

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

October 20, 2021

THE FOUNDATION TO ADVANCE CATHOLIC EDUCATION, (FACE)

FACE has supported the education of many Catholic students across the diocese, including many of our students. On Nov. 3rd, they are holding their annual **Dinner** at **White's of Westport**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. As with previous events, the FACE Fall Dinner team would like to have student greeters from various schools. These greeters will welcome attendees as they enter the event. It is suggested that greeters be in grades 6 - 12 and attend in their school uniform. *Is there someone who would like to represent SPXS as a greeter?* The student and a parent would be welcome to stay for the entire event and enjoy Matt Maher's musical. Please let me know if you would like to represent SPXS at this event!

TEST-AND STAY and SYMPTOMATIC TESTING

On Monday a letter was sent regarding the COVID-19 testing programs we now have available. These tests are *not* invasive and uncomfortable like the original tests. Most students can do the swabbing themselves, under the supervision of an adult who has been trained. To participate in the program, you must sign a **consent form** on behalf of your student. The form can be found at <u>https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma#consent</u>

We are listed under school district as Saint Pius X School. There is no charge for participating.

GRADE 8 PIE SALE

A huge **Thank You** to those who assisted our Gr. 8 students with their pie sale. The proceeds will benefit the students, as they look with excitement towards end-of-year activities. Your assistance with this fundraiser is very much appreciated.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will see you <u>tomorrow or Friday</u> for parent-teacher conferences. These provide an opportunity to discuss your child's academic growth, adjustment to their new class, and areas of strength, and challenges they are prepared to undertake next! Please be cognizant of the time. I look forward to seeing you back at school!

MAP TESTING

MAP Testing was finally completed yesterday! We are just beginning to review student reports. Results will be sent home next week. When you receive your **Home Report**, contact the teacher or me if you have questions. The next window for testing is **Jan. 31- Feb. 18**th.

A MESSAGE ROM THE DIOCESE...

I received this message, to pass along to everyone. It comes from the diocese and the insurance company.

Please advise all families to not bring any animals onto the school grounds or to school athletic events. Your school and the Diocese could be held liable for injuries a person sustains due to an incident involving an animal on school grounds or at a school event, regardless of where it is held. Such an incident is not limited to a dog bite, for example. A small animal could cause someone to trip and fall, and they could seriously injure themselves. A barking dog could scare a child or cause someone to recall a past traumatic event.

∉animals are brought to school or an event they must remain in their vehicle. Many see animals as extensions of their family, but consideration must be given to all.

Please note that this expectation does not apply to Service Animals. In Massachusetts, dogs and miniature horses are considered Service Animals, and dogs that only provide comfort or emotional support are not service animals. For more information please visit:

https://www.mass.gov/service-details/about-service-and-assistance-animals

We love your dogs- even if they don't love all of us- or at least me. Keep bringing them for the ride to school!

LUNCH

Help Needed at Lunchtime! Consider volunteering, even if it's one day a month. As an incentive, family names of those who assisted will be put into a monthly drawing, and the winning family will receive a Gift Card for the parent or guardian, and the student(s) will receive a NUT Card! Sign up to help at this Sign-Up Genius. Thank you, Doug McHugh for setting up thus sign-up. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0448aaa723a57-stpius3



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INTERIM REPORTS

Interim Reports for all students are being sent home electronically today. Please sign and return the acknowledgement card that is being sent home with your child(ren). If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Thursday, October 21st and on Friday, October 22nd for Parent-Teacher Conferences. **The Extended Day Program will be available on both days.** School lunch <u>will not</u> be served on these days. Students attending the aftercare program on Thursday, October 21st and Friday, October 22nd will need to bring lunch from home. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will pick up students and depart from school at 11:30am.

CALENDAR CHANGE

School will not be in session on Friday, November 19th. The staff will be attending a Spiritual Enrichment Day at Bishop Connolly High School.

CALENDAR CHANGES - THANKSGIVING RECESS

Tuesday, November 23rd - Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. The Extended Day Program will <u>NOT</u> be available on Tuesday, November 23rd. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

School will <u>NOT</u> be in session on Wednesday, November 24th, Thursday, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th.



ST. PIUS X SCHOOL To Learn, To Grow, To Lead Pre-K to 8th Grade

Open House November 10, 2021 • 5:30-7:00pm



Visit: www.spxschool.org for details

(508) 398-6112

321 Wood Rd., South Yarmouth, MA 02664 info@spxschool.org St. Pius X School Middle School Halloween Party Gr. 5-8

Friday, October 29th 6:00-8:00pm

Admission: \$15 per person or \$20 per family

Please click on the link below to register and pay for your child(ren) to attend the Middle School Halloween Dance.

https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/HaloweenDance/tabid/1259907/Default.aspx

If you would like to provide some refreshments, please click on the link below.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a48a8aa2ba6fa7-halloween

School appropriate costumes Drop off and pick up at the back cafeteria doors



SPXS PARENT SOCIAL

Last chance to sign up and join us on 10/28! Thursday, October 28th 6:30-9:00 PM Tugboats Restaurant 11 Arlington Street in Hyannis

Please join us for a casual social event to kick-off the school year! Come visit with old friends and make new ones! The price is \$25 per person for a light dinner buffet. A cash bar will be available for beverages.

This adults-only event is sponsored by the Friends of SPXS. If you have questions, please call Lori Boghdan at (508) 509-2869.

Please sign-up online with this link:

https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/2021ParentSocial/tabid/1259861/Default.aspx



Please join us for a FRIENDS OF SPXS MEETING Friday, November 5th at 8:00 AM SPXS Cafeteria*

- Board Member Reports
- Committee/Event Updates
- "Cash Calendar" Fundraising Details
- Christmas Party Planning
- Enrichment Activities
- Spring Fling 2022 Update
- Ideas, Suggestions, Feedback!

*Please note that all meeting attendees will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear masks while in the building, per school policy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

WE NEED YOU!!



Friends of SPXS help create a well-rounded and enriching school experience for the students and families.

Our volunteers are an awesome community of parents and caregivers who fundraise and FUNraise! Check out the link below for many volunteering opportunities!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BA4AC 2BA1F85-friends

Thank YOU for sharing your

time and talents!





Tuesdays

Grade K to 8th

\$170/student

Must provide own transportation to athletic club.

Oct. 26 - Dec. 7th (no class 11/23) **3pm to 4pm**

Send in bottom portion with cash or check payable to Mid Cape Athletic Club by Friday, October 22nd

Mid Cape Tennis

Student Name:_____

Grade:_____



October 2021

Dear Family,

Exciting news! The Massachusetts Children's Book Award program is returning to SPXS! This program for readers in grades 4-6 is sponsored by Salem State University. It is a widely recognized program across the commonwealth and is part of many school and public libraries.

I am pleased to be able to offer this program at SPXS for students in **Grades 4-6** who love reading or are even just curious about what a book club is all about. We will be meeting on a monthly basis beginning in November and extending at least through April. In April, readers will cast their vote for their favorite book chosen from the many books on the list. Readers must read at least 5 books between October and April in order to be eligible to cast a vote. Voting will be done online during our April meeting.

The monthly meeting will be held in the library on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:15. **The first meeting will be on Monday**, **November 15**, **2021**. The book chosen for the first meeting is *Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo.

I am looking forward to sharing this program with your reader!

Sincerely, Mrs. Judith Werner M.Ed

CPR/AED and Babysitting Course

after school at SPXS provided by

CAPE COD CPR

Students in Grades 5 through 8 (11 years old and up)

CPR/AED Class (Limited to 20 students)

*(5 spots left)

Monday, November 1st 2:30-4:30pm

Cape Cod CPR's certification course is "ideal for those needing certification for employment requirements as well as those wanting to learn the skills necessary to save a life."

More details: <u>https://www.capecpr.com/classes/cpr-aed/</u>

CPR Certification card issued to student upon completion.

*(Full)

Babysitting Course (Limited to 12 students) Monday, November 8th 2:30-4:30pm

The BLAST! (Babysitter Lesson and Safety Training) course is a fun, interactive program for babysitters, mother's helpers, young people who may be home alone, and scout troops. The class offers "extensive training in pediatric first aid, household safety, and the fundamentals of childcare." More details: <u>https://www.capecpr.com/classes/babysitter-training/</u>

American Academy of Pediatrics Certificate of BLAST is issued to student upon completion.

\$50/student for each class \$90/student if enrolling in both classes Please sign up by Friday, October 29th

Student to bring a water bottle and snack. There will be a 15-minute break during each course. Pick up in back at cafeteria doors.

Send bottom portion with cash or check made payable to "Friends of SPXS" to Mrs. Shaw in the front office by Friday 10/29.

Cape Cod CPR/AED and Babysitting Courses			
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