



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

November 10, 2021

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is tonight!!! We have several prospective families already planning to attend. As the year progresses you can help us prepare for the upcoming year by sharing information about SPXS with friends, family, and acquaintances. Our Catholic, faith centered PreK-Gr. 8 school, with its strong education and community, can't be found anywhere else on the Cape!

School families are always our best ambassadors, getting the word out to members of the community. Our numbers this year remain strong, but adding a student or two, to classes where we have seats, adds to the school community and has a positive impact on tuition decisions.

VETERAN'S DAY

Today, we prayed in a special way for Veterans, remembering all men and women who have served our country and sacrificed for our freedom. Some people had sent the names of those for whom they wished prayers. We included those individuals, as well as any of you who have served.

You have our thanks and our gratitude.

HENRY BAND DAY

This Friday, November 12th, we recognize a very special kindergarten student. Thank you to Henry and his family for helping SPXS, and for giving everyone the day off! Enjoy the extra-long weekend and be sure to thank Henry! Henry helped with announcements and prayer this morning, as we reminded everyone about this special Friday!



FALL SPORTS

Congratulations to all our Fall sports teams for their amazing successes and amazing season! The players and coaches provided an exciting fall at SPXS! Our players showed determination, perseverance, and tremendous sportsmanship as they improved individual times in Cross-Country, won soccer games and a soccer tournament in girls' soccer, and finished with a 20-1-0 record for the last two years of play for boys' soccer! SPXS might be small, but this season showed how POWERFUL we are!

PARENT ONLINE PRESENTATION 11/17

Please take a look at the Internet Safety Presentation flyer that is attached. This is a collaborative effort of the:

United States Attorney's Office
The Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Barnstable Police Department
Chatham Police Department

Topics that will be covered are:

**SOCIAL MEDIA 101
YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT
GAMING
CYBERBULLYING
SEXTING EILEEN
SEXTORTION
VICTIM SUPPORT
PROTECTING AGAINST ONLINE PREDATORS
HOW TO KEEP KIDS SAFE ONLINE**

This complements the presentation by the DA's Office that our Middle School students recently experienced and should be a wonderful conversation-starter for you to discuss online safety with your children.

GRADE 5 to the Seashore!

Grade 5 **WILL** attend the NEED Program at the seashore come this spring! As the only Catholic school on the Cape that participates, we are fortunate that our students have this advantage. Stays continue to be shortened this year, but have been extended from last year. The SPXS Grade 5 trip is planned from April 25-27, 2022!

COVID

As school across Massachusetts are seeing an uptick in COVID cases, I am re-sending the link to the DESE guidelines, released before school began. A refresher might be needed. You probably haven't referred to these yet if you haven't needed them, and hopefully you won't need to- but just in case!

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/fall-2021-covid19-guide/fall-2021-covid19-guide.pdf>

VOLUNTEERS AT SPXS AND COVID

We are thrilled to welcome back volunteers and visitors to SPXS this year, but want to be certain we continue to address health concerns while doing so!

Since COVID-19 became part of our daily lives, SPXS has done everything possible to ensure the health and safety of our students, our staff, and anyone who visits the school. The lens through which we have viewed COVID safety is to follow protocols to keep students, staff, and visitors from contracting COVID.

Last year any volunteers or visitors were unable to be onsite in the school. As Covid rates declined, and vaccinations became available for specific groups, the school continued to make decisions based on the best interest of SPXS students, staff, and community members. Visitors are allowed, but for the safety of all, *everyone* must currently wear a mask in the building.

At this time, we are also requiring that volunteers or visitors who will be directly interacting with the children or will be in a space that the children will be using that day, be vaccinated. The policy, which has been discussed with Fr. John, our pastor, is intended solely to protect the health of those in the school building.

Volunteers who will be working with a child, a group, or a class or those who would be in a gathering space students will use (e.g., at tables in the cafeteria) are informed they need to be vaccinated. We rely on the honor system, and do not currently ask for proof of vaccination. Parents and guardians are not restricted from the building for after-school events such as Curriculum Night or Parent-Teacher Conferences, as after these events we are able to sanitize the classrooms or building spaces.

Up to this week, most of our school students were ineligible for vaccinations. When the rate of vaccinations for those within the school rises to a point where our population is protected, we will re-evaluate the policy.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This new policy regarding Physical Education classes will be added to the handbook:

Physical Education

MEDICAL EXCUSES

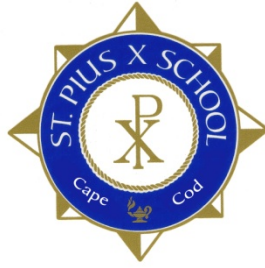
A note from a parent or guardian must be provided if a student is unable to participate in PE class. This is acceptable for 1 class.

If your child is unable to participate for more than 1 class, then a doctor's note is required.

It is assumed that if you are participating in out-of-school physical activity, then you are physically able to also participate in PE class.

When a student is medically excused, they will be expected to fill out a worksheet during class on the sidelines or given another task that will help the student earn credit for the day.

If your child has been out of PE class due to a long-term injury, a clearance note from a medical provider is required for your child to be allowed to participate again, unless otherwise specified at the onset of the injury.



November 10, 2021

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 8 students will receive the information of the assigned item from their child's teacher.**

This Thanksgiving donation is completely voluntary. If you choose to be a part of it, please donate the assigned item.

Please send non-perishable items to school by Thursday, November 18th and send perishable items to school on Monday, November 22nd. We will be delivering the food to The Yarmouth Food Pantry on Monday, November 22nd.

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





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





Dear School Families,

All schools in the Diocese of Fall River will be reporting confirmed positive COVID-19 cases to their school families on a *weekly basis*. Our school will provide this weekly summary to our school families on Wednesday each week via our usual Wednesday electronic communication.

Please note that the parents of any student that is identified as a close contact related to a positive COVID-19 case will be notified by the school nurse IMMEDIATELY (as soon as the determination has been made) to review the various options that the student may have related to quarantine period and required testing. If you have not been notified that your child is a close contact prior to the release of the weekly summary of identified positive COVID-19 cases, there is no need to be concerned about this probability.

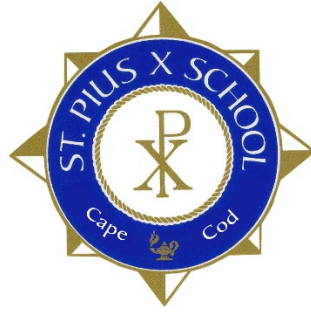
As always, St. Pius X School will continue to take all necessary precautions to keep students, families and staff safe and healthy but we need the cooperation from all families when students are not in school. We also ask for your consideration to respect the privacy of the individual(s) involved.

Please remember, if you or a family member are experiencing symptoms, or test positive for Covid-19, please refrain from sending your child(ren) to school.

We ask for your continued vigilance in following protocols, assuring social distancing, wearing face masks and frequent hand washing while outside of the school community.

Thank you for your continued diligence in reporting positive COVID cases to both the CSO and your school community.

From the CSO Leadership Team



November 10, 2021

Dear St. Pius X School Staff, Students and Parents/Guardians,

There has been a positive case of COVID-19 within our school community.

This community member tested positive within the weekly reporting period from November 3, 2021 - November 9, 2021.

- Number of school members testing positive for Covid-19 - **1**
- Any close contacts in school? No
- Related to previous Covid cases? No

Please remember, if you or a family member are experiencing symptoms, or test positive for Covid-19, please refrain from sending your child(ren) to school.

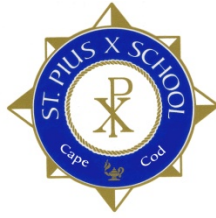
We ask for your continued vigilance in following protocols, assuring social distancing, wearing face masks and frequent hand washing while outside of the school community.

If there had been close contacts, the parents of students and/or adult staff members would have been notified. The school member would then return only when it was determined safe to do so according to DESE and CDC protocols. We are working closely with state and local public health officials to ensure the health and safety of all students, families, and staff.

St. Pius X School will continue to take all necessary precautions to keep students, families and staff safe and healthy but we need the cooperation from all families when students are not in school. We also ask for your consideration to respect the privacy of the individual(s) involved.

Thank you and God bless,

Anne Dailey
Principal



November 10, 2021

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL

School will **NOT** be in session on **Thursday, November 11th** in observance of Veterans Day and on **Friday, November 12th** for Henry Band Day.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for help in the cafeteria. Please see the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0448aaa723a57-stpius3>

Just a reminder that you must be CORI cleared and vaccinated. Thank you!

PHOTO RE-TAKES

Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, November 18th for photo re-takes. If you have any questions, please call the office.

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL

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 **NOT** be available on Tuesday, November 23rd. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

School will **NOT** be in session on Wednesday, November 24th, Thursday, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please note that effective **Monday, November 29th**, students are 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 sweat pant or gym pant **must** be worn over the mesh shorts during classroom time. During Physical Education class, the sweat pant, 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.

WINTER UNIFORM

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 pants
	Shirt	white turtleneck or standard round collar blouse
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Boys	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt with tie
Girls	Trousers	khaki pants
	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt

The CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CASH CALENDAR CONTEST IS UNDERWAY!

Over 250 tickets were sold in the first week and there is a full month left!

Please help us spread the word about the raffle...*31 chances to WIN CASH in January!*

Here is an online purchase link that can be shared with family and friends.

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

Commercial selling locations are available at Dennis Public Market and Peterson's Market for the next two weekends. Please sign up through this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca4ac28a7f49-spxs1>

THANK YOU to the sales LEADERS (as of 11/7/21)

1st Place: Assad

2nd Place TIE: Clarke and Phenix

20 calendars (or more):

Demasi	McPherson	Puzio	Wyluda
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PRIZES!

Sell 30 Calendars – 1 NUT (No Uniform Today) card for each student

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

Sell 50 Calendars – 3 NUT cards for each student, a homework pass for Lower School students and 10 House points for Middle School students, & 1 yearbook

Sell 100 Calendars – A week's-worth of NUT cards for each student, 2 homework passes for Lower School students and 20 House points for Middle School students, 1 school yearbook, AND a \$50 Amazon gift card.

The **class** that sells the highest percentage of Calendars wins an extra recess, a night off from homework, AND a **\$250 Amazon Gift Card for the homeroom teacher!**

Mrs. Merrill's Kindergarten class is in the lead.

Thank you for your participation and support of St. Pius X School!

**A reminder for parents of 1st Graders who are enrolled in
Faith Formation at St. Pius X Church.**

The Gr. 1 Enrollment Mass will be held for students and their families this Sunday, 11/14 at the 8:00 am Mass. Please make sure you have submitted a wallet sized photo of your child **to Religious Ed. by Friday, 11/12**. Photos are used as part of the celebration. SPXS families will sit with their child in the pews reserved with a Red School House and the SPXS name (front/left side). Parents will be asked to stand for Fr. John's intention questions, which they should respond, "We are willing." Parents will be asked to step forward with their child to hand the picture/leaf to Fr. John and he will give each child a cross necklace. They can then return to their pew.

When other students are dismissed for class, SPXS families may remain with their child until the end of Mass.

Please contact Kathleen Bailey, Director of Religious Ed. at 508-394-0709 if you have any questions.



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 Class

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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: _____

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Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____



Please help **Isabella Loffredo** support
Cape Wellness Collaborative!!

She has been hard at work making and selling bracelets for her 6th grade community service project. Cape Wellness Collaborative is a non-profit organization that serves people on the Cape & Islands who have a cancer diagnosis and are undergoing or recovering from cancer treatments. All services to these patients are free of charge. All of Isabella's proceeds will be donated to Cape Wellness Collaborative.

Leather adjustable bead or cultured pearl bracelets are \$10

Paracord bracelets are \$5

Small paracord bead bracelets are \$3



Bracelets will be available at school, by email sloffred@gmail.com or phone (262)389-7746. Cash or Venmo (with a note CWC bracelets) Sabrina Loffredo @Sabrina-Loffredo



St. Pius X School Spirit Rock

Do you want to say “Happy Birthday” in a unique way?

Reservations may be made to paint **the front of the rock** for \$15.00 per day. You may also reserve and pay for multiple days in succession. Step by step instructions on reserving the rock are provided on the Sign Up Genius web page.

Please remember that you may only paint the front of the rock.

Just click on the link below and reserve your day!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a4af2caafc1-spirit2>

INTERNET SAFETY

KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE: A PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

Brought to you in collaboration by:
The United States Attorney's Office
The Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Barnstable Police Department
Chatham Police Department



Wednesday, November 17th, 2021
6:30 p.m.
(log in begins at 6:15 p.m.)

This presentation is for all adults who wish to learn how to keep kids safe and secure online.

Content is inappropriate for children. Please use headphones and shield your viewing screen from others who may be listening.

The Presentation will include:

Being Safe & Secure Online
Social Media 101
Digital Footprint
Cyberbullying
Sexting
Sextortion
Victim Support
Protecting Against Online Predation

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Please register at the following link: (via Chrome browser)

<https://usao.webex.com/usao/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5ba50be557a58a890b4ccc4b37b08761>

Password: PSC1

Questions of difficulty registering? Please contact
Karen Legace @ karen.legace@usdoj.gov

PRESENTERS

Anne Paruti, Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office-District of MA

Eileen Moriarty, Assistant District Attorney
Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office

Katherine Kelley, Supervisory Senior Resident Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigations - Boston Field Division

Bill Massey, SRO Sergeant
Chatham Police Department

Dennis Stapmfl, SRO
Barnstable Police Department]

Lauryn Myers, Victim Witness Specialist
United States Attorney's Office-District of MA

PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD INTERNET SAFETY

Speaker Biographies

Anne Paruti, Assistant United States Attorney

United States Attorney's Office-District of MA

Anne Paruti currently serves as the Chief of the Major Crimes Unit, where she oversees the work of AUSAs prosecuting a variety of federal crimes. She is also the district's Project Safe Childhood coordinator; in that role, she oversees child exploitation cases prosecuted throughout the district, is involved in collaboration with local District Attorney's Offices, and helps to develop and implement the district's PSC outreach program. Anne has been a prosecutor since 2007, first at the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, and then as a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office. She has focused her practice on child protection since 2012.

Eileen Moriarty, Assistant District Attorney

Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office

Eileen Connors Moriarty started her career at the Cape and Islands's District Attorney's Office as an intern in 2003. In 2005 she became a full time Assistant District Attorney. Over the years Assistant District Attorney Moriarty has prosecuted cases in all of the Cape and Islands District Courts. She has been a Juvenile Court Prosecutor since 2010.

Katherine Kelley, Supervisory Senior Resident Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation – Boston Field Division

Katherine Kelley currently serves as the head of the Lakeville Resident Agency of the FBI. The Lakeville Office falls under the FBI Boston and is responsible for all Federal crimes, to include all Crimes Against Children and Human Trafficking, in Southeastern Massachusetts to include Cape Cod and the Islands. SSRA Kelley has served as an FBI Agent for nearly twenty years and served in the Richmond Field Office, the New York Field Office, FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC and Boston, and has worked predominately criminal violations for the majority of her career. She also led the New York's Evidence Response Team, in which led to SSRA Kelley being deployed to over 17 countries to include Iraq and Afghanistan.

SRO Sergeant Bill Massey

Chatham Police Department

Sergeant Bill Massey started his career in L.E. in 1997 with the Town of Southampton. He joined the Chatham Police Department in 2005 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2010. He is currently assigned as School Resource Officer, serving Monomoy Middle School and Chatham Elementary School. He has been involved in school-based policing since 1999 and is certified as an SRO through the National Association of School Resource Officers. He is also an alumnus of the FBI's LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association). Bill holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

SRO Dennis Stampfl

Barnstable Police Department

Patrol Officer Dennis Stampfl began his law enforcement career in 1997 and is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer for Barnstable High School. He is currently a member of the CCIT (Community Crisis Intervention Training) team which specializes in providing training for officers involving mental health and child development issues. He was the Adopt a School Officer for Barnstable Intermediate School for 7 years. He is an ALICE instructor for the school district and many other organizations. Officer Stampfl embraces his position as an SRO and is committed to the safety, equity and well being of all students and staff.

Lauryn Myers, Victim Witness Specialist

United States Attorney's Office-District of MA

Lauryn Myers is the Victim/Witness Specialist within the United States Attorney's Office who handles all crimes involving child exploitation throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. With a degree in psychology with an emphasis in forensics and her experiences within the field since 2015, she has helped hundreds of victims through criminal prosecutions in state and federal jurisdictions. Lauryn is an active team member of Project Safe Childhood in hopes to promote safety for all children.



WINTER 2022

DENNIS-YARMOUTH
RECREATIONAL
BASKETBALL

6th - 7th GRADE GIRLS
LEAGUE

WE NEED 18 MORE GIRLS
TO BRING BACK OUR
LEAGUE.

JOIN OUR TEAMS!

PLEASE CONTACT COACH
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