

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

October 28, 2020

THANK YOU to Mr. Reinhart, father of Thomas, Gr. 1, for the incredible job on the playground area outside the cafeteria door! Over the past weekend, he painted our blacktop, creating special areas for students to socially distance while enjoying games together during recess. Take a look:



COVID-19 Update

As you know, there were two COVID cases associated with the school over the weekend. When there is a case, I immediately contact the Yarmouth Health Dept. which investigates by speaking with those involved, then connects with MDPH. I also communicated with those involved, to clarify all details. In addition, the diocese is notified and collaborates with us. Messaging that goes out needs to inform you that there is a school community member with COVID, but also needs to protect the privacy of the individual(s) involved, and therefore does not identify the person(s). ALL THOSE WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS *CLOSE CONTACTS* WERE CONTACTED RIGHT AWAY. As a result, a number of students and one teacher are currently quarantining.

Please help us keep students healthy by reminding them to wear masks, wash hands, and keep distance between themselves and others outside school. With Halloween this weekend, and Thanksgiving coming shortly, it's more important than ever to continue the positive routines we have all established, even though it will be difficult!

Remote Learners

Our Remote Learning option is intended for those who chose not to return to school, for those who are home sick for a period of time, or for those quarantining. It is not a day-to-day option, with a day at school, a day remote because you slept late, then back to school, followed by another day remote. If you choose to go remote, in the absence of a defined illness, the commitment is for a month. Without a Remote Learning Coordinator, teachers are currently spending the majority of planning time working primarily for the remote students. If students are hopping in and out, day to day, it puts additional stresses on teachers' already tight schedules.

The Christmas Card Calendar fundraiser is returning. It has always been essential to the school as one of our two big fundraisers of the year. This year, it's even more important! To help reach your family's goal of 20, while remaining socially distant, calendars can now be purchased online, with credit awarded to your family! See the attached notes from the Friends of SPXS for additional details. I can't wait to see how successful our families are once again!

The Pie Sale has ended and **Grade 8** students and families send sincere thanks all who purchased pies and cookies. Though the Big Apple will not be the students' destination this year, they are still planning exciting end-of-year fun!

Survey

Thank you to all who responded to the survey last week- 163 responses to date!

Grade 5 Parents

A Zoom session for all interested Grade 5 parents to discuss Middle School adjustment is scheduled for Monday, November 2nd at 5:00pm. Watch for the invite, and I'll see you there! Other parents- be looking for invites to Zoom coffee hours in the weeks ahead.



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REMOTE LEARNERS

School work for all Remote Learners may be picked up on Fridays between 11:30 - 1:30pm.

HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please review the SPXS Family Handbook and sign and return the Handbook Contract and the School Handbook Appendix Acknowledgement Form. (See attached) All families must sign and return both of these forms.

PHOTO RE-TAKES

Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, November 5th for photo re-takes. Any Remote Learners that have returned to school by this date will have their photo taken at this time. If a student is still learning from home, then a photo will need to be submitted by his/her parent for the yearbook. More details will follow regarding background, etc. If you have any questions, please call the office.

CALENDAR CHANGE - EARLY DISMISSAL

Tuesday, November 24th - Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on Tuesday, November 24th. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

CALENDAR CHANGE - THANKSGIVING RECESS

School will **NOT** be in session on Wednesday, November 25th, Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th.

Halloween Dress Down Day



Friday, October 30th

All students in PK—Gr. 8
may wear Halloween colors to
school on Friday, October 30th

Black, Orange, or Purple





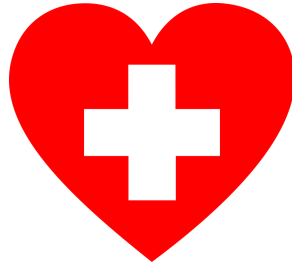


St. Pius X School

November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day (Daylight Savings ends turn clocks back 1 hour)	2	3 Faculty Meeting 2:30 No Study Hall	4	5 Photo Re-Take Day	6 Friends Mtg. 8am	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day School Not in Session 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Thanksgiving Giving Items due at school	19	20	21
22	23	24 Thanksgiving Recess begins at <u>11:30</u> Dismissal <u>No after care</u>	25 Thanksgiving Recess School <u>Not</u> in Session	26 Thanksgiving Recess School <u>Not</u> in Session 	27 Thanksgiving Recess School <u>Not</u> in Session	28
29	30	December 1	2	3 SJPII High School Placement Exam	4 First Trimester Ends	5



FROM NURSE ANNIE

**All students in PK–Gr. 12 must receive
the seasonal influenza vaccine
annually by December 31, 2020**

“Every year, thousands of people of all ages are affected BY influenza, leading to many hospitalizations and deaths,” said **Dr. Larry Madoff, Medical Director, DPH’s Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences**. “It is more important now than ever to get a flu vaccine because flu symptoms are very similar to those of COVID-19 and preventing the flu will save lives and preserve healthcare resources.”

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, November 2nd

_____ Tuesday, November 3rd

_____ Wednesday, November 4th

_____ Thursday, November 5th



FAMILY HANDBOOK CONTRACT 2020-2021

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to

- **read the handbook**
- **be knowledgeable about school policies**
- **ensure that the student is also knowledgeable of school policies**
- **note that changes, additions, or procedures which require reminders appear in **red****

After your family has reviewed the handbook, please return this form to school.

We have read and understand all provisions of the *SPXS Family Handbook 2020-2021*, and agree to abide by SPXS school policies.

Student's Name

Student's Name

Student's Name

Student's Name

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Return to school by Friday, October 30, 2020

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the guidelines set forth in this *school handbook appendix* and in the school plan referenced herein and agree to abide by them. I also acknowledge that certain remote learning or other sessions may be recorded for security purposes and agree that the school may do so. Return this form along with the FAMILY HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (sent in August).

STUDENT NAME (please print): _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (please print name): _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN _____

DATED: _____

IMPORTANT NEWS From the Friends of SPXS

We are excited to kick-off the **2020 Christmas Raffle Calendar Sale!** This is one of two major fundraisers sponsored by the Friends of SPXS and we need EVERY family to participate. **Our goal is to sell 4,000 calendars!**

The net proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the school – BENEFITTING YOUR KIDS - by enabling the Friends of SPXS to supplement the school budget and provide school enrichment activities, educational equipment, safety/security enhancements, sports programs, teacher appreciation events, and more!

Each family is asked to sell 20 Raffle Calendars at \$10 per calendar from **October 23rd – December 10th**. Selling more than 20 is GREATLY appreciated! Purchasers will be entered into a daily drawing throughout the month of January. The daily cash prizes range from \$50 to \$500. People can win more than once!

This year calendars will be sold through the **Greater Giving® online payment platform**, which we have used for other school events. THANK YOU to Mrs. Abercrombie for making this happen!

You can share this purchasing link:

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

via text, email, and on social media. The purchasers will go online to complete the transactions. Please remind them to include your family name in the appropriate field so that your family and your child's class get credit. There are prizes for the families and the class selling the most calendars! If there is more than one student in a family, credit will be given to both/all of those classes for contest purposes. A sales leaderboard will be posted at school and on the Friends of SPXS Facebook page.

We will also have the traditional paper calendars for distribution UPON REQUEST!

If you would like calendars to sell "in person," please send a note to the SPXS office indicating the number of calendars you would like to have.

All raffle ticket payments and stubs must be completed and/or returned to the school by 9AM on Thursday, December 10th to be counted for rankings.

If you have questions about ways to sell, sharing the link, the contest parameters, or anything else, please feel free to contact Lori Boghdan (l.boghdan@comcast.net) or Heather Aboody Williams (haaphoto23@yahoo.com).

While the logistics of this FUNdraiser have changed, the NEED for it is still the same!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support of SPXS!

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!

Sell 20 Raffle Calendars - 1 “mask” card for each student in your family to wear a mask that CAN include designs and logos (NO political phrases or logos are permitted).

Sell 30 Raffle Calendars – 1 NUT (No Uniform Today) card for each student in your family!

Sell 40 Raffle Calendars – 2 NUT cards for each student in the family, a homework pass for Lower School students and 5 House points for Middle School students!

Sell 50 Raffle Calendars – 3 NUT cards for each student in the family, a homework pass for Lower School students and 10 House points for Middle School students, AND 1 school yearbook for the family!

Sell 100 Raffle Calendars – A week’s-worth of NUT cards for each student in the family, two homework passes for Lower School students and 20 House points for Middle School students, 1 school yearbook for the family, AND a \$50 Amazon gift card.

The families that sell the MOST Raffle Calendars win:

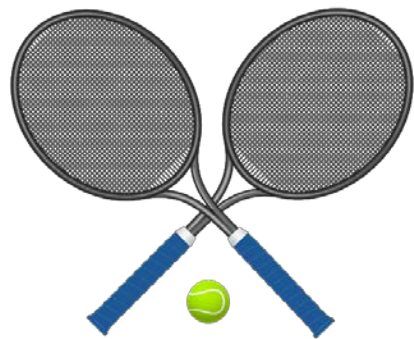
1st place - \$300 CASH

2nd place - \$200 CASH

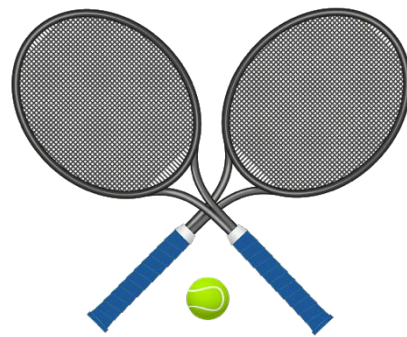
3rd place - \$100 CASH

The class that sells the highest percentage of Raffle Calendars wins:

An extra recess, a night off from homework, AND a \$250 Amazon Gift Card for the homeroom teacher!



SPXS TENNIS ACADEMY



SPXS Tennis Clinic for Grades 1-6

Beginner and Intermediate Levels

at

Mid-Cape Athletic Club

193 Whites Path

South Yarmouth, MA 02664

(parent/caregiver responsible for transportation of child to Mid-Cape)

Clinic to be held by Tennis Pros at Mid-Cape.

No SPXS Faculty or staff will be in attendance.

Student may bring his/her own racquet, or a loaner racquet will be provided.

New racquets may be purchased and can be custom fitted by the tennis pro.

Parents may observe from lobby
while remaining masked and socially distant.

All players MUST be masked at all times.

Dates: Friday 11/13 and Thursdays 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

Cost: \$190 for 5 week session

Please make check payable to Mid-Cape Athletic Club.

Limited to 20 Students

Cut off below portion and send into front office.

SPXS Tennis Academy

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

Amount enclosed:_____

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL NOVEMBER MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

<p>2</p> <p>1) CHICKEN NUGGETS 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Hot Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1) CHEESBURGERS 2) TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1) BUTTERED PASTA W MEATBALLS 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1) HOT DOGS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1) PIZZA DAY !! 2) TURKEY SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>
<p>9</p> <p>1) CHICKEN TENDERS 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Hot Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1) TACO TRIANGLES 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1) MOZZARELLA STICKS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1) PIZZA DAY !! 2) TURKEY SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>1) POPCORN CHICKEN 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY Served w/ Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Corn, Apple Pie Dessert Milk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>HALF DAY NO LUNCH SERVED</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
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<p>ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE <u>FREE</u> LUNCH FOR THE ENTIRE 20/21 SCHOOL YEAR !!</p>			<p>ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE <u>FREE</u> LUNCH FOR THE ENTIRE 20/21 SCHOOL YEAR !!</p>	
<p>THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER</p>			<p>*This menu is subject to change</p>	



KIDS...

Make Your Vote Count!

Elect the Best Books

As the country gets ready to go to the polls this November, Massachusetts kids and teens have the opportunity to vote for the best books. Voting will begin on 10/26/20 and run through 11/9/20.



For more details, visit
KidsVoteForBooks.com

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