addition to an updated physical, these are the mandated immunization requirements for students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten:

PreK

- ≥4 doses of DTaP/DTP vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- ≥3 doses of OPV or IPV vaccine (Polio)
- 1 dose of MMR vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 1-4 doses of Hib
- 1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) or physician certified reliable history of chickenpox disease
- The **date and results** of lead test

Kindergarten

- 5 doses of DTaP/DTP vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- 4 doses of OPV or IPV vaccine (Polio)
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 4 doses of Hib
- 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) or physician -certified reliable history of chickenpox disease
- The **date and results** of lead test

All required immunizations and physicals must be received prior to the first day of school in order to be in compliance with state requirements.



***St. Pius X School educates students:
to learn the Catholic faith and follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ
to grow spiritually, academically, and socially
to lead a life of faith, service, and integrity***

August 2026

The **Circle of Grace** Safe Environment Training will be offered by St. Pius X School for the 2026-27 school year for all students in PreK through Grade 5. This safety program is offered in all Catholic schools and religious education programs across the diocese.

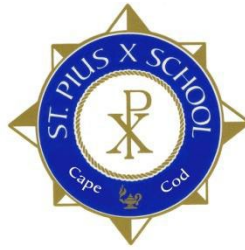
Lessons from Circle of Grace are presented within the curriculum at different points in the year. If you have questions about the program, and the lesson taught, please contact the school.

If you do not want your child to participate in the program, please indicate below.

I do not want my child to take part in this Safe Environment Training at the school.

Parent Signature

Name & Grade Level of Student



August 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enclosed please find medical forms, including the medical requirements necessary for admission to the school for new students. Your doctor's office would have your child(ren)'s records. Medication release forms are required for all medication dispensed at school. Please read this information carefully. We are available to answer any questions regarding your child's specific situation.

Sincerely,
School Nurses

Enclosures

- Health Requirements PreK – Grade 5
- Health History Form – New Student ***(Please complete this form if your child is a new student at St. Pius X School)***
- Head Lice Letter
- OTC Medication Permission Form - (medications provided by school)
- Medication Order Form - (prescription medications)
- Parent/Guardian Authorization for Prescription Medication
- Food Allergy Letter/Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan

Health Requirement Notice for 2026-2027

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- 1 dose of MMR vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 1-4 doses of Hib
- 1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) or physician certified reliable history of chickenpox disease
- The **date and results** of lead test

Kindergarten

- 5 doses of DTaP/DTP vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- 4 doses of OPV or IPV vaccine (Polio)
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 4 doses of Hib
- 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) or physician –certified reliable history of chickenpox disease
- The **date and results** of lead test

All required immunizations and physicals must be received prior to the first day of school in order to be in compliance with state requirements.



HEALTH HISTORY

Please complete this form if your child is a New Student at St. Pius X School.

Name _____ Grade _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

A health record is kept on each child, which follows him/her through high school. This current information enables the staff members immediately concerned with your child's welfare to do a better job of helping your child get the most out of the school program.

Has your child had:

Chicken Pox _____ Measles _____ German Measles _____ Whooping Cough _____
Mumps _____ Polio _____ Pneumonia _____ Tuberculosis _____
Hepatitis _____ Mononucleosis _____ Rheumatic Fever _____

Does your child have:

Asthma _____ Diabetes _____ Epilepsy _____ Seizures _____
Cerebral Palsy _____ Deafness _____ Blindness _____ Headaches _____
Other _____

Has your child had any operations? List type and date.

Has your child had a serious illness or accident? List type and date.

Does your child have any allergies? If yes, what kind?

Food _____ Medicine _____ Environmental _____

Does your child take medicine routinely? If yes, what and for what reason?

PLEASE NOTE: NO MEDICATION MAY BE ADMINISTERED TO YOUR CHILD WITHOUT A WRITTEN DOCTOR'S NOTE AND A RELEASE FORM SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Does your child wear glasses, hearing aid, or other appliance? _____

Can your child participate in all school activities? _____

Are there any other health issues you would like us to be aware of, not already mentioned?
Please explain.

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____



MESSAGE ABOUT HEAD LICE

Dear Parents:

Frequently schools find head lice and other communicable conditions when they open in the fall. We want to prevent the spread of these conditions as much as possible.

Head lice is not just a school or a one family problem – it can happen to anyone. It is a community problem and doesn't just happen to "other people." If your child does become infected with head lice you should notify your child's playmates' parents, and the School Nurse. This will help your neighbors and the school eliminate head lice and prevent the spread and possible re-infestation of your family. Head lice may strike anyone regardless of personal hygiene practices.

Head lice are tiny wingless insects that live on the human scalp, multiply rapidly and are almost impossible to eliminate unless proper treatment is carried out. Head lice do not hop or jump; they have claws that are adapted for grasping – giving them a strong grip on the hair shafts.

We have listed below some precautions you can take to prevent infestation:

1. Children with long hair should come to school with their hair confined in "Pigtails" or "Ponytails".
2. Discourage children from bringing stuffed animals and toys to school.
3. Hats should be placed in jacket sleeves when not being worn.
4. Children should not share hats, combs or brushes with friends.
5. Children should be discouraged from playing with each other's hair.
6. Vigorous daily brushing and combing of hair prevents establishment of head lice.
7. Children should be checked on a weekly basis at home for any evidence of "nits".
8. Sleep-overs are discouraged for this is a prime time for lice transfer.

Parents should be alert for unusual irritation or itching around ears and nape of neck. However, no one should be treated with medicated shampoo unless there is a definite need. Once an infestation of head lice is found and confirmed, special delousing shampoos must be used. Vigorous washing with usual shampoo is not effective.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,
School Nurses



OTC Permission Form - Medication provided by school

I give permission for my child _____ to receive the medication(s) listed below as deemed necessary by the School Nurse. I understand that a generic equivalent medication may be used. I understand that **Only the School Nurse** will administer the medication(s). Please contact the School Nurse with any questions or concerns. Please **check box at bottom** for all, or individually below.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) | ☐ |
| Acetaminophen (Tylenol) | ☐ |
| Calamine/Caladryl Clear Lotion | ☐ |
| Cough/Throat drops | ☐ |
| Burn gel | ☐ |
| Hydrocortisone 1% cream | ☐ |
| Petroleum Jelly (Vaseline/Aquaphor) | ☐ |
| Generic Lip Balm | ☐ |
| Lubriderm Lotion | ☐ |
| Tums | ☐ |

I give permission for all of the above ☐

These medications will be available in the health office. **ALL OTHER** medications require the Parental Consent Form, Physician's Order Form and the medication must be provided by the parent.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



MEDICATION ORDER FORM

To be completed by licensed prescriber

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Grade: _____
(street) (city)

Name of Licensed Prescriber: _____ Title: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

Emergency Telephone Number: _____

Medication: _____

Route of Administration: _____ Dosage: _____

Frequency: _____ Time(s) of

Administration: _____

(Please note: Whenever possible, medication should be scheduled at times other than school hours)

Specific directions or information for
administration: _____

Date of order: _____ Discontinuation Date: _____

Diagnosis*: _____

Any other medical
condition(s)*: _____

Optional information:

1. Special side effects, contraindications, or possible adverse reactions to be observed:

2. Other medication being taken by student:

3. Date of next scheduled visit or when advised to return to prescriber: _____

4. Consent for self-administration (provide the School Nurse determines it is safe and appropriate).

_____ Yes _____ No

Signature of Licensed Prescriber: _____ Date: _____

* if not in violation of confidentiality



PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

We, the undersigned, are the parents (guardians) of _____, who lives with us at

_____.

The doctor had prescribed that this child be given _____ in accordance with his/her written instructions, which are hereto attached, and we desire that the personnel at St. Pius X School give the child assistance in the taking of this medication. It is to be given at the following dates and times:

_____ through _____ AM
m/d/y m/d/y _____ PM

We hereby agree to indemnify and hold forever harmless all employees of the St. Pius X School against loss from any and all claims, demands, or actions in law or in equity that may hereafter at any time be made or brought by said minor or by anyone on behalf of said minor for the purpose of enforcing a claim for damages on account of any injuries or loss sustained in consequence of the aforesaid assistance, and we do hereby waive any and all rights of exemption, both as to real and personal property, to which we may be entitled under the laws of this or any other state as against such claim for reimbursement of indemnity.

Please read the above carefully before signing. No child will be assisted in taking medication until this form has been signed and delivered to the school.

My son/daughter is currently receiving the following medications (to be completed if not in violation of confidentiality):

My son/daughter has the following food or drug allergies:

I consent to have the school nurse or school personnel designated by the School Nurse administer the medication prescribed by:

Licensed Physician _____

Address _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to self-administer medication, if the School Nurse determines it is safe and appropriate.

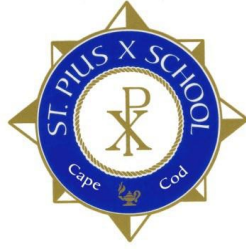
_____ Yes _____ No

I give permission to the School Nurse to share information relevant to the prescribed medication administration as he/she determines appropriate for my son's/daughter's health and safety.

I understand I may retrieve the medication from the school at any time; however, the medication will be destroyed if it is not picked up within one week following termination of the order or one week beyond the close of school.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Student: _____



FOOD ALLERGIES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

All students with food allergies must have an Individualized Health Care Plan completed, signed by parent/guardian and doctor, and returned to the health office with all medications required by your student.

These forms must be renewed annually.

Please provide an Emergency Care Plan from your child's physician.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Thank you,

St. Pius X School Nurses

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan

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Child's name: _____ Date of plan: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ Age ____ Weight: _____ kg

Child has allergy to _____

Child has asthma. ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, higher chance severe reaction)
Child has had anaphylaxis. ☐ Yes ☐ No
Child may carry medicine. ☐ Yes ☐ No
Child may give him/herself medicine. ☐ Yes ☐ No (If child refuses/is unable to self-treat, an adult must give medicine)

Attach
child's
photo

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening, severe allergic reaction. If in doubt, give epinephrine.

For Severe Allergy and Anaphylaxis What to look for

If child has ANY of these severe symptoms after eating the food or having a sting, **give epinephrine**.

- Shortness of breath, wheezing, or coughing
- Skin color is pale or has a bluish color
- Weak pulse
- Fainting or dizziness
- Tight or hoarse throat
- Trouble breathing or swallowing
- Swelling of lips or tongue that bother breathing
- Vomiting or diarrhea (if severe or combined with other symptoms)
- Many hives or redness over body
- Feeling of "doom," confusion, altered consciousness, or agitation

☐ **SPECIAL SITUATION:** If this box is checked, child has an extremely severe allergy to an insect sting or the following food(s): _____. Even if child has MILD symptoms after a sting or eating these foods, **give epinephrine**.

Give epinephrine! What to do

1. Give epinephrine right away! Note time when epinephrine was given.
2. Call 911.
 - Ask for ambulance with epinephrine.
 - Tell rescue squad when epinephrine was given.
3. Stay with child and:
 - Call parents and child's doctor.
 - Give a second dose of epinephrine, if symptoms get worse, continue, or do not get better in 5 minutes.
 - Keep child lying on back. If the child vomits or has trouble breathing, keep child lying on his or her side.
4. Give other medicine, if prescribed. Do not use other medicine in place of epinephrine.
 - Antihistamine
 - Inhaler/bronchodilator

For Mild Allergic Reaction What to look for

If child has had any mild symptoms, **monitor child**.

Symptoms may include:

- Itchy nose, sneezing, itchy mouth
- A few hives
- Mild stomach nausea or discomfort

Monitor child What to do

Stay with child and:

- Watch child closely.
- Give antihistamine (if prescribed).
- Call parents and child's doctor.
- If more than 1 symptom or symptoms of severe allergy/anaphylaxis develop, use epinephrine. (See "For Severe Allergy and Anaphylaxis.")

Medicines/Doses

Epinephrine (list type): _____ Intramuscular:

- ☐ 0.10 mg (7.5 kg to less than 13 kg)*
☐ 0.15 mg (13 kg to less than 25 kg)
☐ 0.30 mg (25 kg or more)

(*Use 0.15 mg, if 0.10 mg is not available)

Intranasal:

- ☐ 1 mg (4 years or older and 15 kg to less than 30 kg)
☐ 2 mg (30 kg or more)

**If more than one epinephrine is selected, then either one can be used

Antihistamine, by mouth (type and dose): _____

Other (for example, inhaler/bronchodilator if child has asthma): _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization Signature

Date

Physician/HCP Authorization Signature

Date

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This information should not take the place of talking with your child's doctor. Page 1 of 2.

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Child's name: _____ Date of plan: _____

Additional Instructions:

Contacts

Call 911 / Rescue squad: _____

Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

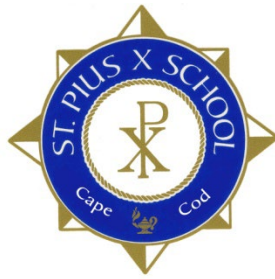
Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Other Emergency Contacts

Name/Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Name/Relationship: _____ Phone: _____



**2026 - 2027
CARPOOL PICK UP AUTHORIZATION**

Family Name: _____

My family will be carpooling with the following families:

**I request that you allow my child(ren) to be picked up in the carpool line
by the following people:**

Parent Name:_____

Parent Signature:_____

Date:_____

Dear Parent/Guardian;

We are in process of compiling and publishing our **St. Pius X School Student Directory**. This Directory is confidential and is intended for the private/social use of St. Pius X School students, families and school personnel. The Directory lists families alphabetically. It includes family last name, parent names, address, phone number, email address, each student's first name and his/her corresponding school grade.

Your written permission is required to be included in the Directory. We are unable to include your information without your permission. Please complete the information below exactly how it is to be spelled/printed in the Directory. Then please sign the form. Please print very clearly. Thank you.

Please return the completed form to the school over the summer. Or please submit it to your child's teacher during the first week of school. We are hoping to distribute the Directory by mid October.

Sincerely,

Deacon Peter Schutzler
Principal

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Last Name:

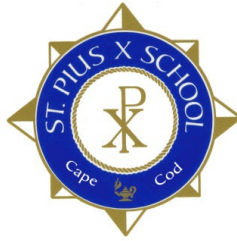
Parent Names:	Address (include Town & Zip):	Telephone:
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Email Address (optional):

Child's First Name:	Grade:
Child's First Name:	Grade:
Child's First Name:	Grade:

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- () **YES!** We want to be included in the 2026-2027 St. Pius X School Directory.
- () **NO!** We do **NOT** want to be included in the 2026-2027 St. Pius X School Directory.

Signature – Parent/Guardian



August 2026

Dennis-Yarmouth Busing Information

Dear Parents,

Five Star Bus Company is employed by the D-Y Regional School District to transport all Kindergarten – Grade 5 students including those residents of Dennis and Yarmouth whose children attend St. Pius X School.

It is important that St. Pius X School and our parents abide by the policies set by Five Star. Please read the following:

Children must be at their assigned bus stop 5 minutes PRIOR to the listed time for their bus pick-up. There are many instances where children may not ride their bus from time to time and this causes the bus to be a few minutes early. Your early arrival at the bus stop ensures that the child will not miss the bus.

Drinks and snacks will not be allowed on the bus. A number of children have severe food allergies, and each bus is assigned a number of different bus routes.

Kindergarten children must be met at the bus stop by a parent or an authorized adult. If a parent wants a different parent to receive their child at a bus stop, that person must be listed in writing by the parent and this name then sent to Five Star by the parent. No Kindergartener will be allowed to depart the bus without a properly designated person to receive the student. The exception to this policy is the parent may notify Five Star in writing that he/she are requesting that their child be let off at their bus stop alone or with a sibling or friend. This is the responsibility of the parent, not Five Star, nor St. Pius X School.

Per Dennis-Yarmouth School District Policy all other students (1 – 8) will be dropped off at their assigned bus stops, even if a parent is not there. Five Star will not bring students back to SPX School, unless the child is a Kindergartener.

If your child resides in Dennis or Yarmouth and will permanently not be riding the school bus whether in the morning or in the afternoon, please email Mrs. Shaw at ashaw@spxschool.org. If the bus company is aware of this, it will enable the bus drivers to move more efficiently from bus stop to bus stop by not waiting at a bus stop for a child who has an alternative means for transportation to or from school.

It is important that we respect the service which Five Star provides to our families and abide by the D-Y School District's and Five Star's policies.

Sincerely,

Deacon Peter Schutzler
Principal

FIVE STAR BUS COMPANY: 508-443-5080



**2026-2027
BUS TRANSPORTATION FORM**

If you haven't already done so, please return this form if you are planning to have your child travel to/from school by bus. Please note that students must be 5 years old to be eligible to ride the school bus.

Student(s) Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

My child will be riding the following bus:

- ☐ Dennis/Yarmouth Regional School District Bus Service (for students residing in Dennis and Yarmouth only)
- ☐ Upper Cape Bus – Bus fees for the **2026-2027** are \$1,000.00 per child round trip/\$600.00 per child one-way with a maximum cost of \$1750.00 per family. **The bus fee is added to your FACTS account. If you would like to pay in full, please send in a check to school by Monday September 14, 2026.**

If your child will be riding the Upper Cape Bus, which stop is most convenient for you? (please refer to the schedule below)

_____ Christ the King Church, Mashpee

_____ Stop & Shop Plaza, Route 28, Marstons Mills

_____ Exit 65 - Intersection of Route 149 and Route 6, West Barnstable

_____ Exit 68 - Intersection of Route 132 and Route 6, Hyannis

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR DROP-OFF/PICK-UP TIMES/LOCATIONS:

The timetable may fluctuate depending upon rider needs for the upcoming school year.

Upper Cape Bus

6:45am	Depart Christ the King Church, Mashpee
7:00am	Depart Stop & Shop Plaza Parking Lot – Route 28 – Marstons Mills
7:15am	Depart Area of West Parish Church, West Barnstable (Exit 65 - Route 149 and Route 6)
7:30am	Depart Park ‘n Ride, Hyannis (Exit 68 - Route 132 and Route 6)
7:45am	Arrive St. Pius X School
2:20pm	Depart St. Pius X School
2:35pm	Arrive Park ‘n Ride, Hyannis (Exit 68 - Route 132 and Route 6)
2:50pm	Arrive Area of West Parish Church, West Barnstable (Exit 65 - Route 149 and Route 6)
3:05pm	Arrive Stop & Shop Plaza Parking Lot – Route 28 – Marstons Mills
3:20pm	Arrive Christ the King Church, Mashpee



ST. PIUS X SCHOOL



Extended Day Program

Handbook

2026-2027

August 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the St. Pius X School Extended Day Program for the 2026-2027 school year! We hope that your children will find their time in the Extended Day Program to be enriching and fun and we are delighted to have the opportunity to work with you and your family. Enclosed please find information to assist you in utilizing our services to the fullest extent and answers to many common questions relating to various program policies and procedures.

The staff of The St. Pius X Extended Day Program is committed to providing your children with a high-quality program consistent with their school day experience. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing environment while promoting each child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development. We strive to provide age-appropriate programs with varied activities while building self-esteem through positive interactions. Your children will have the opportunity to participate in varying planned activities such as well-structured outside/inside recreational play, art activities, technology, nature walks, stories, and homework and/or personal reading time.

Our Extended Day Program incorporates the philosophy of the school day program and will specifically:

- Provide high quality, professional care for St. Pius X School students;
- Offer a preferred alternative in an already familiar environment;
- Schedule play time, quiet/study time and extracurricular activities;
- Allow for interaction with classmates with reinforcement of values;
- Enhance the regular school day experience.

We hope you find this program helpful and that you will take advantage of it as you may need or desire. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. We look forward to working with you and your children and providing an exciting, fun-filled year!

Sincerely,

The Staff of the SPXS Extended Day Program

Contact Information: Phone: 508-398-6112
or after regular school hours #508-398-6112, extension 1.

Schedule

Sessions run from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on full school days and some half days. Any modifications to the schedule will be communicated via the weekly email broadcast system.

Admission Policies

Students enrolled in Preschool through Grade 5 at St. Pius X School may participate in the Extended Day Program. Students must obey the rules and regulations, and financial obligations must be kept up to date in order for a student to continue participation in the program.

Students may participate in the morning and/or afternoon sessions, as needed.

Parents must submit the attached Registration Form in order for their child to participate in the Extended Day Program.

Communication

If you have a concern about your child and his/her participation in the program, please contact the school office at 508-398-6112.

Daily Release

Students will be released only to parents or an individual who has been authorized – either on the school Emergency Information Form, or on a subsequent note submitted or phone call made by the parents to the school office - to pick up the student. A photo ID of the authorized individual may be requested at pick up.

Discipline

Students are expected to abide by the rules of the program, respect staff members, other students, themselves, and personal and school property. Situations that call for discipline will be viewed as opportunities for teaching. *“Helping children feel good about themselves is a key to effecting good behavior”*. Discipline should be constructive and should take effect as closely to the incident that requires disciplinary action. The goal of discipline should retain and support a child’s positive sense of self. Each of us makes mistakes and we learn from them.

Children need to develop responsibility for their actions. Discipline is circumstantial. Each and every circumstance is treated a little bit differently depending on the severity of the behavior. If a student violates standards, we will first take action by removing the student from the group, discussing the incident, and seating him/her by him/herself for an age-appropriate period of time. If a student does not respond to this and the problem behavior persists, the parents will be called in for a conference. Should there continue to be problems, a second conference will be arranged and at that time, the student may be dismissed from the program.

Students should remain in their school uniform while participating in the program. Uniforms must be worn properly as during the school day. The only exception is if students must change

clothing in order to participate in school sponsored sporting event that follows immediately after their time in the Extended Day Program.

Emergency Procedures

The School Nurse is not available during extended day hours. Any minor first aid care will be provided by the extended day staff. If an injury requires more than minor first aid, then the parents and/or rescue will be contacted. Emergency procedures are consistent with the emergency procedures used during the school day.

Emergency contact information must be provided on the school Emergency Information Form for students attending the Extended Day Program. This information will be on file in the school office. A copy will be made available to the Extended Day Program staff.

Health and Safety

Program policies related to health and safety are consistent with the health and safety policies of the school day program.

Nutrition

A light snack and beverage will be provided to students upon arrival after dismissal. If your child requires an additional snack, please send it with your child. **Parents should notify the Extended Day Program Coordinator staff in writing (or on the school Emergency Information Form) if their child has any allergies to or difficulties with any food.**

Payment Plan

Sessions run from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on full school days and some half days. There is no charge for the morning session. The afternoon session is charged a daily rate of \$8.00 per hour billed in one-hour increments. (2:15 – 3:30, 3:30 – 4:30, 4:30 – 5:30)

Parents arriving after 5:30 p.m. will be billed at a rate of \$8.00 per five minutes or any part thereof.

Parents will be invoiced from FACTS, via email, each month for Extended Day Services delivered the previous month. Payment is due 10 days after the invoice has been received. Financial obligations must be kept up to date in order for a student to continue participation in the program.

Records

Attendance records will be kept. All records are confidential and will be shared only with those who have a legal right to know.

Staffing

The Extended Day Program will be staffed by a group of individuals, some of whom may be school-day staff. All staff completes the Safe Environment and Mandated Reporter Training sponsored by the Office of Safe Environment in Fall River and completes a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI).

Extended Day Program**Before School Schedule**

Admission: Parent(s)/guardian(s) enter through the double doors in the rear of the school building; staff on duty will meet students at the double doors.

Session: 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.

Location: Cafeteria

Release: Staff gathers students and their belongings and dismisses them to their classrooms.

After School Schedule

Admission: Students will be dismissed from their classroom or staff will walk students not picked up after dismissal.

Session: 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Location: Cafeteria

Activities: Attendance and snack

Session: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Location: Varies*

Activities: Recreational play outdoors or in the gym

Session: 3:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Varies*

Activities: Homework/Reading time, arts & crafts, music, nature, stories, technology, music, and/or video.

Session: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Varies *

Activities: Play outdoors or in the gym, arts & crafts, music, nature, stories, technology, music, and/or video.

Please Note: Mondays – Thursdays students will have a block of time reserved for homework and/or reading time should time permit. **Please make sure that your student comes to the extended day program with a pencil as well as a book of their choice to quietly read once their homework is complete (should they finish before the homework time is done).**

* Possible locations include but are not limited to gym, fenced-in field or blacktop.

Release: Parent(s)/guardian(s) enter through the double doors in the rear of the school building (unless a sign directs parents to another location). Parents may use the doorbell located to the right of the door. Parents sign students out.

**ST. PIUS X SCHOOL
EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM
2026-2027**

**Parents must submit the attached Registration Form in order for their child to participate in
the Extended Day Program.**

Child(ren)'s Name (s):

My child(ren) will be attending each week on the following days:

I have read this program handbook and agree to the terms this handbook. I also agree to abide by the payment plan as described herein.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

August, 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Birthdays are an important moment in each child's life- a day to truly feel special. At school, the name(s) of student(s) celebrating their special day are announced over the intercom, and "Happy Birthday" or another special song is usually sung in the classroom. Some teachers read a birthday poem to the child, and a birthday crown helps recognize our younger students.

Each birthday child gets an automatic "NUT Day" on his/her birthday. "NUT" means "No Uniform Today". If your birthday falls on the weekend, be a NUT on Friday or Monday. Students will not receive a NUT Card but may just "dress down" (appropriately). *If we have Mass, no dress-downs are allowed.* Another day should be chosen.

Sugary treats such as cake or cupcakes are not part of the school birthday recognition. The increasing number of students with varied allergies and other health concerns precludes serving food items. **If parents want to send in a non-food item for the class (like birthday pencils or stickers), they are most welcome to do so on the special day.**

To protect the feelings of students, especially the younger ones, invitations for birthday parties and other parties outside school are distributed in the classroom *only* if all students are invited. We know inviting all students is not usually feasible. You may find contact information for your child's classmates in the *St. Pius X Student Directory* to assist you with party planning.

These policies allow us to celebrate and recognize a child's special day and ensure the health and well-being of all. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Deacon Peter Schutzler
Principal



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!!