

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

February 10, 2021

As February vacation is beginning, I share with you this message from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:

The Department recognizes that the upcoming February vacation may pose a challenge to districts in their efforts to limit students' and staff's exposure to COVID-19. The Department outlines reminders about the best practices that the Department of Public Health has outlined. These include:

[limiting the size of any gathering](#), limiting get-togethers to only people who live together or to a small group of individuals with whom they are regularly in contact, and avoiding travel.

Anyone considering travel should review and abide by Massachusetts [travel orders](#), people who want to travel to another state that is not a [lower-risk state](#) should be aware of the quarantine requirements involved with such travel.

Families traveling, including weekend trips skiing, have been the source of increased problems for teachers and students, not only at SPXS, but at other schools as well this year. The absences caused by vacation-necessitated quarantine, draw teacher time and attention away from the students onsite, and have affected children's schooling experiences. Optional travel has had unexpected impacts on schools this year, and was never the impetus to offer remote learning. However, if you are traveling, follow the required guidelines to ensure the safety of those at school.

We want everyone to enjoy vacation, and to ensure a safe return on Feb. 22nd!

100 Days of School

Wednesday, Feb. 10th was the 100th day of school for our students. Congratulations, teachers and staff, for your efforts to reach this milestone in the 2020-2021 school year!

Valentine's Day

The big day will be celebrated this Friday. Teachers are following Covid-safety protocols to continue a very important celebration for students. It's a Valentine's Dress Down for everyone. Wear **pink**, **red**, **purple**, **white**, and enjoy this special day!



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CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

WINNERS TO DATE

January 1 st	\$50.00 Cash	Kim Forto
January 2 nd	\$75.00 Cash	Sharon Gordineer
January 3 rd	\$50.00 Cash	Rebecca Mauro
January 4 th	\$75.00 Cash	Deborah DeVries
January 5 th	\$50.00 Cash	Christine Morea
January 6 th	\$75.00 Cash	Tom Falkowski
January 7 th	\$100.00 Cash	Diane Puzio
January 8 th	\$50.00 Cash	Sandra Lee Russell
January 9 th	\$50.00 Cash	Daisy Lemoi
January 10 th	\$75.00 Cash	Sara Igoe
January 11 th	\$50.00 Cash	Hilary Cook
January 12 th	\$50.00 Cash	Tammy Thacher
January 13 th	\$75.00 Cash	Nicole Libby
January 14 th	\$100.00 Cash	Marie Merrill
January 15 th	\$75.00 Cash	Donna Ring
January 16 th	\$50.00 Cash	Amy Abercrombie
January 17 th	\$50.00 Cash	Peter Skordas
January 18 th	\$75.00 Cash	Renee Dee
January 19 th	\$50.00 Cash	Christine Reinhart
January 20 th	\$75.00 Cash	Julie Coffin
January 21 st	\$100.00 Cash	Nathan Lynch
January 22 nd	\$75.00 Cash	Elaine O'Sullivan
January 23 rd	\$50.00 Cash	Mike McCarthy
January 24 th	\$75.00 Cash	James Lawlor
January 25 th	\$50.00 Cash	Stephen and Christine Arden
January 26 th	\$75.00 Cash	MaryPat St. Jean
January 27 th	\$75.00 Cash	Diane and Leonard Pocknett
January 28 th	\$100.00 Cash	Bill Greenwood
January 29 th	\$50.00 Cash	Katie McAdams
January 30 th	\$50.00 Cash	Katherine Wyluda
January 31 st	\$500.00 Cash	Ann-Marie Shaw

TUITION PAYMENT PREFERENCE FORM

2021-2022

**Please return this form including your deposit to the
Business Office by Friday, February 26, 2021**

School Name: **St. Pius X School**

Responsible Party Name (please print): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade Fall 2021: _____

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For the 2021-2022 school year, I will pay my student's tuition by the payment option checked below. If not previously enrolled with FACTS through St. Pius X School, I will setup an automatic deduction online with FACTS. A FACTS account must be set up or tuition must be paid in full by May 28, 2021.

☐ **OPTION 1 Full Tuition Payment** due by April 30, 2021 to receive discount. Cash, check, and credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Am/Ex, Discover) accepted. A 3% service fee will be applied to all credit card transactions. A discount of \$50.00 per student is applicable if tuition is paid in full by April 30, 2021.

☐ **OPTION 2 Monthly Payments through FACTS.** This option entitles the responsible party to budget payments over 11 months beginning May 2021. Payments are made on the 5th or 20th. There is a **\$50** administration fee processed by FACTS for use of this option.

If you are enrolling in FACTS **for the first time through St. Pius X School**, account setup instructions will be emailed to you.

Once your account is established, the school will complete the agreement by entering appropriate balance information. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Kostecki, Business Manager at 508-398-6112 x306 or dkostecki@spxschool.org.

2021-2022 Tuition Policy

Each family is required to sell 20 Christmas calendars. If a family decides not to participate in this fundraising opportunity, \$200 will be added to their overall tuition bill.

When a student registers at St. Pius X School, we not only hold a place for that student, but also commit resources to optimize the educational experience of that student. We design staffing, programs, and acquire supplies based on the number of registered students to ensure a quality education.

Each year we forgo potential income by limiting the number of incoming students, when we commit a place for your son or daughter. We also depend on full and timely payment of tuition. According to the policies of the Diocese of Fall River, all financial obligations to St. Pius X School must be met before a student may enroll in another diocesan school. St. Pius X School will notify the receiving school if these obligations have not been met.

A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$250 for each child is due with this commitment form. This deposit is credited towards tuition. Deposit monies received will not be refunded.

Once a student has begun a month, tuition for that month must be paid, in addition to what has already been paid.

I agree to make tuition payments for the 2021-2022 school year according to one of the options above. I have read the school policy regarding tuition and agree to abide by this policy.

Responsible Party's Signature

Date

♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥

FROM NURSE ANNIE

Swap out the sweet treats for Valentine's Day with these healthier (and fun to make) alternatives.

Love Potion Smoothies

Create a smoothie station to taste naturally sweet treats. You can use red or pink cups to add to the Valentine's Day color theme. Put your own twist on the following recipe by adding fruits like bananas, raspberries, cherries, kiwi, pineapple, and/or mango.

Ingredients

- *Frozen strawberries*
- *Plain or Greek yogurt*
- *Ice cubes*
- *Unsweetened almond milk*

Optional add-ins or get creative with your kids!

- *Peanut/nut butter*
- *Cocoa powder*
- *Garnish with Low sugar cereal*

Directions

- *Place all ingredients in blender. Blend several seconds. If you would like a thicker smoothie, add more fruit. For a drinkable smoothie add more milk.*

Valentine's Day *Dress Down*

Friday, February 12th

Wear: Red, Pink, Purple or White

Dress must be appropriate for St. Pius X School



Study Hall Sign-Up: (Limit 15 students)

Study Hall registration will take place on a weekly basis. Please indicate day(s) your Middle School student(s) will take advantage of Study Hall.

Pick-up is at 3:30 at the cafeteria door.

Family Name _____

Child Name _____ Gr. _____

Child Name _____ Gr. _____

Days Attending:

Check all that apply.

_____ Monday, February 22nd

_____ Tuesday, February 23rd

_____ Wednesday, February 24th

_____ Thursday, February 25th

For Ages 4-7 year-olds - Schedule/Activities changes every week on Zoom
Beginning Feb 15 - choose a class \$25, choose a week \$100 or choose a month \$350
10AM -10:45AM for School Vacation week; Afternoons when school is in session

Monday - All About Me with Jen Blesso

Tuesday - All About Me-Multi Media with Jen Blesso

Wednesday - All About Me -Multi Media with Jen Blesso

Thursday - All About Me -Multi Media with Jen Blesso

Friday - Musical Discoveries with Rachel Youngling

All About Me (Mixed Media) Your child will explore various media and basic art techniques through the central theme of their identity – favorite color, family, map making, favorite animal, and a self portrait.

Day 1: My favorite color – Your child will explore basic color theory and watercolor techniques

Day 2: Me and my pet/favorite (stuffed) animal collage: Using construction paper, wrapping paper or paper bags (napkins or paper towels too) your child will explore texture through collage.

Day 3: Me on a Map – We will talk about different kinds of maps and elements of a map. Your child will choose a type of map to design and create using different drawing media.

Day 4: Portrait – Your child will look at different types portraits. Using any media they will make a portrait of themselves doing their favorite activity with a special adult.

Day 5: Music with Rachel Youngling who is an Early Childhood Music Specialist based on Cape Cod, where she has been a music educator for 16 years.

Supplies – most of the art supplies can be found in the stationary aisle of a grocery store with the exception of the clay and watercolor paper which can be found at Target, Walmart, or Michael's.

Supplies to have on hand: watercolor paper, watercolors (Crayola is great), black sharpie, pencil, eraser, scissors, glue stick or Elmer's white glue, paintbrushes of different sizes, paintbrush or popsicle sticks for spreading glue, Tombow markers (Crayola markers will be okay), oil pastels or crayons, 8x11 printer paper, collage papers (paper bags, newspaper, wrapping paper, coffee filters, tissue paper), tempera paints (optional).



For Ages 8-12 year-olds - Schedule/Activities changes every week on Zoom
Beginning Feb 15 - choose a class \$25, choose a week \$100 or choose a month \$350
11AM-Noon for School Vacation week; Afternoons when school is in session

Mondays: Science and Art with Maureen Grandmont

This class will involve art activities as well as songs about the water cycle and clouds. Using The Cloud Book by Tomie Depaola as a starting point, the children will learn the three major cloud names and illustrate the water cycle. Materials needed: crayons, white drawing paper, cotton balls, glue, white chalk.

Tuesdays: Everything But the Kitchen Sink with Jennifer Blesso

Your child will explore various media and art techniques based on their environment and imagination. Supplies: most of the art supplies can be found in the stationary aisle of a grocery store with the exception of the clay and watercolor paper which can be found at Target, Walmart, or Michael's. **Supplies to have on hand:** watercolor paper, watercolors (Crayola is great), black sharpie, pencil, eraser, scissors, glue stick or Elmer's white glue, paintbrushes of different sizes, paintbrush or popsicle sticks for spreading glue, Tombow markers (Crayola markers will be okay), oil pastels or crayons, 8x11 printer paper, collage papers (paper bags, newspaper, wrapping paper, coffee filters, tissue paper), tempera paints (optional), white model magic or Crayola air dry clay.

Wednesdays: Cooking with Kay Benorach - Lesson one - Muffin-tin meatloaves, cheesy mashed potatoes. After you sign up, she will send you a list of ingredients to have on hand and suggested utensils.

Thursdays: Crazy Mixed up Media with Karen Shortsleeve - A class that uses a variety of media to create works inspired by famous artists. Week one -**Matisse & Miro** inspired collage focusing on shape and color.

Friday: Theater Games and Improv with Lisa Jo Rudy - Love acting, pretending, or making up stories? Here's your chance to have fun with acting without memorizing lines! We'll play theater games, improvise characters, and create our own skits.



For Ages 13-17 year-olds - Schedule/Activities changes every week on Zoom
Beginning Feb 15 - choose a class \$25, choose a week \$100 or choose a month \$350
1PM for School Vacation week; After School when school is in session

Monday: Fine Line Face Painting for Selfies with Sara Cook -Learn fine-line makeup techniques for selfies

Tuesday: Animation created on app called Procreate with Barbara Braman

Wednesday: Art Creativity with Karen Shortsleeve

This is a class for students who are passionate about art and creativity. Students will expand their knowledge of the elements and principles of design and experiment with a variety of artistic techniques and media. They will strengthen their visual arts skills and create an art portfolio that reflects their own unique style. Students will receive inspiration, encouragement, and guidance from an experienced art educator.

Thursday: The Ultimate Marker Workshop with Mellissa Morris Students develop drawing skills using techniques with markers, water and paper. You will be taught interesting and cool ways to develop values, textures and contrast. Student will work both from life and with abstract concepts. Individual interests will be developed.

Materials list: Variety of different markers (any type), mixed media or Bristol paper pad, paint brushes, water, water container, paper towel, pencils, eraser and ruler.

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Instructor Bios:

Kay Benaroch started to get interested in cooking while watching PBS and Julia Child in the late 1960s. She attended the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts in Cambridge, MA where she received a professional culinary certificate after a year-long program. Her cooking experience includes both baking and savory dishes from multiple cultures including French and Italian, Greek, Indian and Thailand. Kay has taught cooking classes for over 12 years in community centers in Chelmsford, Marlboro, Harwich, and Highfield Hall in Falmouth.

Jennifer Blesso is an abstract artist and teacher. She has been guiding children and individuals/groups with special needs in art activities for the past 7 years. She is drawn to fiber arts and mixed media. Currently, Jen works in acrylics - layering and working up colors while adding various materials. Paper, metal, tree bark, sequins and other found objects are incorporated into her work to create texture and interest. She received her BA in Art History and continues to study art individually and through classes. For Jen, making art is when she feels the bravest and the most free to take risks in her creative endeavors. She resides in Melrose, MA with her family and their little white poodle.

Barbara Braman is a digital artist who now works exclusively on her iPad using her own photographs and drawings to create images that use color and form to express what she sees daily. She lives on Cape Cod. Barbara's work can be seen at Nirvana Coffee Shop in Barnstable village and has been included in other local, national, and international shows. She teaches classes and workshops in Mobile Digital Art at the Cape Cod Art Center and organizes a bi-monthly Cape Cod Digital Artists group.

Maureen Grandmont - Before retiring to the Cape, Maureen Grandmont spent the last 20 years of her 32 year teaching career in the Shrewsbury Public Schools. She loved showing students the wonders of science and guiding them to use the scientific method of questioning, observing, experimenting, and recording information.

Mellissa Morris is currently the artist in residence for the town of Barnstable. She lives and works in a creative Art Space open to the public year-round. Mellissa has shown her work throughout Cape Cod and New England. She has been teaching Abstract Painting and drawing courses for over ten years. She holds a Master's degree in Fine Arts Painting, and is a certified practitioner in Hatha Yoga, Mindfulness and Meditation, and energy Reiki Healing. Born and raised on Cape Cod, Mellissa is the eldest daughter of seven children, mother of her only daughter, Lilly, and her two cats, Nido and Leo. Mellissamorris.com

Lisa Jo Rudy is a juried member of CCAC and a charter member of the National Association of Digital Artists. Her work regularly appears in nationally advertised shows on Cape Cod and beyond.

Karen Shortsleeve has a BFA from the University Of Hartford and a MFA from Anna Maria College. She has over 30 years of experience teaching studio art and art history at all grade levels. Her preferred media is oil paint, oil pastel, and a combination of watercolor with colored pencil. She strives to capture images that touch the viewer in a personal way. In her seascapes and landscapes, she attempts to go beyond pure representation and paint not only the place, but communicate the feeling of being in that space. She tries to capture the elusive space between representation and the emotions felt from the experience or memory of a place.

Rachel Youngling is an Early Childhood Music Specialist based on Cape Cod, where she has been a music educator for 16 years. She has a passion for bringing the joy of music to children and families in an age-appropriate format that incorporates play and all learning styles. Rachel believes it is important to recognize the individual in each child and tailors her teaching to each student.