

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

January 22, 2020

Catholic Schools Week is next week! Be sure to read the information included regarding this week, which highlights Catholic education across the country. Join us for the Pasta Dinner on Saturday from 4:30-7:00 pm. Parents and guardians are also invited to join us for two very special events:

Mass next Monday, Jan. 27th at 10:00 am at St. Pius X Church. We will celebrate with the students from St. John Paul II High School.

Our Day of Adoration on Thursday, Jan. 30th. Please register for a specific time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084ba9ab28a75-catholic>

Interim grades closed today, with Interim Reports coming next Wed. On Friday, the 31st, we will have Parent-Teacher conferences. If you want a conference with a teacher, please request one. Teachers will also conference with parents/guardians of students with whom they have a concern and have requested a meeting. After-care will be open on the 31st- but only for those who have signed up!

Speaking about grades- a couple of notes.

First, some students and parents are stressing over grades as “low” as 90, 92, and even 95. We have witnessed an increased focus this year on whether a student is achieving Honor Roll, or High Honors. I am very glad that students are aiming high however, our goal is that each student works hard and performs his/her personal BEST. The focus on Honor Roll has led to a greater level of stress among some students. I have spent time with students whose averages are A’s and B’s who feel they are “failing” because they may not achieve Honors or High Honors. This level of stress is unsettling. I have advised students they should aim high- but that learning to work, and do their best is ultimately more important than an Honor Roll certificate.

Secondly, teachers are expected to work towards posting a grade per week per subject area for each student. Grades are to be posted in a timely manner, providing feedback regarding student performance that is meaningful. This will not happen *every* week- obviously not vacation weeks or a week like Catholic Schools Week, when we are focused on many non-academic endeavors. If you are checking the portal, and do not see grades for your student, you can always reach out to the teacher to find out why.



Catholic Schools Week 2020

Jan 25 - 31, 2020

Saturday, January 25th- CELEBRATE SPXS

OPEN HOUSE at SPXS from 2:00-4:00. Encourage friends and family to visit our school. Following Open House, the annual **PASTA DINNER** will take place in the Life Center. Join us for this traditional exciting event, perhaps walk away with a fabulous raffle prize!

Monday, January 27th- CELEBRATING YOUR COMMUNITY

MASS will be celebrated at 10:00, and the students from St. John Paul II High School will be joining with our community for this liturgy. We invite families to participate in this celebration of our faith.

Following Mass, students in the Middle School will travel to the Hyannis Youth and Community Center for skating. Students may bring or purchase lunch.

Tuesday, January 28th- CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Lower School students will enjoy an educational experience- while they are having fun- as the "Amazing Mysteries of Mathematics" is presented in the Gym. Something else awaits all our students!

Wednesday, January 29th- CELEBRATING OUR NATION

Students will offer our morning prayers in different languages.

A Breakfast Cart for teachers and staff will be offered.

Janell Burley Hoffman, founder of the *Slow Tech Movement* and *I Rules* author, will offer a talk on safe and responsible technology usage to Middle School students.

Thursday, January 30th- CELEBRATING VOCATIONS

A special **DAY OF ADORATION** from 7:30-2:30 in the school chapel. Take a short break from the rush of everyday activities and join us.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084ba9ab28a75-catholic>

Fr. Rodrigues and Deacon Mike Hickey will speak to the Middle School students about vocations at 9:30 in the cafeteria.

Friday, January 31st- CELEBRATING FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS, AND FAMILIES

Dress-Down Day- \$2.00 minimum donation. The money will go to the partner charity that received the most “likes” in our social media campaign.

Pep Rally, Floor Hockey game, Pie Face (Mrs. Dailey along with our top sellers in the Calendar drive)

Lunch for teachers

Dismissal at 11:30 with Parent-Teacher conferences following

Parent-Teacher conferences are at the request of the teacher, or the parent

*****CHARITY PARTNERSHIPS*****

These will go on throughout the week.

Students will learn about the charity

We will collect items to support the charity

Pictures of the students with donated items will be taken, posted, and linked to the charities

Family and friends are asked to “like” the charity and share

A little competition...the charity with the most “likes” will receive the proceeds from our Friday Dress-Down day!

Saint Elizabeth: Grades Pre-K and 4U - *Community Connections*

Provides opportunities for people with disabilities

<https://www.communityconnectionsinc.org/>

Saint Anthony: Grades 4W and 1 - *Heroes in Transition*

Assisting veterans and military families

<https://www.heroesintransition.org/>

Saint Teresa: Grades Kindergarten and 3K - *Housing Assistance Corporation*

Serves more than 5,000 households in the areas of Homelessness Prevention, Housing Stabilization, and Housing Empowerment

<https://haconcapecod.org/>

Saint Veronica: Grades 2 and 3P- *Yarmouth Food Pantry*

Harvesting spirit, nourishing the community, serving 800 people a month

<http://yarmouthfoodpantry.org/>



Helping the Helpers: Students Serving the Community

SPXS is proud to announce our collaboration with four local charities. Each house/homeroom will be working with the following organizations:

We are asking our SPXS families to donate the following items to their paired charity during Catholic Schools Week (January 27th - 31st):

Saint Elizabeth: Grades Pre-K and 4U - *Community Connections*

Provides opportunities for people with disabilities

<https://www.communityconnectionsinc.org/>

Needs- Art supplies for disabled adults:

Black canvases (any size)

Frames

Brushes

Felt

Art paper

Colored pencils

Paints

Adult coloring books

Markers

Glitter

Glue

Cotton

Sequins

Craft sticks

Saint Anthony: Grades 4W and 1 - *Heroes in Transition*

Assisting veterans and military families

<https://www.heroesintransition.org/>

Needs:

Hats

Gloves

Scarves

Hand warmers

Saint Teresa: Grades Kindergarten and 3K - *Housing Assistance Corporation*

Serves more than 5,000 households in the areas of Homelessness Prevention, Housing Stabilization, and Housing Empowerment

<https://haconcapecod.org/>

Needs:

New hats

New gloves

New wool blankets (available to purchase locally at Mass Bay Co. on Main Street in Hyannis in the Army/Navy Surplus Store available online at [EKTOS](#), [Northwest Woolen Mills](#), [Bidssupply](#))

Hand/foot warmers

Winter Warm-Up kit (available online at [ProSafe Emergency Preparedness Kit](#))

Thermal underwear

Water bottles

Backpacks

Flashlights with batteries

Socks

Plastic ponchos

Pull top canned foods, fruit cups, tuna packets

Saint Veronica: Grades 2 and 3P - *Yarmouth Food Pantry*

Harvesting spirit, nourishing the community, serving 800 people a month

http: <http://yarmouthfoodpantry.org>

Needs:

The pantry needs any help at all, including-

Jelly

Canned pasta

Baked beans

Tomato sauce

Stay tuned to the SPXS FB page during CSW for updates!

Thank you for your generosity!



January 22, 2020

EARLY DISMISSAL-CONFERENCES

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Friday, January 31st for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Students will **NOT** have lunch prior to dismissal. **The Extended Day Program will be available on this day but students attending must be pre-registered.** Students attending the Extended Day Program will be served lunch after dismissal. There will be no interruption in bus service.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

WINNERS TO DATE

January 1 st	\$50.00 Cash	Melissa Campbell
January 2 nd	\$75.00 Cash	Eleanor Costa
January 3 rd	\$50.00 Cash	Cheryl Amabello
January 4 th	\$75.00 Cash	Leontina
January 5 th	\$50.00 Cash	St. Pius X School
January 6 th	\$75.00 Cash	Ester Fernandez
January 7 th	\$100.00 Cash	Tom O'Hearn
January 8 th	\$50.00 Cash	Ally Hajjar
January 9 th	\$50.00 Cash	Laurel Galvin
January 10 th	\$75.00 Cash	D. MacQuarrie
January 11 th	\$50.00 Cash	Carolyn Edwards
January 12 th	\$50.00 Cash	United Gas
January 13 th	\$75.00 Cash	Jenn Lawlor
January 14 th	\$100.00 Cash	Gene Smith
January 15 th	\$75.00 Cash	J. Pazakis
January 16 th	\$50.00 Cash	Sergio Robles
January 17 th	\$50.00 Cash	Dennis D.
January 18 th	\$75.00 Cash	Jen Renzi
January 19 th	\$50.00 Cash	Mary Robinson
January 20 th	\$75.00 Cash	Robert Gasparello
January 21 st	\$100.00 Cash	Peter Giannakoulis
January 22 nd	\$75.00 Cash	Mike Holloman



ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

To Learn, To Grow, To Lead

Pre-K to 8th Grade

OPEN HOUSE

January 25th ✦ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



PASTA DINNER
1-25-20
4:30-7:00

All new families who attend will receive tickets
to the school Pasta Dinner.

Pasta Dinner from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the Life Center



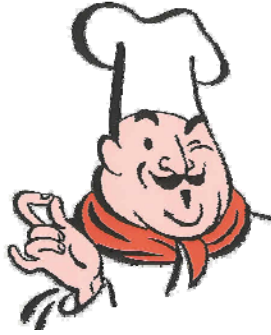
Tour and information also available in Spanish and Portuguese.

(508) 398-6112

321 Wood Rd., South Yarmouth, MA 02664

www.spxschool.org





ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

“ITALIAN PASTA DINNER”

**Saturday, January 25th
4:30 — 7:00 PM
at the Parish Life Center**

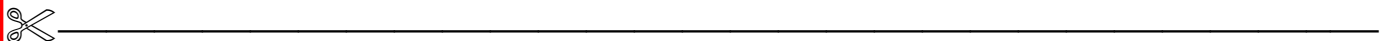
\$7.00 Adults • \$5.00 Children
TICKETS SOLD AT THE SCHOOL
OR AT THE DOOR

~ Door Prize ~

Great Raffle baskets will be offered!

◆◆◆◆◆To Benefit the Grade 8 Class Trip to NYC◆◆◆◆◆

Get your tickets now!



Name: _____

of Tickets: _____ Adults @ \$7.00
 _____ Children @ \$5.00



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As was done the past two years, during Catholic Schools Week we are working to organize Adoration in the SPXS Chapel on Thursday, January 30th from 7:30 to 2:30pm.

As Catholic parents, we feel the desire to lead the way and teach our children. On this occasion we can strengthen our relationship with Christ by participating in Adoration.

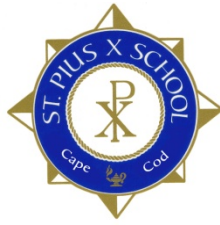
Father Chris will lead the initial and final prayer. In between, teachers will bring the children for short periods of Adoration, hopefully all classes will be able to participate.

We, as parents, will be required to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone during the set time. There will be 30 minute slots for parents to sign up for. Please click on the Sign-Up-Genius link, to reserve your spot.

We hope most of you will be able to be part of this initiative which makes us stronger as a Catholic community.

Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084BA9AB28A75-catholic>



Must be completed if your child(ren) will be attending after care on Friday, January 31st.

Extended Day Program - 11:30 Dismissal - Friday, January 31, 2019

So that we can properly staff the Extended Day Program and prepare lunch on Friday January 31st, would you kindly complete the form below and return it to school.

If we do not receive this form by January 28th, we will assume that your child(ren) will not be attending after care and purchasing lunch. **Signing up for after care after this date will only be able to be done, if space is available.**

If you have any questions, please call the office.

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Please return to school by Tuesday, January 28th

Name(s): _____

Grade(s) of Children: _____

Extended Day Program Survey – Please check

Friday, January 31st

_____ Extended Day services needed

_____ My child(ren) will purchase school lunch

St. Pius X Crusader Dress Down Day



Friday, January 31st

Cost: \$2.00

**Show your school spirit by
wearing your SPXS
spirit wear or SPXS colors!**

(Appropriate dress for St. Pius X School is required.)

SAVE THE DATE

Father Daughter Dance

Gum drops, lollipops, candies galore.
A sweet game night is what St. Pius has in store!
Fathers and daughters come dressed sugary sweet
for a fun night in Candy Land!!



Saturday, February 8, 2020

5:30 - 8:00pm

St. Pius X School

More details to follow



SPXS Chorus Continues Wednesday 1-29

Open to Grades 2 through 8, the SPXS Choir will be performing at our spring concert in May, along with school masses and special events!

Previous events include:

- St. Pius Holly Tea
- Opening of the Sean Gannon Memorial Garden
- SPXS Christmas Concert
- SPXS Spring Concert
- May Crowning

Song choices include pop tunes, hymns, folk tunes, and show tunes.

Chorus takes place every Wednesday after school from 2:45 - 3:15.

The cost is \$5.00 per week.

Pick up from chorus will be at the front of the school.

Please email Ms. Perrault at jperrault@spxschool.org w/ any questions.



SPXS Junior Lego Club

For PreK – 2nd Grade Builders!!!
Come BE CREATIVE, BE CHALLENGED and BE READY to
have FUN building LEGOS!

Four Sessions:
Wednesdays, January 29th-February 26th
2:30-3:30pm at SPXS
no club February 19th
Cost: \$30
Limited to 20 students

*Please supply a snack and drink for your child
to have prior to club starting*
Pick up after club in back of school by cafeteria

Please send in below portion and check to front office payable to
"Friends of SPXS".

SPXS Junior LEGO Club

Name(s) : _____ Grade(s) : _____



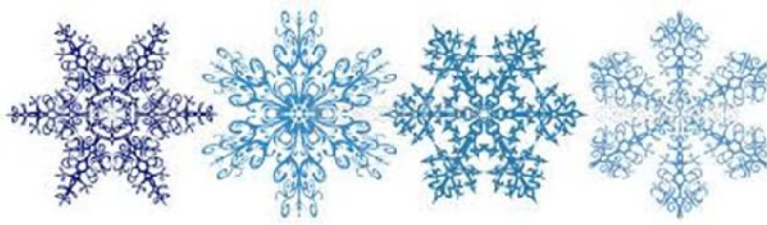
QUIZ BOWL

*If you like trivia competitions,
join the Middle School Quiz Bowl team!*

**The Quiz Bowl team meets in the Science Lab
on Friday afternoons from 2:15-3:00.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Abercrombie:

aabercrombie@spxschool.org



**The 11th Annual St. Pius X School
Winter Snow Ball**

Friday, February 28, 2020

6:00 – 8:30

at St. Pius X School

**Grade 6, 7 and 8 students from St. Pius X School,
St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School,
and 2019 St. Pius X School Alumni
are invited to attend.**

Cost is \$15.00

Includes entertainment, beverages and dessert.

Please RSVP to the school office at 508-398-6112 by February 14th.

Winter Snow Ball

Student Name: _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent Signature: _____

Contact numbers: _____



Middle School Snowball Dance

Dress Code

Girls:

Skirts/dresses should be finger-tip length.

No bare shoulders. Cardigans or shrugs may be worn.

Shoes should have a heel no higher than two inches.

Make-up should be minimal.

Boys:

Dress pants or chinos in an appropriate color (black, navy blue, tan).

Button-down shirt

Tie

Sport coats may be worn.

Students not adhering to the dress code will not be allowed into the dance. Phone calls will be made to the parent/guardian to bring an appropriate change of clothes or for the student to be picked up to go home.

Questions concerning the dress code can be made by contacting the school at 508-398-6112.

Scan your receipt on the Box Tops app for a chance to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for your school and a \$50 gift card for you!

Sweepstakes begins 1/1/20 and ends 2/28/20.



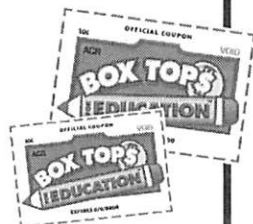


SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS CLIPS NOW!

Send any traditional Box Tops clips to school by

FEB. 27th

so they can be included in your school's spring check.



CLIPPING TIPS:

- Make sure your clips aren't expired.
- Remember, you can "double dip" during this packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your receipt!
- Send your clips to school on the attached collection sheet or in bundles of 50.

I ♥ MY SCHOOL[®] SWEEPSTAKES

5 schools will each win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops
ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AT BTFE.COM/LOVE

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. Sweepstakes begins on 02/03/20 at 12:00 am CST and ends 03/02/20 at 11:59 pm CST. Open only to legal residents of the US who are 18 years or older and who are members of the BTFE program at time of entry. To join, download the Box Tops App and support an eligible, enrolled school. To enter, scan a receipt within the App containing at least one eligible Box Tops product within 14 days of purchase by 3/02/20 at 11:59 pm. Standard data rates may apply. For official rules and alternate method of entry, visit www.btf.com/learn/sweepstakes/2020/i-love-my-school/official-rules. Sponsor: General Mills Sales, Inc. One General Mills Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth 10¢ for our school. Please be sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

