

# NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

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## March 3, 2021

Two of our Gr. 8 students won prizes in the Pro-Life Essay Contest with essays that spoke of the need to respect all life. Across the diocese they finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Middle School level! The students and limited family members are invited to a special Mass with Bishop da Cunha later this month, where they will read their essays. Congratulations go out to **Lillian Ghilardi** and **Julia Dunton**, our first and second place writers!

At our Faculty Meeting yesterday we discussed connections with families, and how this year has impacted that connection. Wanting to continue these connections, even from a distance, we

- are increasing efforts to enrich our social media presence, so parents have a sense of the normalcy that exists here, despite Covid. It's also a great way for prospective families to discover the richness of an SPXS experience.
- discussed how we can keep our school traditions alive and available for parents, and how to tweak some student experiences so they continue.

I'd also like to meet with parents/guardians by grade level, beginning next week, to provide updates, discuss areas of interest or concerns, and just catch up. I'll begin with Gr. 4 families. The challenges of Middle School are approaching quickly and will arrive before you know it! Look for a Zoom invite in your email. As our fifth graders introduction to Middle School was atypical, I would like to meet and hear from those parents/guardians next. Other grades will follow, and I look forward to seeing you!

We are taking baby steps towards our new normal. The first arrived yesterday, when it was announced students could once again sing in school- masks on, 10 ft. apart- but what a joyous sound!! The second step, today, when staff was informed the vaccine registry would open March 11 for school personnel brought a huge sigh of relief to all here. As I said, baby steps, but definite moves forward.

Following Feb. vacation, many more student were popping into and out of remote learning. A couple of reminders to all students and their families:

Remote is not a one-on-one with the teacher. Each teacher is teaching the entire class, while also working with those students learning from home. A student might need to wait a moment or two to speak with the teacher.

Just as in the classroom setting, students should not be calling out during instruction.

A remote learner is still in school and must be dressed properly, attend each class, and have the camera turned on.

Just remember, you might not be physically here, but you're still in school!

Next Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Paul will say Mass for the students. Mass will be celebrated in the chapel, and students will watch from classrooms. We greatly appreciate this Lenten opportunity. Thank you, Fr. Paul!



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### **REMINDER - NO SCHOOL**

School will **NOT** be in session on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

**Students will be dismissed at 11:30am on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on this day. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

### **GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY**

School will **NOT** be in session on **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **WINTER UNIFORMS**

The last day for winter uniforms is Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Regular dress code will be in effect from Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

*"Hope Springs Eternal..." ~ Alexander Pope*

This past year we have had to rely so much on HOPE and FAITH to carry us through these challenging times...and they sure HAVE, in countless ways! Who would have really thought we would SURPASS 100 days IN school? It is a true testament to the preparation, diligence, and dedication of Mrs. Dailey and the entire SPXS staff. Credit should also be given to our children for their adaptiveness, resiliency, and positivity through this very different school year.

It is with renewed hope for the next few months and the next school year that we will soon launch our next important fundraising effort to further support the school and the kids! The money is needed more than ever to help cover budget shortfalls, health and safety-related materials, technology enhancements, AND to plan for some FUN activities in 2021-2022!

**We are still the group where "FUNdraising and FUNraising meet" - we just need to do it with a little social distance and some technology!**

As we did last year, our Spring Fundraiser will be done entirely online. We know times are tough right now so we do not want to launch anything complicated or too burdensome for families. We are keeping this fundraising effort very SIMPLE and (hopefully) very FUN!

**We will be selling online raffle tickets for exciting prizes. Here is what you could win:**

**~\$1,000-worth of MA Lottery Tickets (courtesy of the Foran Family/Foran Realty)**

**~FREE Tuition for a YEAR!**

**~VIP SPXS "experiences" for your child/children (four winners to be drawn)**

**\*Principal for a Day**

**\*Gym Teacher for a Day**

**\*Declare a Day off From School**

**\*Front Row Seats at the 2021-2022 school events**

Raffle tickets will range from \$25-\$100. We will also offer the essential "Fund-A-Need" and some other donation options for those who are able to give a little more.

**If you are a business owner and are willing/able to partner with us, we would be so appreciative of sponsors for this year's effort so that we can reach more potential supporters and offer scholarships for families in need.** In recognition of our generous sponsors, we will post company names/logos on our fundraising campaign materials. Please contact Lori Boghdan ([l.boghdan@comcast.net](mailto:l.boghdan@comcast.net)) to discuss options.

Stay tuned for future updates on when/how this will all work. Everything will also be posted on the school website: <https://www.spxschool.org/> in the coming weeks.

**We have to stay physically apart but we can still come TOGETHER to support SPXS.  
I am CONFIDENT our "small but mighty" community will do just that!**

## **Study Hall Sign-Up: (Limit 15 students)**

Study Hall registration will take place on a weekly basis. Please indicate day(s) your Middle School student(s) will take advantage of Study Hall.

Pick-up is at 3:30 at the cafeteria door.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

Days Attending:

Check all that apply.

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

# *St. Patrick's Day* *Dress Down*

*Wednesday, March 17th*

*Cost: \$2.00*

*Wear: Green & White*

*Dress must be appropriate for St. Pius X School*

 **Happy**   
**St. Patrick's Day !**





**Please join us for a  
FRIENDS OF SPXS MEETING  
via ZOOM**

**Friday, March 19th at 9:00 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- *Enrichment and Events*
- *Fundraising – fall recap/update for spring*
- *Amazon Wishlists*
- *Next Year!*
- *Ideas, Suggestions, Feedback*

*Zoom Meeting Link:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9094934072?pwd=V21iNXpkdnhSOWlxQ0VhR2FmektuZz09>

*Meeting ID: 909 493 4072*

*Passcode: 417928*