

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

December 16, 2020



The scene above is from the traditional Gr. 8 Living Nativity- revamped into a stunning outdoor experience. Neither COVID nor cold prevented the students from offering this Christmas gift to families.

Thanks to all who made this beautiful event happen:

The Class of 2021
Mr. Douglas Mason
Mrs. Suzanna Kilty
Mrs. Mary Pat St. Jean
The Lawson Family
Mr. Sandro Correa

Ms. Joy Pye
Mr. Nick Corsi
Sebastian Lliguichuzhca
Quincy Hietsch
Cody Boghdan

As we approach the end of 2020, a year to remember but not repeat, I would like to congratulate and thank members of our school partnership. First, parents and guardians. Your efforts sustained your families, your children, and your children's education through this unprecedented time.

Congratulations to the students for the continued effort and enthusiasm you have shown throughout remote learning and your return to school.

Thank you to the parish, Fr. Paul, and Fr. Chris for your continued presence, prayers, and support. We are grateful for all you have done.

A very special congratulations and thanks is extended to the faculty, which has pivoted, learned, re-invented themselves as educators, and adapted to changing quarantine/coronavirus guidelines since March. They have managed the daunting and time-consuming feat of teaching proximately and remotely, simultaneously. In addition, the “Can-Do” attitude they have shown along each step of this journey has made the reality of the last three months possible. Any challenge that arises is met from the perspective of how to make things work, not with the pessimism that we cannot do it. Traditions, though perhaps different, have continued. This week alone included or will include, a reinvented Gr. 7 “Cookie Swap”, the reimagined Gr. Living Nativity, and the PreK Pageant via Seesaw. Our teachers, assistants, specialists, nurse, guidance counselor, administrative staff, custodians, cafeteria workers, after-care and recess staff have all worked flexibly in new and more challenging ways as things have changed day-to-day. They are the reason we opened for all students this August, and why we have been able to successfully remain together as a school community in school until now!

With many thanks and much gratitude, I wish everyone a blessed, joyous, and Merry Christmas!



HONOR ROLL - JUNE 2020

HIGH HONORS

A student must have an overall average of 97 or above, with all grades above 90. Attendance, conduct, and effort criteria must also be met.

GRADE 8

NATALIE AHERN

ANNA CORSI

VICTORIA IMAD

TARA KILTY

GRADE 7

CODY BOGH DAN

MARLO JUMPER

AVA LAUREN TODD

OLIVIA EVANS

MARY KUDARAUSKAS

HONORS

A student must have an overall average of 90 and above, with all grades above 80. Attendance, conduct, and effort criteria must also be met.

GRADE 8

JULIA DUNTON

LILLIAN GHILARDI

ANNIKA GUSTAFSON

ALEXANDRA IMAD

BIANCA IMAD

KATELYN LAWSON

EFFIE MARTIN

ASHLEY MOLINARI

ROBERT PLUMB

GRADE 7

DARYA CHEGLAKOVA

SAOIRSE DIVER

MICHAELA ENRIGHT

ELYSE GIANNAKOULIS

QUINCY HIETSCH

LEAH McMANUS

EVGENIOS SKORDAS

NICOLAS SULLIVAN

MORGAN WILLIS

SOPHIA ZONTINI

GRADE 6

KAYLEE BARIL
MARK KUDARAUSKAS

ADDISON LACAVA
BRODY MURPHY

HANNAH PHENIX
SARAH ZONTINI

GRADE 5

CARMELLA BERGER
ANDREW BLAKE
JACOB CAMPBELL
KAITLIN CHUN
KEITH CHUTE, JR.
MATHEUS DELL'ORTO
LIAM DUNTON
TARYN FALKOWSKI

PETER GIANNAKOULIS
ANELA JENKINS
AMELIA KOSTECKI
ANDERSON LAUF
ISABELLA LOFFREDO
VICTORIA MANNI
RILEY MEARA
DONNCHADH MEEHAN

JACOB MORIARTY
JAMES MULLEN
KIERA O'MALLEY
KAYLEIGH SLOWEK
CAMERON THACHER
GUSTAVO VELOSO



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STUDY HALL

Study Hall will not be held on Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd.

CHRISTMAS RECESS

School will **NOT** be in session beginning Wednesday, December 23rd - Friday, January 1st. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4th.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE CALENDAR FUNDRAISER UPDATE!

We are thrilled to announce that the total amount raised for our Christmas Raffle Calendar FUNdraiser is OVER \$37,000 (and counting)! We had over \$31k in online purchases so we are VERY pleased that our new plan for selling during a pandemic was this successful. THANK YOU to Amy Abercrombie, Ann-Marie Shaw, and Heather Aboody-Williams for their tremendous help and dedication to SPXS!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to every single family who purchased/sold online, shared our link/posts, and sold paper calendars. Your support is GREATLY appreciated. We especially loved seeing the videos some kids made to sell to their family and friends. SPXS Spirit is very much alive and well, even with social-distancing!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 3 top-selling families, collectively raising over \$3,000:

1st Place: Pike Family (142 sold)

2nd Place: Chun Family (100 sold)

3rd Place: Pazakis Family (82 sold)

Grade 7 was the top-selling class! They've won an extra recess, a night off from homework, and \$250 for their homeroom teacher, Mrs. Duvall.

In reality, the **BIG WINNER is SPXS!** This money will allow the FRIENDS of SPXS to further support the school's diligent COVID-safety measures, in-class and remote-learning technology, teacher appreciation, and HOPEFULLY some extra FUN things for the kids in the spring. \$25k will be given to the school in January.

We are confident we will hit our goal of \$40k over the next few weeks with additional ticket sales/family purchases. These make GREAT stocking stuffers. You can continue to sell/share the sales link through 12/31. The daily drawings for CASH will be in January.

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

THANK YOU, again, for proving that SPXS is "small but mighty!" TOGETHER we accomplish incredible things. **Merry Christmas!**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SALES HALL OF FAME!

THANK YOU to our TOP SELLERS: Pike, Chun, and Pazakis

THANK YOU to the families who sold 50+ calendars (in alphabetical order):*

Boghdan	Cronin	Jumper	Powell	Zontini
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THANK YOU to the families who sold 30+ calendars (in alphabetical order):*

Band	Baril	Berner	Berry	Calhoun
Campbell E&N	Flonta	Hietsch	Kuharenka	LaCava
Leskel	Loffredo	Maker	Martin	Meehan
N'tumba	Olson	O'Malley	O'Sullivan	Phenix
Philbrick	Powers	Puzio	Reinhart	Renzi
Rose, S & H	Ryder	Skordas, S.	Thacher	

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

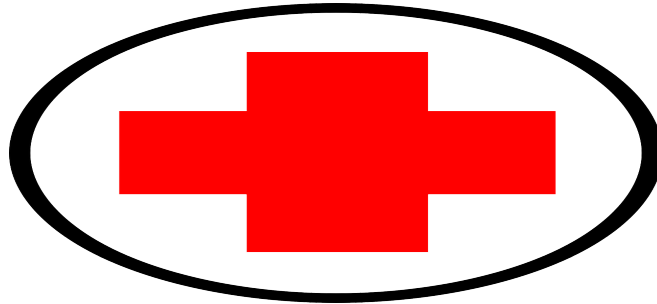
Ahern	Bassil, R.	Blake	Brennan	Campbell, J
Carrick	Cook	Cummings	Duffy	Fagan
Fish	Foran	Giannakoulis	Goulet	Gustafson
Libby	Martin	McHugh	McNamara	Meara
Molinari	Moura	Mullen	Murphy	Oliveira
Reusing	Robinson, B&B	Roncelli	Santos	Scola
Skordas, N	Todd	Wells	Williams	

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

Alioshka	Baron	Bassil, N & E	Beecy	Benoit
Bridge	Brown	Carey	Cheglakov	Corcoran
Corsi	Dell' Orto	Downs	Duhamel	Dunton
Evans	Falkowski	Forde	Fox	George
Ghilardi	Gibbons	Guerrero	Hyde	Igoe
Imad, A & V	Jenkins	Kilty	Kudarauskas	McAdams
McCarthy	McManus	McPherson	Mello	Monac
O'Neil	Palomar-Nelson	Perry	Prebensen	Redivo
Robinson, C	Roncelli	Shtukin	St. Jean	Sullivan, I
Sullivan, N.	Therault	Turner	Veloso	Ward
Wyluda				

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

From Nurse Annie



*WE WANT ALL STUDENTS BACK IN
JANUARY!!*

There are over 60 students without documented Flu vaccine

All students in K-12 must receive the seasonal influenza vaccine annually by December 31.

Elementary and secondary students in districts and schools that are using a remote education model are not exempt.

Ensure that your child is not excluded from school by sending in documentation before the Christmas break. *

**medical exemption letter must be provided by a medical provider*

A flu vaccine offers the best defense against flu and its potentially serious consequences and can also reduce the spread of flu to others. Getting vaccinated has been shown to reduce flu illnesses, doctor's visits, missed work and school days, and reduce the risk of flu-related hospitalization and death in children.

For more information <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/children.htm>

COVID VACCINE FACTS

Key Points

In addition to the following key messages, anyone with questions please visit:

[CDC's COVID-19 mRNA vaccine webpage](#).

- Like all vaccines, COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been rigorously tested for safety before being authorized for use in the United States.
- mRNA technology is new, but not unknown. They have been studied for more than a decade.
- mRNA vaccines do not contain a live virus and do not carry a risk of causing disease in the vaccinated person.
- mRNA from the vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell and does not affect or interact with a person's DNA.

How does it work?

mRNA vaccines have strands of genetic material called mRNA inside a special coating. That coating protects the mRNA from enzymes in the body that would otherwise break it down. It also helps the mRNA enter the muscle cells near the vaccination site.

mRNA can most easily be described as instructions for the cell on how to make a piece of the “spike protein” that is unique to SARS-CoV-2. Since only part of the protein is made, it does not do any harm to the person vaccinated but it is antigenic.

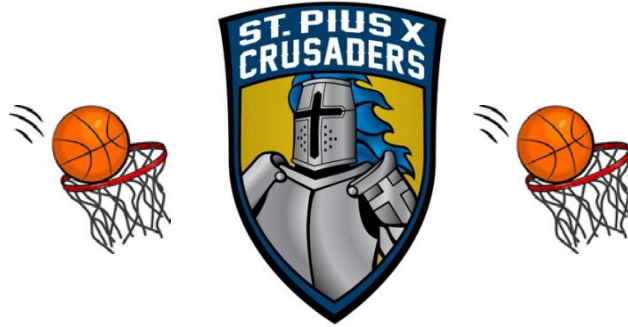
After the piece of the spike protein is made, the cell breaks down the mRNA strand and disposes of them using enzymes in the cell. It is important to note that the mRNA strand never enters the cell's nucleus or affects genetic material. This information helps counter misinformation about how mRNA vaccines alter or modify someone's genetic makeup.

Once displayed on the cell surface, the protein or antigen causes the immune system to begin producing antibodies and activating T-cells to fight off what it thinks is an infection. These antibodies are specific to the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which means the immune system is primed to protect against future infection.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/mrna-vaccine-basics.html>

Saturday Winter Basketball

SPXS CRUSADERS



SPXS Saturday COED Basketball Program

GRADE 2-3 GRADE 4-6 GRADE 7-8

When: **Saturday, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th**
Saturday, February 6th and 27th

Time: **Grade 2-3 (8-9am)**
Grade 4-6 (9:15-10:15am) - (one spot left)**
Grade 7-8 (10:30-11:30am)

Location: **SPXS Gym. Students to be dropped and picked up at the side gym door.**

Cost: **\$60.00**

Dress: **Non-marking gym sneakers, t-shirt, and shorts. Come dressed ready to play. Please bring a water bottle. Water bottles must be labeled with the player's name. **Players must bring a basketball to practice with their name written on the basketball.****

Basketball Size Guide by Age

Boys and Girls Ages 5-8, Basketball Size 5 (27.5" circumference)
Boys Ages 9-12, Basketball Size 6 (28.5" circumference)
Girls Ages 9 or older, Basketball Size 6 (28.5" circumference)
Boys Ages 13 or older, Basketball Size 7 (29.5" circumference)

Registration is limited to the first **12** players signed up for each separate basketball session.
Any questions please contact Mr. Corsi. ncorsi@spxschool.org (508)398-6112, x307

SPXS SATURDAY MORNING BASKETBALL - COVID Safety Guidelines

Players should enter/exit the gymnasium, using the side gym door, located on the far left side of the building. Parents should drive around the building, pulling up to the left side curb for drop-off/pickup. No parents/guardians are allowed to enter the gym. A green cone will be placed on the outside of the building indicating when players may enter the gym. Each Saturday, there will be three separate basketball practice sessions (8-9am), (9:15-10:15), (10:30-11:30). Start/end times have been staggered, to limit contact between all players as much as possible. This also allows for more time to clean the facility between users. All players attending either the 9:15 or 10:30 basketball session, must remain in their vehicles until the green cone has been placed clearly outside the side gym doors. This green cone will indicate that all the players from the previous session have left the gym. If a red cone is placed outside the gym door, it indicates that players from the previous sessions are still in the gym. We appreciate prompt drop-off and pick-up procedures.

While in the gym, players and coaches must wear facial coverings. Players must come to basketball practice dressed and ready to play. Locker rooms are not available. Players needing to use bathroom facilities during practice, will use their designated bathroom assigned during regular school days.

Hand sanitizer is available for players. Players are asked to bring their own water bottles. Water bottles must have the name of the player written clearly on the outside of the bottle. Water bottles will be set at least 6ft apart, on the bleachers, when taking a water break.

Each practice session can allow up to **12 players only**. Each player must bring a basketball with them to practice. Players will be divided into two pods (6 players per pod) during the 1 hour session. **Saturday basketball will focus on improving individual players' fundamentals skills: dribbling (ball handling), shooting, passing, jumping (rebounding). Improving upon these skills will lead to success when we get back to the games next year!**

Please return bottom of form with cash or check payable to: *Friends of SPXS* to the front office by Tuesday, December 22nd.

SPXS SATURDAY BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Name: _____

Grade: _____



Payment must be included with the registration slip.

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL JANUARY MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

<p>4</p> <p>1) CHICKEN NUGGETS 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Hot Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1) CHICKEN PATTY 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Black Bean Salad Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1) BUTTERED PASTA W MEATBALLS 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1) HOT DOGS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Smile Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1) PIZZA DAY !! 2) BOLONEY & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY</p>
<p>11</p> <p>1) CHICKEN TENDERS 2) HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Hot Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1)BACON EGG &CHEESE CROISSANT 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Hash Brown Patty Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1) STUFFED SHELLS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1) PIZZA CRUNCHERS 2) TURKEY CLUB SUB 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1) PIZZA DAY !! 2) BOLONEY & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY</p>
<p>18</p> <p>NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1) MOZZARELLA STICKS 2) MEATBALL SUB 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1) BUTTERED PASTA W MEATBALLS 2) TURKEY SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1) BACON CHEESEBURGERS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1) PIZZA DAY !! 2) BOLONEY & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY</p>
<p>25</p> <p>1) CHICKEN TENDERS 2) WARM HAM & CHEESE ON A CROISSANT 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Hot Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1) CHICKEN PATTY 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1) BUTTERED PASTA W MEATBALLS 2) TURKEY SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1) HOT DOGS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Smile Fries Vegetable, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1) PIZZA DAY !! 2) BOLONEY & CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY</p>
<p>2021</p> 	<p>HAPPY</p>	<p>NEW</p>	<p>YEAR</p>	<p>2021</p> 
<p>ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FREE LUNCH FOR THE ENTIRE 20/21 SCHOOL YEAR !!</p>			<p>ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FREE LUNCH FOR THE ENTIRE 20/21 SCHOOL YEAR !!</p>	
<p>THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER</p>			<p>*This menu is subject to change</p>	