

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

December 2, 2020

December has arrived and we continue annual SPXS traditions, but with a 2020 twist!

Our Advent Prayer services are conducted in the chapel, with a small group of students as readers and participants, while the school watches from classrooms.

Gr. 8 will present the Nativity on Dec. 15th at 5:00- live and outside!

The PreK Pageant will occur Dec. 17th in the class, will be videotaped and posted on Seesaw for PreK families.

Fr. Paul has been asked to celebrate Mass in the chapel, which can then be viewed in the classrooms.

Christmas parties will also occur- not our usual events, but smaller classroom celebrations. Teachers will be reaching out to room parents for some assistance with this.

While no Christmas Show this year, Ms. Joy is planning something special!



The first-ever SPXS Musical Christmas Card. Submit videos between now and Dec. 18th, following the guidelines below:

SPX School Musical Christmas Card

Video Requirements:

Please send your video to jpye@spxschool.org

(Please subject as SPX Christmas Card, followed by your last name)

Your video should include:

Your name, grade and the title of your holiday selection

Ex. "My name is John from grade 4, and I will be singing Silent Night, please enjoy!"

You may perform:

Vocal or instrumental

As a solo with accompaniment

In a small group of 2- 5 (outside preferably!)

In your class, you may perform a group dance to pre recorded music or students playing percussion/string instruments.



There is no time limit on videos. However, videos are subject to be cut if appropriate.

❄ Submissions will be accepted December 1st- December 18th.

❄ We will be including the first 25 submissions APPROVED by Mrs. Dailey and Miss Joy.
The quality of the music matters!

Here is a recommended list of holiday favorites:

Angels We Have Heard on High

Away in the Manger

Christmas Time

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

Jingle Bells

Joy To The World

O Christmas Tree

Sleigh Ride

Silver Bells

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Winter Wonderland

Auld Lang Syne

Carol of the Bells

Deck the halls

Frosty the Snowman

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

Jingle Bell Rock

Let it Snow

Oh, Holy Night

Silent Night

The First Noel

We Three Kings

White Christmas

If you're not sure that the piece you want to perform is appropriate, please ask Miss Joy.
Thank you!

Christmas Card Calendars - your full participation is needed more than ever! This has been a most unusual and challenging year in terms of our financial needs for all schools. We have required additional staff, have made many changes within the building, while purchasing equipment and additional supplies like PPEs. On the flip side we have experienced decreased funding from the parish and other sources. We continue to require funding that supports our programs and continued growth, and provides adequately for our staffing needs, salaries, and benefits. Your participation in the calendar drive is essential, especially as we are now planning 2021-2022 tuition, and looking to keep rates affordable for all families. A number of you have already reached your goal of selling 20 calendars or gone beyond! I applaud the efforts of each of you. You can reach your family's goal of 20, while remaining socially distant as calendars can now be purchased online!

December Calendar

Please note that a change will be made to the Dec. calendar. The superintendent has approved adjustments to the Christmas break, and several schools are ending Dec. 18th for Christmas. Our goal is to keep students onsite engaged meaningfully, for as long as we possibly can. However, knowing that many students will not attend school on Dec. 23rd (the half day) and to provide a little extra break to our staff, school will **NOT BE IN SESSION ON DEC. 23rd**.

COVID News

As more and more students sporadically quarantine, it's important that everyone remembers that if you are learning remotely, you are still in school! Appropriate school behaviors are expected. These include keeping your camera on, sitting at an appropriate workplace, and dressing appropriately- no pjs!

Any optional family travel outside Massachusetts, especially short-term travel, is discouraged at this time. Please note, teachers are not expected to accommodate students work-wise for this type of situation. Work may be completed upon return.

Guidelines, especially related to required quarantining, continue to change. If you have questions, contact the school. Guidelines are ongoingly reviewed, updated and re-adjusted!



Christmas Nativity 2020

Grades 8 Students

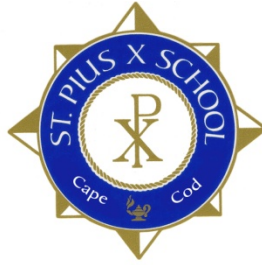
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – 5:00pm
St. Pius X School
outside the main school door

Please join us the Grade 8 students continue an annual tradition in a unique way! Join us for a Living Christmas Nativity! This is a time to celebrate together- while reminding socially distant.

The event is in two parts.

Part 1 is at 5:00 pm. Students will narrate and enact the Christmas story at the front of the school building. Parking spaces in the school driveway and upper lot (staff lot) are reserved for Gr. 8 families for this first part, so they may enjoy the event from their cars.

Part II begins at 5:30. We will clear the driveway, and students will present the Nativity as a Living Tableau, for all to see as they drive by. We will clear the driveway, and cars will enter the property by Wood Road, driving in front of the school as Christmas music plays, and departing by Barbara Street.



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Advent is a time of anticipation of the Birth of Christ. It is also a time of reflection on all the gifts that Jesus has given to us. The gifts of faith, family, and love are a part of our lives and our children's lives. There are many children living in the St. Pius X Community and the Town of Yarmouth who are in need of assistance. Some families are experiencing short term emergencies that drain their resources, other families' needs are more long term. In conjunction with St. Pius X Parish and the Yarmouth Food Pantry, our school's families are asked to reach out to just one child during the Christmas Season.

If your family is able to be a part of this Outreach, would you kindly send the lower section of this form back to school by **Thursday, December 3rd**. We will then send you a slip stating the age, size, and gender of a specific child. **Please then place the gift in a gift bag (please do not wrap the gift)** and place the label on the outside of the package. **Gifts must be returned to the school office by Friday, December 11th.**

God Bless,

Anne Dailey
Principal

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Family Name:_____

_____ Yes, we want to participate in the Christmas giving program.



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CALENDARS

Please return your calendar stubs and money from the sales of your calendars to the school office by **Thursday, December 10th**. If you are still selling your calendars, please mail the stubs and checks to the school during the Christmas vacation.

CHRISTMAS GIVING GIFTS

The Christmas Gift Giving Program gift request tags were sent home last week and more will be sent home this week. All gifts must be returned to the school office by **Friday, December 11th**. Please place the gift in a gift bag (**please do not wrap the gift**) and place the label on the outside of the gift bag. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

TEN DAYS LEFT FOR THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CALENDAR FUNDRAISER!

We are at ~50% of our goal with less than TWO weeks left. We really NEED every family to participate to help us cross this important finish line. Please share this link for online purchases. There are 31 chances to WIN CASH in January (up to \$500)!

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

TOP SELLING FAMILIES (in order of sales totals as of 12/2):

1. Pike
2. Pazakis
3. Cronin

THANK YOU to the families who sold **OVER** 20 calendars (in alphabetical order):*

Ahern	Band	Baril	Bassil, R.	Berry
Blake	Boghdan	Brennan	Carrick	Cook
Fagan	Fish	Foran	Gustafson	Kuharenka
Leskel	Loffredo	McHugh	Meehan	Molinari
Moura	O'Sullivan	Phenix	Puzio	Renzi
Ryder	Skordas, S.	Thacher	Todd	Zontini

THANK YOU to the families who sold 20 calendars (in alphabetical order):*

Alioshka	Beecy	Bridge	Brown	Carey
Evans	Falkowski	Fox	Ghilardi	Jumper
Kudarauskas	LaCava	McManus	Murphy	Palomar-Nelson
Perry	Philbrick	Prebensen	Shtukin	Sullivan, I.
Sullivan, N.	Ward	Wyluda		

**The above names are based on online sales and paper returns as of 12/2*

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 teacher!** 4W is in the lead!

Thank you for your participation!



The Sports Report - Fall 2020

The SPXS Soccer and Cross Country teams did not let the limiting restrictions from the Covid-19 pandemic stand in the way of making the most out of their fall sport seasons. St. Pius X Middle School athletes safely returned to the soccer field and cross country course for 7 weeks this fall! We had a great turnout of athletes (41 coed soccer players and 10 XC runners). Led by a dedicated and supportive coaching staff (Kal Boghdan, Katie Enright, Doug Mason, Brian Dunton, Chris Slowek, Nick Corsi, Beth Kudarauskas, Karen Blake, and Tia Corsi), the team met three days a week at Peter Homer Park in South Yarmouth. The players spent their training sessions improving their skills and learning the rules of the game, while exercising and bonding with classmates.

Congratulations to the graduating 8th graders from the SPXS Soccer program!!!

Annika Gustafson

Raylee Perry

Natalie Ahern

Molly St. Jean

Katelyn Lawson

Julia Dunton

Alexandra Imad

Anna Corsi

Victoria Imad

Bobby Plumb







The Cross Country runners trained each week, running challenging courses on and off the Cape Cod Rail Trail. The highlight of the SPXS Cross Country season was the virtual meet against Mattacheese Middle School. The runners ran 3 races, two 1.25 miles and the virtual race distance of 1.5 miles.

GO CRUSADERS!!

SPXS Athletics provides students several benefits, such as valuable skills that will foster them throughout their life. These skills are more beneficial than the games themselves and impact their growing years to becoming future leaders!!

Effort Hard work Self-discipline Teamwork

2020 Soccer and Cross Country Teams

<u>GRADE 7</u>	<u>GRADE 5</u>	<u>CROSS COUNTRY</u>
Cody Boghdan Saoirse Diver Michaela Enright Elyse Giannakoulis Quincy Hietsch Marlo Jumper Sebastian Lliguichuzhca Nicholas Skordas Nico Sullivan	Andrew Blake Kaitlin Chun Ben Corsi Liam Dunton Anela Jenkins Amelia Kostecki Alden Libby Riley Meara Donnchadh Meehan Kiera O'Malley Kailey Slowek Cameron Thatcher Gustavo Veloso	Mary Kudarauskas Sophie Zontini Mark Kudarauskas Ava Powell Alyssa Cook Isabella Loffredo Payton Bridge Aela Diver Rayanna Mello Stella Rose
<u>GRADE 6</u>	<u>GRADE 4</u>	
Kaylee Baril Hailey Hague Sarah Zontini	Max Boghdan Aidan Brennan Emmett Brown Ella Corcoran Parker Hietsch Parker Philbrick	
		

Memorial for the Unborn Boston

Join the

Memorial for the Unborn Boston

Saturday, Dec. 5th 1:30-3:30 pm

on the steps of
the State House

Join in prayer and bring a red rose to be part of the
memorial of roses for the unborn.

2:00 pm Rosary

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Raise awareness and help defeat Amendment #759