



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

November 23, 2020

I wasn't anticipating any Notes from the Office this week, as we will not be here on Wednesday. However, Mother Nature and 2020 once again have impacted us, so:

1. We DID shelter in place for the tornado warning, with students in the basement, and others spread out in the first-floor hallway. The students were exceptional and cooperative as we waited out the warning.
2. Students WILL come home with books and/or work either today or tomorrow. This is a "just in case" plan. Work is **NOT** to be opened or completed now. As of today, the situation at school COVID- wise is under control, but we are planning in the event things change in the next few days. The work is intended only in the event we are quarantined and cannot return Monday. Again, just in case! *The packets should come back to school on Monday if our situation remains stable.* Let's hope it does!

Here's a cheery note from Ms. Joy:

Dear families, students, and teachers of St. Pius X School,

I hope you are all staying healthy and well! This fall brought many changes to our community and school. Music in the classroom was no exception. Health precautions related to music prevents our instrumental and choral groups from performing live this winter. However, we would like to put together a virtual, musical "Christmas Card" with the help from students, parents and teachers at St. Pius X School.

In light of the holiday spirit, my hope is to compose videos of students singing or playing Christmas music together! This is an opportunity for the entire school, but completely *optional*. I will be accepting videos from Dec. 1st- Dec. 18th. Please see the requirements for video submissions.



SPX School Musical Christmas Card

Video Requirements:

Please send your video to jpye@spxschool.org

(Please subject as SPX Christmas Card, followed by your last name)

Your video should include:

Your name, grade and the title of your holiday selection

Ex. "My name is John from grade 4, and I will be singing Silent Night, please enjoy!"

You may perform:

Vocal or instrumental

As a solo with accompaniment

In a small group of 2- 5 (outside preferably!)

In your class, you may perform a group dance to pre recorded music or students playing percussion/string instruments.

❄ There is no time limit on videos. However, videos are subject to be cut if appropriate.

❄ Submissions will be accepted December 1st- December 18th.

❄ We will be including the first 25 submissions APPROVED by Mrs. Dailey and Miss Joy.
The quality of the music matters!

Here is a recommended list of holiday favorites:

Angels We Have Heard on High

Away in the Manger

Christmas Time

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

Jingle Bells

Joy To The World

O Christmas Tree

Sleigh Ride

Silver Bells

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Winter Wonderland

Auld Lang Syne

Carol of the Bells

Deck the halls

Frosty the Snowman

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

Jingle Bell Rock

Let it Snow

Oh, Holy Night

Silent Night

The First Noel

We Three Kings

White Christmas

If you're not sure that the piece you want to perform is appropriate, please ask Miss Joy.

Thank you!

Christmas Card Calendar - your full participation is needed more than ever! This has been a most unusual and challenging year in terms of our financial needs for all schools. We have required additional staff, have made many changes within the building, while purchasing equipment and additional supplies like PPEs. On the flip side we have experienced decreased funding from the parish and other sources. We continue to require funding that supports our programs and continued growth, and provides adequately for our staffing needs, salaries, and benefits. Your participation in the calendar drive is essential, especially as we are now planning 2021-2022 tuition, and looking to keep rates affordable for all families. A number of you have already reached your goal of selling 20 calendars or gone beyond! I applaud the efforts of each of you. You can reach your family's goal of 20, while remaining socially distant as calendars can now be purchased online!

Don't forget the **St. Pius X Women's Society Unfair Christmas Fair**. We now have a chance to show our appreciation for and support of this group, which has helped us for years, by participating in this event.

Enjoy Thanksgiving! May your time of celebration, different though it may be, allow you an opportunity to experience gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings in your life.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CALENDAR UPDATE!

We are at 35% of our goal with less than three weeks left. PLEASE share this link with family and friends (and on social media) to help spread the word about the fundraiser There are 31 chances to WIN CASH in January (up to \$500)!

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/ChristmasCalendars2020/tabid/1183816/Default.aspx>

TOP SELLING FAMILIES (in order of sales totals as of 11/23):

1. Pike
2. Pazakis
3. Cronin

THANK YOU to the families who sold *OVER* 20 calendars (in alphabetical order):*

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|-----------|--------|----------|---------|------------|
| Band | Baril | Berry | Boghdan | Carrick |
| Kuharenka | Leskei | Loffredo | Meehan | O'Sullivan |
| Phenix | Puzio | Renzi | Ryder | Thacher |
| Todd | | | | |

THANK YOU to the families who sold 20 calendars (in alphabetical order):*

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| Beecy | Brown | Carey | Evans | Fagan |
| Falkowski | Fox | Kudarauskas | LaCava | McManus |
| Murphy | Palomar-Nelson | Perry | Philbrick | Prebensen |
| Sullivan | Ward | Wyluda | | |

**The above names are based on ONLINE sales as of 11/23. Paper tickets sent into school have not been tallied yet.*

Please see last week's email to families to learn about the contest PRIZES for families!

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

Thank you for your participation!

Printed calendars are available, UPON REQUEST.

Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!