

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

November 6, 2019



One of the most exciting days of our school year is arriving Friday, and the anticipation in the building is palpable! Our **Grandparents** and **Grandfriends** are visiting for the afternoon on November 8th. Many thanks to the Friends for facilitating this event for our children and these special people in their lives!

Below is a message sent to our boys soccer team, that displays true sportsmanship!

The SFXP/JPII family is really proud of the St. Pius Boys Soccer team in winning the super six championship. Your boys did an amazing job all season long and showed tremendous honor and integrity on the pitch. At JPII high school we have a number of boys and girls soccer players that came from St.Pius that are key members of the JPII team and hope that 8th graders at St.Pius will help build JPII into a championship team on an off the field.

Look forward to meeting all the 8th graders on Wednesday night.

Coach Fazzi

Athletic Director JPII

Our students in Gr. 8 attended "Breakfast with the Lions" today at JPII, and enjoyed their experience on a high school campus. They ran into many old friends and familiar faces! Tonight, the high school is hosting **High School Preview Evening, JPII Library, Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 P.M.**

There will be a special high school preview evening for parents/guardians of St. Pius X students and St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School students. Hear from JPII administrators, guidance counselor, athletic director, and JPII parents and students to learn about the benefits of a St. John Paul II High School education. This relaxed, conversational presentation features the **academic program, athletic program, college counseling, co-curricular offerings, financial aid information, performing and visual arts, spiritual life, and student life.**

Cindy Horgan from Cape Cod Children's Place will present "**What Our Boys Need**" on Thursday, November 21st from 6:00-7:30. This presentation will help parents/guardians:

discover the unique needs of boys as they grow and develop

learn to promote skills that support healthy emotional development

become aware of current trends that affect boys

learn to support boys as they make sense of the process of growing up.

An RSVP is required, as attendance is limited. Please email the school office or call to reserve a spot.

This presentation is for adults only!

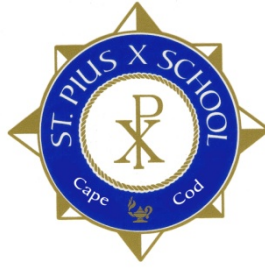
Here's a timely and thoughtful article Cindy shared with me. Personally, it was interesting to read a physician's perspective of concerns among her patients today, viewing it through an educator's lens. Some of you might know the author:

<https://www.capecodhealth.org/medical-services/primary-care/pediatric-care/is-technostress-hurting-your-childs-mental-health/>

We ask you to pray for two members of our extended school community. The first is **Mrs. Hoffman**, who has been hospitalized, and is recuperating. We are praying for her steady recovery. The second is **James Daniel Pechavar**, Mrs. Werner's brand-new grandson! Her family welcomed James this past Monday, November 4th. Congratulations!

As we look towards **Veterans Day** next Monday, we thank all veterans for their sacrifices and bravery. We are grateful for your efforts and have all benefitted from your selfless actions!





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Dear Parents,

Thanksgiving is a time to thank God for all the gifts that He has given to each one of us. Just as Christ sat at the Last Supper surrounded by his family of apostles, we sit with our families and share a special Thanksgiving meal.

As part of the St. Pius X Parish Family, the school community will come together to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need of assistance. PreK - grade 4 students will receive a sheet from their teacher with an assigned item. Grade 5 - 8 students are asked to contribute monetarily towards purchasing the turkeys.

This Thanksgiving donation is completely voluntary. If you choose to be a part of it, please donate the assigned item. By assigning a specific food, we are insuring that the baskets contain a true Thanksgiving meal.

Please send items to class on Wednesday, November 20th. We will deliver the completed boxes to The Yarmouth Food Pantry on Thursday, November 21st.

Thank you, in advance, for your donations. Our staff and students wish you and your family safe travel and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

The Staff of St. Pius X School





November 6, 2019

NO SCHOOL

School will **NOT** be in session on **Monday, November 11th** in observance of Veterans Day and on **Friday, November 15th** for a Diocesan Professional Day.

THANKSGIVING FEAST



A reminder that Thursday, November 21st, the students will be enjoying a turkey dinner with all the trimmings! The price of the meal is the student's meal ticket or \$3.00.

CALENDAR CHANGE - EARLY DISMISSAL

Tuesday, November 26th - Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on Tuesday, November 26th. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

THANKSGIVING RECESS

School will **NOT** be in session on Wednesday, November 27th, Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please note that effective **Monday, December 2nd**, students will be able to wear the Winter Uniform. The listing of the Winter Uniform can be found below. The polo shirt/gym shirt must be worn as part of the Physical Education uniform. **A white turtle neck may be worn under the polo shirt/gym shirt as part of the gym uniform.** As we are now into the Winter months, the windpant, sweatpant, or gym pant **must** be worn over the mesh shorts during classroom time. During Physical Education class, the windpant, sweatpant, or gym pant may be removed. **As Summer uniforms are long gone – so are shorts on dress down days!**

Please note that to keep consistency in our dress code, all uniform purchases must be made through the uniform company and not from other vendors including department stores with the exception of the navy sweatpant.

WINTER UNIFORM

The Winter Uniform may be worn during the following time period:

From Monday, November 26, 2017 to March 8, 2018.

The Winter Uniform consists of the Standard Uniform and the following **additions**:

GRADES K-4		
Boys	Shirt	white turtleneck or white oxford button down shirt with tie
Girls	Trousers	navy slacks
	Shirt	white turtleneck or standard round collar blouse

MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Boys	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt with tie
Girls	Trousers	khaki slacks
	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt

The Sport Report - October 2019

Boys Soccer Results:

Season Record (9-0) - Undefeated Season!

Cape Cod Super Six Conference Champions!!

Middle Boys Soccer defeated Rising Tide Charter School, 2-0, to win the 2019 CC Super Six Championship! Nico Sullivan (Grade 6) scored a penalty kick with Owen Enright (Grade 8) scoring the second goal of the game. When the final whistle blew, the team of 20 players received their gold championship medals in front of a faithful crowd of family and fans cheering on their memorable season! Congratulations to coaches Kevin Enright, Kal Boghdan, and Chris Slowek and all the players! Good luck to all the 8th grade soccer players: Cathal Diver, Owen Enright, Michael Dean, Kaiden Slowek, Leo DeSouza, Jay Imad, Andrew St. Jean, and Trey McPherson.



Girls Soccer Results:

Season Record (5-2)!

The girls finished up the soccer season on a high note with a double overtime tie against Rising Tide Charter School, that went into penalty kicks. Although the girls did not make it to the championship game, their hopes are high, with 15 of the 17 players returning for the 2020 soccer season. Thank you to Coach Katie Enright! Good luck to our 8th graders Angelina Theriault and Paola Merhi.



Special Sporting Events: Pictured below are the 10 graduating 8th grade soccer players. The strength and conditioning clinic with Mrs. Willis, and the girls soccer team dinner.



Crusader Cross Country

2019 All - Cape Middle School Girls Cross Country Champions!!!

With a score of 76 points the SPXS Girls Runners defeated 10 other Cape Middle school teams (Barnstable Intermediate, Mashpee, Cape Cod Academy, Mattacheese MS, Martha's Vineyard, Nauset, Monomoy, St. Francis X, Wixon, Sandwich, and Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter)!!

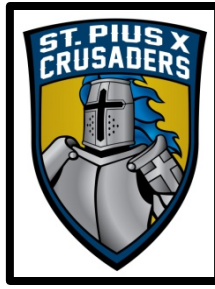
One-hundred fourteen girls competed in the race. The top 5 St. Pius girls runners placed and combined their scores to lead the team to victory. Mary Kudarauskas, Lily Walker, Anna Corsi, Bella Dunn, and Alyssa Cook, respectively, finished 2nd, 6th, 18th, 24th, and 25th. Isabella Loffredo, Lily Menyhart, and Marlo Jumper combined with the other runners, aided in the teams overall score. We congratulate all the runners from the 2019 coed team in this special achievement!



Crusader Cross Country - continued

The coed team of 22 dedicated runners competed in races at Wixon School, Barnstable Intermediate School, and Cape Cod Academy in the month of October. On Oct. 16th, the 4th annual 2019 Cape Cod Super Six Middle School Championship was held including 54 runners from 5 conference schools. Mary Kudarauskas(Grade 6) finished the 1.8 mile course in 13 minutes, which earned her the overall girls 2nd place trophy! Mark Kudarauskas(Grade 5) finished the race in 13:09 minutes which was the fastest time for the St. Pius boys runners and 8th place overall. Lucas Mesquita and Lily Walker finished the challenging and longest course of the year in under 14 minutes. St. Pius X team score was 33 points, earning 3rd place overall out of the 5 competing schools. Thank you to coaches Annie Agurkis, Johnny Agurkis, and Tia Corsi!





Dear SPXS Students and Families,

The SPXS 2019-2020 basketball regular season will begin after two evaluation days on November 12th and 13th. Any student in **Grade 5-8** interested in joining one of the basketball teams should attend the evaluation days.

Boys Basketball Evaluation Days: November 12th and 13th: 2:30-4pm in the SPXS gym

Girls Basketball Evaluation Days: November 12th and 13th: 4-5:30pm in the SPXS gym

After the evaluation process is complete, each player will receive an emailed registration invitation to play for either the Senior or Junior basketball teams. All medical and registration forms including player fee, must be submitted online.

2019-2020 SPXS Junior Teams:

Boys Junior Team- practice/play games 2:30-3:30pm Wednesday and 2:30-3:30pm Thursday.

Girls- practice/play 2:30-3:30pm Tuesday and 3:30-4:30pm Wednesday.

2019-2020 Senior Teams:

Both girls and boys, will practice and play games on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Girls Senior Team- practice/play Tuesday 5-6:30pm, Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm, and Thursday 3:30-5pm.

Boys Senior Team- practice/play Tuesday 3:30-5pm, Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm, and Thursday 5-6:30pm.

All 4th grade students, do not need to attend the two evaluation days. All 4th grade students will be placed on the Junior teams and begin their season, November 20th (boys) and November 19th (girls). Please email Mr. Corsi at ncorsi@spxschool.org, if your son/daughter in Gr. 4 would like to play SPXS basketball this winter on the Junior team. After receiving this email, I will email you a registration online form.

All 8th graders who sign up to play SPXS basketball will participate on the Senior Team. Team size will be determined by appropriate player placement. All players will be evaluated and placed on one of the Middle School teams. No student will be denied a roster spot. The benefits of students playing at their skill level (not by age/grade) will increase success, enjoyment, and ability to progress.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Corsi

SPXS Middle School Athletic Director

SPXS Junior Basketball Team:

Main goal: To provide a fun, developmental basketball program that includes quality instruction with an emphasis on fundamentals, teamwork, rules of the game, and skill development. Hustle, positive attitude, and attention to being a team player will be expected from all players. Academics takes priority over athletics and participating on a sports team requires that each player maintain good academic standing. Any behavior detrimental to the team or that interferes with the directions/expectations of the coach, will affect playing time and jeopardize team status.

Practice/Games: 2-2.5 hours per week



SPXS Senior Basketball Team:

Main goal: To focus on the competitive elements of basketball. Success will be measured by personal skill development and team cohesiveness with team members striving to win. All team members will participate in every game, with playing time determined by the coach. Hustle, positive attitude, and attention to being a team player will be expected from all players. Academics takes priority over athletics and participating on a sports team includes each player maintaining good academic standing. Also, any behavior detrimental to the team and interferes with the directions/expectations of the coach, will affect playing time and jeopardize team status.

Practice/Games: 4-4.5 hours per week

Basketball Program Overview:

Junior team players' main goal will be to develop their basketball skills and enjoyment of the fundamental learning of basketball. The Junior team/teams will play intrasquad games within the SPXS basketball program, as well as a 4-6 game interscholastic games against other Middle schools. Players excelling throughout the season showcasing skills, leadership, and sportsmanship may warrant dressing for a Senior Team game. The Junior Team basketball season will run Nov. 19th - Feb. 13, 2020.

Senior Team players participate in the Cape Cod Super Six Athletic Conference, established in 2015. The Senior Team will play 8-10 interscholastic CCSS conference games, in addition to 1-2 non-conference games. The Senior Team basketball season begins Nov. 19th and concludes with the 2019 Cape Cod Super Six Basketball Tournament(February 11th-13th).





SPXS Tennis Academy

The Mid-Cape Racquet Club will be offering a tennis clinic for the SPXS students on Thursdays starting November 14th for **five weeks**. Their team of tennis professionals will offer a Junior program that caters to the needs of your child. The class will be limited to **only 16 students**. **8** students at the Intermediate Level and **8** students at the Beginner Level.

Free demo racquets are available for use and new racquets can be purchased (\$20-\$50) and can be custom fitted to the size, strength and ability of your child.

To maximize fun, exercise and proper level placement, please answer these three questions:

1. How much tennis has he/she played? _____
2. Are you looking for low-pressure learning atmosphere or intense competitive format? _____
3. How many hours per week will he/she play? _____

Class	Hrs./Week	Cost/5weeks
Beginner	3:00-4:00 (1hr.)	5hrs
		\$112.50
Intermediate	2:30-4:00 (1.5hrs.)	7.5 hrs
		\$167.75

Name: _____ Class _____ Total _____

Please Make Checks payable to: **Mid-Cape Racquet Club**

***Clinic Dates: Nov.14th, 21st, Dec.5th, Dec.12th, Dec.19th.**

Any questions or concerns please contact **Kathy Mayo**: 508-648-2256
or via email: **krystalkate@aol.com**

KID FIT!

Grades K-3 starting Monday November 18th



Students will learn body awareness and proper form for popular exercises for athletics as well as everyday movements. The movement will be incorporated in games, relay races and fun activities.

****Students should wear sneakers and clothing they can move and run in and bring water bottle****

Mondays, November 18th to December 16th

2:30-3:30 in the SPXS Gym

\$55/student

Limited to 16 Students

Make check payable to Friends of SPXS

Name: _____ Grade: _____



A FUNDRAISER EVENT TO THE BENEFIT
THE CLASS OF 2020

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

PK – GRADE 4

2:15PM – 3:15PM IN THE LIBRARY.

Crafts with the grade 8 students and their parents.



\$10 per student



PICK UP AT THE BACK CAFETERIA DOORS.

Student name: _____

Grade: _____



We are very grateful for your support!!



FRIENDS OF SPXS MEETING

Friday, November 22nd at 8:00 AM

(SPXS cafeteria)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- *Calendar Sales!*
- *Event Planning*
 - *Christmas Parties (12/13)**
 - *Catholic Schools Week (1/27-1/31)*
 - *Gala and Auction (5/17)*
- *Enrichment offerings – planning for next session*
- *Grant Researching*
- *Box Tops*
- *Ideas, Suggestions, Feedback!*

***There will be a CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE meeting right after this (short) Friends meeting.**



Would you like to pick your own Dress Down Day?

The 5th Grade has a special offer for you!

For a limited time, you can purchase a

No Uniform Today Card

Cost: \$3.00

**Parents, N.U.T. Cards make great
stocking stuffers too!**

Limit: 1 N.U.T. Card per Student

Proceeds go to the 5th Grade NEED Academy Trip

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If you would like to purchase a **No Uniform Today (N.U.T.) Card**, please return this completed form with your \$3.00 payment. Make checks payable to: SPXS

☐ Yes! I would like to purchase 1(one) N.U.T. Card

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____





December Parish Brunch

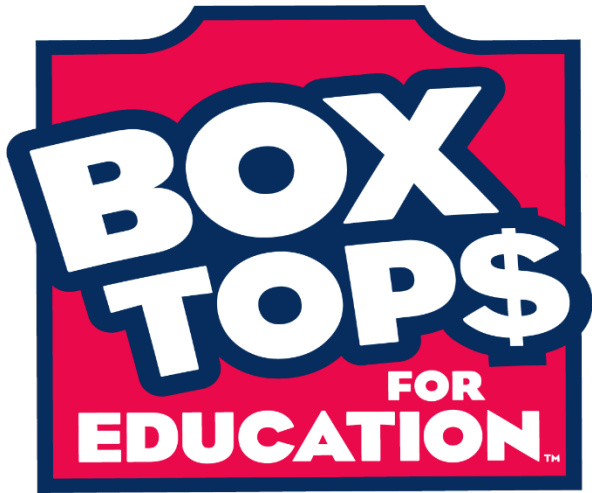
Join us at the December Parish Brunch on Sunday, December 1st! Families with children in **Grades 3 and 7** are hosting this month, however help from other grades is always encouraged.

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Pius X Church Parish, the proceeds from EVERY month's brunch go directly to SPXS. We, as a school community, are responsible for hosting these brunches, so every SPXS family is expected to help out at least once each school year. There are volunteer time slots available on Saturday afternoon and throughout the morning on Sunday.

Working a brunch is a fun experience for the whole family! It's also a wonderful way to teach our students to give back and for us all to show our gratitude for the ever-present support of the St. Pius X Church Parish. We hope to see you there! Click the link below to sign-up for a time slot.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AEAE29A6FB6-december5>



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St. Pius X Box Tops App Contest!

Box Tops APP contest winner

St. Veronica House

**Traditional Box Tops clips contest winner
Grade 3/Ms. King's Class!**

Congratulations!



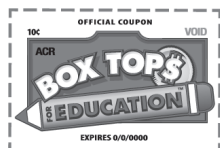


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