

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

May 6, 2020

Hello to all!

I am happy to know that our community members are safe and well, and I hope you all remain that way! As we journey this unfamiliar path with its Groundhog Day-like feeling, we continue to focus on two goals. The first is the successful completion of the 2019-2020 school year, and the second is preparations for continued success in our 2020-2021 year. A contributing factor towards the realization of this second goal is, of course, fundraising. Friends is continuing with our Spring Fundraiser, unfortunately without the “fun” aspect. Like I have said, the school building is closed, but school is still in session- and the school continues to need your support! Please read the accompanying inserts from Friends about their essential fundraising efforts.

The diocese produced a video highlighting the efforts of its Catholic schools to address distance learning. From day one, schools, teachers, and parents have adapted to this new way of reaching our students. See the video at <https://mediaimageproductions.com/csa> We also have a new “virtual video” of the school. It showcases our building for families who might want to get a peek inside during this time. No smiling faces, unfortunately, but a good way to view the school building. I thank Sandi Duxbury, from the diocese, for her efforts on both these videos!

Next Friday, May 15th, SPXS will hold a **Pick-Up and Drop-Off Day**. What will you pick up? Your child’s belongings left behind on March 13th. What are you asked to drop off? If you are able, a bag of diapers for the Baby Center in Hyannis or a donation for the Yarmouth Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is currently in need of cereal, peanut butter, and mac & cheese.

Pick-Up times are scheduled so that belongings of PreK and K students (and their siblings), will be picked up at the PreK and K classroom doors.

All other families will pick up student belongings at the side Gym door, where regular dismissal takes place.

Assigned times for pick-up/drop-off are:

At PreK and K classroom doors

9:00-10:00 PreK and K families (older siblings’ belongings will be there too)

At Gym door

10:00-11:00 All families with last names Abercrombie-Igoe

11:00-12:00 All families with last names Imad-O’Sullivan

12:00-1:00 All families with last name Palomar-Nelson to Zontini

Please follow dismissal routine, entering the school campus by Wood Rd. and leaving by Barbara St. Also, put a placard in your windshield with your family name. It should be legible from a distance. Those assisting with this process will bring your bags out, and place right outside the Gym door. You will drive up, retrieve the bag(s) and leave your donation item.

To turn this into a fun event, families are invited to decorate their vehicles! We can't wait to see the imagination of our students and families!

If you are unable to pick-up at your designated time, contact the school to make alternate arrangements.

Remember, that our **interim period** ended. All Middle School parents and guardians, as well as those with Gr. 4 students, should check the **Parent Portal** to see how their student is progressing in each subject area. The Parent Portal provides all the data that the interim report does. All other students- teachers will reach out to you regarding any specific concerns for your learners. If there was a concern prior to March 13th regarding a student's retention for next year, the classroom teacher will reach out to conference with you.

Amy Abercrombie, our technology teacher, is available if parents have tech-related questions, including anything related to Google Classroom. Email her at aabercrombie@spxschool.org.

Continue to stay safe and healthy, and remember during the month of May to pray the Rosary with your family.



HELLO FRIENDS!

THANK YOU to those who have sponsored, donated, and purchased items/raffle tickets in support of our online Spring Fundraiser. I want to explain “WHY” this matters, WHY it IS needed, and WHY it IS worth it!

Did you know that every student at SPXS receives a tuition subsidy? Yes, EVERY student! The tuition rate is set to keep tuition as affordable as possible for the majority of families. The tuition rate covers about 80% of the total cost of educating each child. The remaining 20% in financial support comes from the extreme generosity of St. Pius X Parish, the Friends of SPXS fundraising and supporters like YOU (through the Fall Calendar Sales and the Spring Auction). As you can imagine, the parish is experiencing financial hardship right now so there is no guarantee of the funding it can provide to the school for next year. So while the Friends of SPXS always prided itself on raising money for the school and for FUN – the money for the school is MOST important right now. It will help cover the tuition gap to meet school salaries and expenses and help to keep families at the school.

I know times are tough for everyone right now. We are financially, emotionally, and physically-strained. But this is when the bonds of our school community can shine. In the toughest of times, the SPXS community has always rallied to support one another! We can still do that in a variety of ways.

If you cannot afford to contribute financially, we UNDERSTAND. Your “likes” and “shares” of our social media posts and fundraising links help us. For those who have \$20 to spare, you can purchase a chance to win \$1,000-worth of lottery scratch tickets (imagine the potential windfall from a \$20 “investment”)! For those who have \$100 to spare, you can purchase a chance to win free tuition for next year! And for those who have a little more to give right now, you could “win” a coveted item from our online fundraiser.

Our donated auction items are available for purchase ONLINE! The prices were set based on individual value and historical purchase prices from our previous 15 years of events. Items are for sale on a “first come, first serve” basis so get them while you can! Many of these usually have stiff competition at the actual event! There is a “catalog” tab at the top of the page that provides more details about each listing. Click here to view the items/packages. <https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/springcelebration>

There is also an important “Fund-A-Need” tab with donation options ranging from \$50-\$1,000. This fund will provide scholarships for students whose families are experiencing extreme economic hardship as a result of COVID-19. Scholarships will help us maintain enrollment and the bonds within our SPXS Community.

THANK YOU for coming together to support SPXS, in whatever way you can. THANK YOU for understanding the “WHY.”

With Sincere Appreciation,
Lori Boghdan



SPXS Spring Fundraiser Sponsors

Platinum Sponsors (\$1500)

Foran Realty (Foran Family)
JM Pazakis, Inc. Plumbing, Heating, HVAC (Pazakis Family)
Cape Cod Cross Fit (Falkowski Family)

Gold Sponsors (\$1000)

Reinhart Painting (Reinhart Family)
Wequassett Resort and Golf Club (Chun Family)

Silver Sponsors (\$500)

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Cataumet Boats (Hamel/Philbrick Family)
Vision Appraisals (Giannakoulis Family)
Hajjar-Robinson Family
Laiza's Cleaning (Agostini Family)
McPhee Associates (McPhee Family)
RogersGray (Robinson Family)

Bronze Sponsors (\$250)

Professional Physical Therapy
Cape Cod Appliance
Dr. Diane Todd, Optometrist
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank

Class Donations (in lieu of auction baskets)

Pre-K Families
Kindergarten Families
2nd Grade Families
3rd Grade Families (Petrie)
3rd Grade Families (King)
4th Grade Families (Ubertaccio)
6th Grade Families
8th Grade proceeds from Spirit Rock & the Snack Cart

More than, ever we extend our sincerest appreciation to these businesses and families!

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

KINDERGARTEN - GR. 6

PHYSICAL EXAM

- most recent exam must be provided initially
- subsequent exam needs to be within six months of school entry **or** during the first year
- **FOR KINDERGARTEN ONLY:**
Vision certificate within 12 months of start of school or within 30 days of the start of the school year, with proof of follow-up if child failed
Documented lead screen

IMMUNIZATIONS

- 5 doses DTaP
- 4 doses Polio
3 are acceptable if 3rd dose is given on/after after 4th birthday
- 2 doses MMR
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- 2 dose Varicella or documented history of chicken pox

GRADE 7

In addition to all of the above requirements:

- 1 Tdap or Td booster
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine **NEW REQUIRMENT FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

GRADES PK-8

All students are required to have an updated physical exam every 3-4 years and upon entering 4th and 7th grade. Participation in athletics requires a physical exam within 13 months of the start of the activity.

Please email Nurse Annie aagurkis@spxschool.org with any questions or concerns.

St. Pius X School Yearbook

The 2019-2020 Yearbook
is being published.

Don't miss out!

Cost: \$40.00
(payment must accompany order)

All grades are depicted in the yearbook.

Please order online via the below link.

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/yearbook2020>

Any questions - please email Mrs. Shaw at
ashaw@spxschool.org.

Yearbook pick-up will coordinated at the
end of school year.