



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

November 16, 2022

Thanksgiving arrives next week- a traditional time to give thanks for all the gifts God has bestowed on us, to celebrate the harvest season, a time to spend with families, and others in our lives. As I give thanks, I want to express my thankfulness for the many gifts the SPXS community has given me the past twelve years. I want to thank each of you for your support and especially for the special gift of your children.

As many of you already know, this is my last year at SPXS, and I want to thank you for the gift of leading this community. It is time for me to take a step back and allow someone else the opportunity to share their leadership with this amazing school as it nears its 20th year. I am thankful for my years here, have loved every (well, almost every!) moment, and know we have grown as a school and community. A principal search committee has been formed, and shortly will begin the process of selecting the fourth principal for St. Pius X School. I am confident the committee will find the perfect candidate whose spiritual, academic, and dynamic leadership will impact our dynamic school!

With gratitude- wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, full of blessings, good food, and time with family and friends!

A Covid test kit will be sent home with each student this Friday, and you are asked to test prior to returning to school on Monday, November 28th. Another test kit will be sent home prior to Christmas vacation, with testing for our Jan. 3rd start, to get us off on a healthy track for 2023!

HAIR- not the musical, but some of the hairstyles we have recently seen... Hair needs to be cut or styled so that your child can see and be seen!

These are dress code concerns that need review:

- ⇒ *Students are expected to wear **proper and full uniforms** at all times. Shoes are worn with the full-dress uniform. Following uniform policy is as important the last day of school, as the first!*
- ⇒ *Students must remember that proper dress and good personal hygiene are important and expected. Uniforms must be clean, fit properly, and be in good condition with no holes.*

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- ⇒ **Make-up** is not allowed.
- ⇒ **Muted nail polish** may be worn on short, natural nails. Students wearing make-up or nail polish that is not approved will be required to remove it before class.
- ⇒ **Jewelry** must be simple, conservative, and modest. Watches and rings are permitted. Girls with pierced ears may wear small stud-type earrings only - one earring only in each ear – traditional placement at the ear lobe.
- ⇒ Students wearing accessories that are distracting to others may be asked to remove the accessories.
- ⇒ Boys' hair should be no longer than the collar of their shirts. Girls may wear the headband or scrunchie available through the uniform company or a navy scrunchie, navy headband, navy barrettes, or navy ribbons. **All hairstyles and hair accessories should be simple, traditional, and must not be distracting in any way. Hair color must be natural– no hair color allowed.**
- ⇒ No type of boots may be worn during the school day. Students should bring a change of shoes if boots are worn to school.

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THANKSGIVING GIVING ITEMS

Thanksgiving food donation items are due on Monday, November 21st. We will be delivering the food to the Yarmouth Food Pantry on Monday morning. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING RECESS

Tuesday, November 22nd - Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on Tuesday, November 22nd. 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 23rd, Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th.

PHOTO RE-TAKES

Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, December 8th for photo re-takes. If you have any questions, please call the office.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please note that effective **Monday, November 28th**, 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 SPXS turtleneck 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 2022 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CASH CALENDAR SALE IS UNDERWAY!

Over **1,800** tickets have been sold – **42%** of our goal, with over 3 weeks left to go!

Please help us spread the word about the raffle...

Online sales link: [Christmas Calendars 2022](#)

THANK YOU to the sales LEADERS (as of 11/13/22)

1st Place: Calhoun (100+)

2nd Place: Pike (100+)

3rd Place: Chun (90+)

50 Calendars (or more)

Assad	Carrick	Grew	Monac
Rice	Roncelli	Peacock	Puzio

40 Calendars (or more)

Band	Barber	Boghdan	Demasi
Hietsch	McPherson	Reinhart	

30 Calendars (or more)

Grew	Petrucci	Prizgintas
Robinson	Villalobos	Wells

20 calendars (or more):

Baker	Clarke	Cummings	Fish	Forde
Haroutunian	Hyde	Kudarauskas	Leger	Matos Lorenzo
McManus	O'Sullivan	Sampaio	Sprague	Sullivan
Ward	Wyluda			

Mrs. Petrie's Third Grade class is in the lead.

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

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The Friends of SPXS' Annual Christmas Cash Calendar Raffle Fundraiser has officially launched on **November 1st!**

There is an online sales option as well as in person selling opportunities.

Online Sales Link:

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/ChristmasCalendars2022/tabid/1331726/Default.aspx>

St. Pius X Church and many local businesses are generously allowing our students to set up selling locations for the SPXS Cash Calendar Raffle! All families are **REQUIRED** to sell 20 calendars but are welcomed and gratefully encouraged to sell more!

Requests for additional paper calendars to sell "in person" may be made by contacting Mrs. Shaw, in the front office.

As a reminder, please send in payments and calendar ticket stubs as you sell them!

Link to sign up for in person sales:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BA4AC2BA1F85-spxs6>

****If you plan to sell at one of the selling locations, please note below:**

- All students are to wear their SPXS Full Dress Uniforms to sell at the locations listed.
- If you sign up in a slot below, your youngest student will be sent home on the Thursday **PRIOR** to your selling location with a large envelope containing: a laminated SPXS Cash Calendar Raffle Flyer and QR code, 50 extra Raffle Calendars (unless you have requested more), and a designated envelope for sold calendars and money earned.
- On the Monday **FOLLOWING** your selling location, please send the large envelope back with your student containing the laminated flyer and QR code, any unsold calendars, and the designated envelope with all sold calendars and money earned.
- All families are responsible for bringing their own supplies to aid in selling: change (e.g. \$10 bills), several pens, clipboards/hard surfaces to write on, card table and signage to attract people- student made are always fun!

If you have any questions regarding the calendar sale after receiving the letter on November 1st, please reach out to Christie Reinhart at c637reinhart@gmail.com.

THANK YOU for supporting this important school-wide fundraiser!

Join us for the Friends of SPXS Meeting!

November 18, 2022
8:00am in the Cafeteria



Friends Board

President: Kristen Chun kristenhopechun@gmail.com
Vice President: Carolyn Hietsch carolyn222@gmail.com
Treasurer: Christie Reinhart c637reinhart@gmail.com
Secretary: Meredith Puzio mclark8@hotmail.com
Enrichment Coordinator: Melissa Calhoun melissajoyryan@gmail.com

Agenda

- Grandparents' Day Follow Up
 - THANK YOU** to Peggy Campbell and Sue Campbell and the incredible committee and volunteers!!
- Cash Raffle Calendar Fundraiser
 - 42% towards our goal! **THANK YOU** for the support and enthusiasm thus far!
 - Selling stations open!
- Lower and Middle School Christmas Parties 12/16
 - MS Party Chair Diane McPherson to share plans
 - Both LS and MS Committees getting together after meeting/ Shipyard Boulders
- Parent social
 - 12/1 at Yarmouth House 6:30-9:00pm. Spread the word!
- Enrichment
 - Current programs and upcoming programs for January.
- Teacher Appreciation Committee
 - Chairs Kelly Band and Amy Corcoran to share plans for Christmas.
 - Getting together after the meeting.
- Middle School Night
 - Mrs. Welch to share of the night and answer any questions.
- Catholic Schools' Week
 - Houses to choose a charity to partner with. Enrichment ideas welcome!
- Ideas/Suggestions



Crafternoons

Kindergarten and Grade 1

Thursday Afternoons 2:30-3:30

December 1st, December 8th, and December 15th

Facilitated by Mrs. Ryder & Mrs. Bourque

Calling all students both old and new.

Come cut, paint and glue.

Together we will imagine and create.

It is surely going to be great!

Cost: \$40.00

Limited to 12 Students

Register by November 28th - Cash or Checks Payable to Friends of SPXS

Pick up in the front of the school

Crafternoons

Name: _____ **Gr.** _____



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: _____



Parents and Caregivers!

Kick off the HOLIDAYS

with a Night Out!!!

Throw on your most fabulous (or ugliest!) Christmas sweater and join us for a casual evening of old and new friends, great food, and holiday cheer!



Thursday, December 1st

6:30-9:00pm

Adults Only

Yarmouth House Restaurant

332 MA-Route 28
West Yarmouth, MA 02673

\$32 per person

to include a light dinner buffet, dessert,
soft beverages, coffee and tea.

Cash bar will be available for alcoholic beverages.

Please RSVP online via this link:

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/ParentsSocial/tabid/1336957/Default.aspx>

Call Kristen Chun at (215)704-2880 with any questions.

This social is sponsored by Friends of SPXS.



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

WED, DEC 7, 2022

9:15am - 10:30am

St. Pius Life Center

5 Barbara Street, S. Yarmouth, MA