

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

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December 4, 2019

### Calendars are Due Tomorrow!

In order to qualify for any of the incentives offered, your calendars must be returned tomorrow! A reminder that our tuition policy, amended for the current school year states that each family is *required* to sell 20 Christmas calendars. If a family decides not to participate in this fundraising opportunity, \$200 will be added to the overall tuition bill. If you haven't sold them, you may as well purchase them- you will have 620 opportunities to win cash prizes!

Help us to surpass our goal and get to see Mrs. Dailey participating in a game of Pie Face!

Another service opportunity is included with the notes this week. The *Harvard Club of Cape Cod* is organizing a **Wreaths Across America Day** for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Students and family members- this is a wonderful opportunity for a family service experience!

**Report Cards** are issued this Friday. The grades earned by the student represent their performance as measured on a variety of assessments within classes. Our goal is that each student performs his/her own personal best.

If you have any questions regarding the report cards, please contact the homeroom or content-area teacher.

To qualify for "*Honors*" a student must have an overall average of 90 and above, with all grades above 80. The student must also have a good attendance record.

To achieve "*High Honors*" a student's overall average must be 97 or above, with all grades above 90. Attendance, conduct, and effort criteria must also be met.

Student averages in Gr. 5-8 are calculated with weights assigned in this manner:

All major classes are weighted 1.0

Middle School Spanish is weighted .6

All other specialists are weighted .2

Students are accountable for their effort, conduct and performance in each class, whether it meets once a week or five times.



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**Christmas Performance**  
**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**

The students are rehearsing for their Christmas gift to their parents and grandparents.

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am – St. Pius X Parish Life Center**

**Kindergarten – Gr. 8:**

**St. Pius X School Traditional Dress Uniform**  
**(Students may accessorize with red & green!)**



**CHRISTMAS GIVING GIFTS**



The Christmas Gift Giving Program gift request tags will be sent home early next week. All gifts must be returned to the school office by **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

The school's Christmas Parties will be held Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All students in PreK - Grade 8 will be attending one of the two parties. Students should wear their gym uniform and may add some **green** and **red** to celebrate.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CALENDARS**

Please return your calendar stubs and money from the sales of your calendars to the school office by **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you are still selling your calendars, please mail the stubs and checks to the school during the Christmas vacation.

**CALENDAR CONTEST DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!!!**

**THANK YOU to the families who have sold 20 calendars (or more)!**

We are **75%** of the way to our fundraising goal (\$42k) and we feel confident we will get there with support from the entire school community! This FUNdraiser **directly benefits the students** at SPXS because the money we raise will go towards enrichment events, equipment, and activities – FUN for the KIDS. Your support is essential and EVERY single calendar counts!

For those who have not yet turned in their 20 calendars (or more!), there is still time to do so! The deadline for prize eligibility is this **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Families who sold OVER 20 calendars\* (alphabetical order):**

Arden	Berner	Boghdan	Calhoun	Campbell
Chute	Corcoran	Cummings	Dunn	Fagan
Forde	Fox	Hietsch	Igoe	Jansen
Joseph	Kilty	LaCava	Libby	Martin
Mayo	McNamara	Mello	Monac	Netto
Oliveira	O'Sullivan	Pazakis	Pike	Powers
Prebensen	Renzi	Reusing	Rose	Silva
Slowek	Stanney	Therault	Todd	Trani
Velasquez	Williams	Zontini		

**Families who sold 20 calendars\*:**

Ahern	Alioshka	Baril	Bassil	Beecy
Carey	Carrick	Coholan	Dean	Dunton
Evans	Falkowski	Goulet	Guerrero	Hyde
Jenkins	Kudarauskas	Labkovich	Loffredo	Lotuff
Maker	Marrs	McHugh	McManus	Mesquita
Molinari	Nankova	O'Malley	O'Neil	Palomar-Nelson
Phenix	Philbrick	Poti	Puzio	Reinhart
Robinson	Robinson	Shaw	St. Jean	Sullivan
Sullivan	Ward	Willis		



***\*Lists are as of 12/3. Check the Leaderboard later this week for further updates!***



# St. Pius X School

## December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 St. Pius X Parish Brunch - Hosted by Grades 3 & 7  First Sunday of Advent	2  Advent Prayer Service for Students	3 Faculty Meeting 2:30 <u>No Study Hall</u>  Advisory Board Mtg. 3:30–5:30	4	5 Christmas Calendar money due into school office	6  Crusader Fun Night	7
8	9 Christmas Giving Gifts due in Office  Advent Prayer Service for Students & Honor Roll Assembly	10	11 Christmas Concert Kindergarten–Gr. 8 9:00am Parish Life Center	12	13 Lower & Middle School Christmas Parties	14
15	16  Advent Prayer Service for Students	17 Middle School Christmas Nativity 6:30pm St. Pius X Church	18	19 PK Nativity 9am  Third Thursday Tour 10am	20 Mass 9:30am St. Pius X Church (Full Dress Uniform) <u>11:30 Dismissal</u> (after care not available)	21
22	23  Christmas Recess	24  Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas ! 	26  Christmas Recess	27  Christmas Recess	28
29	30  Christmas Recess	31  New Year's Eve	January 1 New Year's Day 	2  Christmas Recess	3  Christmas Recess	4
5	6  Classes Resume	7	8	9	10	11



## **Christmas Pageant**

### **Grades 5-8 and Chorus Members**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 6:30pm**  
**St. Pius X Church**

The students are lifting their voices in song as they eagerly anticipate their Christmas Pageant.

**Grades 5 - 7 and  
Chorus Members:**

St. Pius X School Traditional Dress Uniform

**Grade 8:**

Holiday Attire for the Narrators. All other grade 8 students should wear their SPXS gym shirt and gym shorts. (The students will be wearing the gym shirt and shorts under their Biblical attire for the Nativity Scene.)

**All grade 5 – 8 students participate in the Christmas Pageant. All voices are needed!**

**Grade 8 students need to arrive at the Church by 6:00pm.**

**Grade 5 – 7 students and Chorus Members need to arrive at 6:00pm.**

We ask that the parents bring their children into the Church and then remain to enjoy the Nativity. After the Nativity, please proceed to the front of the church to dismiss your child.

# CRUSADER FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

STUDENTS' NIGHT OUT - PARENTS' NIGHT OFF

FOR SPXS LOWER SCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY

PreK - Grade 4

- North Pole Game Room
- Santa's Workshop: Holiday Crafts
- Ho-Ho-Holiday Movies
- Legos in the Library
- Reindeer Games in the Gym
- Dinner @ the Kris Kringle Café - salad, pizza, and a beverage are included in the price of admission :)

Supervised by SPXS Staff

5:30-8:30pm

\$25/child - \$50/family of 3 or more

\*\*Snacks & Bottled Water- available for purchase (2/\$1)\*

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we would like our child(ren) to attend the Crusader Fun Night

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Our child(ren) will be volunteering at Crusader Fun Night Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteers are to wear House T-Shirts and arrive at 5:15 p.m.- dinner will be provided.





## The Sport Report - November 2019

Athletics provide students several benefits, developing valuable skills that will support them throughout life. These skills include:

**Effort    Hard work    Self-discipline    Teamwork    Time Management**

SPXS Basketball is underway..... the gym was filled with 55 basketball players, when we started in Mid-November.

The boys and girls Junior basketball team provides students the opportunity to practice their skills and learn the rules of the game, while exercising and bonding with classmates.

The boys and girls on the Senior basketball team have the opportunity to play competitively in the Super Six conference. This prepares students for high school sports, while bringing the SPXS community together with exciting basketball games in our gym.

## 2019/2020 SPXS Basketball Teams

Boys Junior Team

Girls Junior Team

Boys Senior Team

Girls Senior Team

<b>Mark Kudarauskas</b> <b>Jeremy Velasquez</b> <b>Andrew Blake</b> <b>KJ Chute</b> <b>Ben Corsi</b> <b>Jacob Campbell</b> <b>Liam Dunton</b> <b>Max Hyde</b> <b>PJ Giannakoulis</b> <b>Anderson Lauf</b> <b>Alden Libby</b> <b>Jake Moriarty</b> <b>Lucas Reusing</b> <b>Lorenzo Redivo</b> <b>Madden Taylor</b> <b>Johnny Willis</b>	<b>Anna Corsi</b> <b>Julia Dunton</b> <b>Lillian Ghilardi</b> <b>Molly St. Jean</b> <b>Morgan Willis</b> <b>Kaylee Baril</b> <b>Nina Birchill</b> <b>Victoria Coholan</b> <b>Maya O'Mahoney</b> <b>Ava Powell</b> <b>Sarah Zontini</b> <b>Kaitlyn Chun</b> <b>Laine Jansen</b> <b>Anela Jenkins</b> <b>Riley Meara</b> <b>Lily Menyhart</b> <b>Kayleigh Slowek</b>	<b>Michael Dean</b> <b>Leo DeSouza</b> <b>Owen Enright</b> <b>Trey McPherson</b> <b>Aris Skordas</b> <b>Kaiden Slowek</b> <b>Andrew St. Jean</b> <b>Bobby Plumb</b> <b>Cody Boghdan</b> <b>Quincy Heitsch</b> <b>Nico Sullivan</b> <b>Griffin Mayo</b>	<b>Lilly Abercrombie</b> <b>Rosanna Sullivan</b> <b>Angelina Theriault</b> <b>Katelyn Lawson</b> <b>Alexandra Imad</b> <b>Victoria Imad</b> <b>Raylee Perry</b> <b>Michaela Enright</b> <b>Marlo Jumper</b> <b>Mary Kudarauskas</b>
<u>Coaches:</u> Mr. Doug Mason  Mrs. Meg Willis	<u>Coaches:</u> Mrs. Annie Agurkis  Mr. Johnny Agurkis	<u>Coaches:</u> Mr. Doug Mayo  Mr. Chris Slowek	<u>Coach:</u> Mr. David Abercrombie

**Boys and Girls Junior and Senior Teams Schedule Link:**

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=dfrcs.org\\_vmv08ui70ukel3b9an0keb7l3s%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=dfrcs.org_vmv08ui70ukel3b9an0keb7l3s%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York)

## SPXS Soccer and Cross Country Athletes Recognized

SPXS girls soccer player, Teagan Forde(Grade 6), was selected for the Massachusetts Olympic Development Program team!! This is a major achievement for a youth soccer player. The program identifies and develops youth players throughout the country to represent their state association, region and the United States in soccer competition. Way to go Teagan!



SPXS Cross Country team members Mary Kudarauskas(Grade 6), Mark Kudarauskas(Grade 5), and Lucas Mesquita(Grade 4) competed in the USATF New England Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships! Mary came in 31st in her age group. Lucas and Mark finished 25th and 26th, respectively. Mark and Lucas advanced to the USATF Region 1 Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships. This included runners from New York and the six New England States. Mark placed 59th and Lucas placed 61st out of 106 runners!!

**GO ST. PIUS X**



**BASKETBALL**

**Girls Senior Team - First Home Game - Wednesday, December 18th - 5pm**

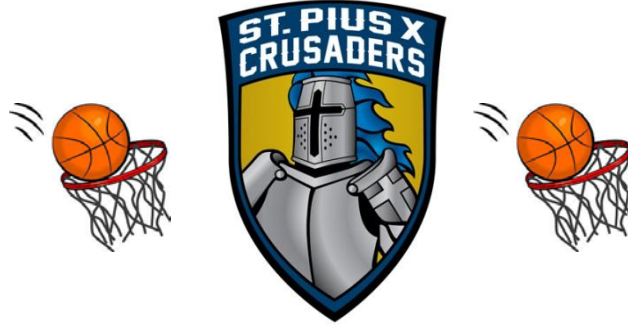
**Boys Senior Team - First Home Game - Tuesday, January 14th - 3:45pm**

***SPXS Athletics is looking for sports reporters to read scores and highlights during morning announcements!!!***

***Please contact Mr. Corsi if interested - [ncorsi@spxschool.org](mailto:ncorsi@spxschool.org)***



# Saturday Winter Basketball SPXS CRUSADERS



## SPXS Lower School Basketball Program KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 3

When: Saturdays 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/8, 2/29

Time: K and 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE GIRLS and BOYS: 9am – 10 am (\*\*1/11 8:30-9:30)  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE GIRLS and BOYS: 10 am – 11am (\*\*1/11 9:30-10:30)

Location: SPXS Gym. Students to be dropped and picked up inside gym.

Cost: \$55.00

\*\*SPXS Crusader Tee included in fee\*\*

Dress: Non-marking gym sneakers, t-shirt, and shorts. Please bring a water bottle.

**Players will be learning and improving on all basketball skills -  
dribbling, shooting, and passing.  
Players will be taught about defense, offense, and rebounding basics.**

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Please return bottom of form with cash or check payable to: *Friends of SPXS*  
to the office by December 12th.

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LOWER SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_





## Enter to WIN - Holiday Lottery Tree

Over \$150 in scratch tickets on the tree!

Proceeds to benefit the SPXS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to NYC

1 for \$5

3 for \$10

10 for \$20

Thank you for your support!

**Drawing to be held December 20, 2019 at 11:00am**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

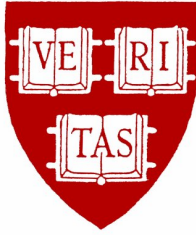
Number of chances: (please circle)

1 for \$5

3 for \$10

10 for \$20

Please return above form and payment to SPXS by Friday, December 20, 2019 at 9:00 am.



## Harvard Club of Cape Cod

### *National Wreaths Across America Day*

**MEETING DATE: Saturday, December 14, 2019**

**TIME: 12 Noon**

**PLACE: National Cemetery at Bourne**

**DIRECTIONS: Joint Base Cape Cod, at Otis Rotary, Rt. 28, Bourne**



Please join the Harvard Club of Cape Cod for this important community service project on Wreaths Across America Day. We will gather at 12 noon near the flagpole at the entrance to the National Cemetery in Bourne, which is the 2nd largest in this country and contains the graves of more than 65,000 veterans and their spouses.

The tradition of placing wreaths on veterans' graves in national cemeteries was begun at Arlington National Cemetery in 1973 and now continues at 1000 locations. Wreaths are provided. We will be assigned a section of the cemetery for our wreath-laying.

It has become a tradition for college clubs, service organizations and family groups to set aside this time during the holiday season. We hope you, your family and friends will join us on

December 14. Children are more than welcome. This is a meaningful service project, which also will give us a chance to meet other Harvard alumni.

Please contact Denise Murray Edwards (denisemedwards@me.com) to let us know you will be there. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Wellnitz (barbarawellnitz2@gmail.com).

Plan to spend a few hours with the Harvard Club of Cape Cod on December 14 as we lay wreaths on veterans' graves, in recognition of their service to our country. We think it is a meaningful tradition to include in our holiday celebration.

Look for the Harvard Club of Cape Cod banner.

Please contact Denise Murray Edwards (denisemedwards@me.com) to let us know you will be there.  
If you have questions, please contact Barbara Wellnitz (barbarawellnitz2@gmail.com).

# 2020 School Year **Hands-on STEM Programs**



All STEM programs will be at the Osterville Village Library, 43 Wianno Ave, Osterville, MA. Class size is limited to 12 students per program. Please pack a snack, drink, and lunch.

## **Whole Lot a' Machines**

Unhinge the inner engineer in you! Join in the fun day using a wide range of materials to design, build, and learn about machines! You will build mini-bridges, gliders, trebuchets, and have fun in a grand finale challenge. Six hours of fun!

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am–3:00 pm**

**Grades: 4–6**

**Fee: \$75 (Includes materials)**

## **Invention Camp**

### ***February Vacation Camp***

Unleash your creative, inventive, and imaginative senses during this two-day Invention Camp! We will use raw materials, the Makey Makey electronic invention kit, and do some coding using Scratch to make all inventions. You will design no-tech, low-tech, and high-tech mazes during the Amazing Mazes activity. You will build musical Playdough keyboards! Yes, keyboards that play musical sounds using Playdough! Bring out your creative side, making interactive artwork and then applying coding to your artwork with Scratch to create silly things! You will invent working Rube Goldberg game controllers using everyday materials like bananas or Playdough! Twelve hours of fun!

**Thursday and Friday**

**February 20 & 21, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am–3:00 pm**

**Grades: 5–6**

**Fee: \$144 (Includes materials)**

## **It's All About Towers**

***It's going to be a tower-crazy day!***

Join the fun as we use many different materials to see who can build the tallest or strongest towers! Projects include cup-stacking, toothpick, spaghetti, and tennis ball towers; plus, enter the end-of-day team challenge designing and building a tower made of newspaper! Six hours of fun!

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am–3:00 pm**

**Grades: 4–6**

**Fee: \$75 (Includes materials)**

## **Beginner Coders**

***Back by popular demand! April Vacation Camp***

Start early building skills in coding, sequencing, debugging, loops, and conditionals while having fun building games and completing challenges. Learn to think like a computer plus develop soft skills in problem solving, creativity, persistence, communication, and teamwork. Eighteen hours of fun!

**Tuesday through Thursday**

**April 21–23, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am–3:00 pm**

**Grades: 4–6**

**Fee: \$179**

## **REGISTRATION**

Register online using PayPal or credit card via [juniortech.org/stem-programs/current-offerings/](http://juniortech.org/stem-programs/current-offerings/).  
For space availability if paying by check call (774) 994-2097. [juniortech.org](http://juniortech.org) | [info@juniortech.org](mailto:info@juniortech.org)

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