

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

March 11, 2020



Be sure to vote for SPXS as the *Best of the Best!*

Go online, vote early, vote often, share with family and friends. We've made it to the final three- help us win in 2020!

<https://capecodtimes.gatehousecontests.com/2020-Capes-Best-of-the-Best/gallery/219999704/>

I am sending an **SOS** to all parents, guardians, or grandparents who might be able to assist with Lunch Duty. We have been sorely short of help lately- especially on Mondays, and can truly use, and would appreciate assistance. Plus, you get the added bonus of seeing your children during the day!

If you have never done it before, we have two experienced parents who will help train you! Please go to the Sign-Up Genius and join this amazing and essential group!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0448aaa723a57-stpius3>

The news of the week, **COVID-19**, has also been a focus at school. While continuing with our normal activities, and with the added excitement of the Lower School play approaching, we are keeping on top of CDC, MDPH, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and diocesan guidelines and directives. Some related materials are included today.

Today's updates:

The **8th Grade trip** to New York has been cancelled, unfortunately, per the directives from the Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts and the office of the Superintendent of the Diocese of Fall River. Students, though disappointed, were generally understanding, with some not at all surprised.

Beauty and the Beast, Jr. is still on, as of today, with the understanding that attendees should use discretion in considering attendance. Those who are sick, with comprised immune systems, or those who are elderly should consider waiting for the video version!

If anyone experiences work-related issues caused by the corona virus, with a subsequent impact on their income, please contact Mrs. Kostecki or me if it will affect your ability to make tuition payments.

In addition to COVID-19, the **flu** seems to have made its appearance here the past week. We have had three confirmed flu cases, as well as numerous students with flu-like symptoms. The majority have been in Gr. 5-6. We have taken steps to address this:

Middle School classes were cleaned and sanitized last Friday, when staff attended professional development.

The DPH was contacted about the illnesses, and Mrs. Agurkis has completed and submitted a flu survey to them for review.

Students and staff are being reminded to follow proper health-care procedures- washing hands, hands off face, coughing/sneezing into elbow, etc.

If your child is confirmed with a case of the flu, please let us know.



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2020 -2021 TUITION DEPOSIT

The \$250.00 deposit for the 2020-2021 school year was due on February 28th. If you haven't already done so, please send in your deposit immediately. Paying the deposit secures your child(ren)'s spot for the upcoming year.

WINTER UNIFORMS

The last day for winter uniforms was Thursday, March 5th. All students should be wearing the regular dress uniform from now through Friday, April 17th.

AFTER-CARE

Students attending after care are given one snack when they check in at 2:15pm. Please pack an additional snack if you feel your child needs one. Thank you.



15th Annual St. Pius X School Spring Celebration & Auction

Where FUNraising & FUNDraining meet!

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

6:00 PM TO 10:00PM

THE RIDGE CLUB ~ CLUBHOUSE

Please use "36 Race Lane in Sandwich, MA" for GPS directions.

Tickets \$95 per person

\$75 advance purchase option
(Before 4/1/2020)

Click Here to Purchase Tickets
<https://www.spxschool.org/auction/>

RSVP by May 1st

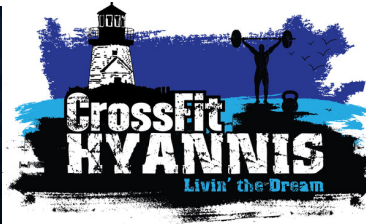
Entertainment and Dancing!

Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres,
Entrée Stations

Silent & Live Auctions, Fund-a-Need,
And FREE Tuition Raffle

Cocktail Attire suggested

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SPXS Spring Celebration & Auction Sponsors (so far):

Platinum Sponsors (\$1500)

JM Pazakis, Inc. Plumbing, Heating, HVAC (Pazakis Family)
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Gold Sponsors (\$1000)

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Laiza's Cleaning (Agostino Family)
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Bronze Sponsors (\$250)

Professional Physical Therapy
Cape Cod Appliance
Dr. Diane Todd, Optometrist
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank

Can we add YOUR name/business to this list?
Do you have an auction item to donate?

Please contact Lori Boghdan (l.boghdan@comcast.net)

All proceeds from this event benefit ALL OF THE KIDS! Your support is appreciated!

**St. Pius X School
Lower School Drama Club
presents**



**Friday, March 13th at 6:30pm and
Saturday, March 14th at 2:00pm
St. Pius X Parish Life Center**

Regular Seating: \$5.00 per ticket
**(Doors open Friday at 6:00pm and
Saturday at 1:30pm)**

**Concession items available for purchase
during Intermission**



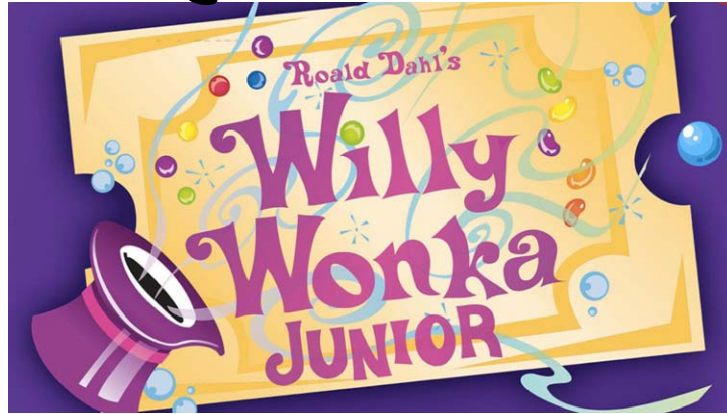
_____ Yes, I would like to purchase tickets to *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*

Family Name: _____

Friday, March 13th @ 6:30pm # of tickets _____ @ \$5.00 each

Saturday, March 14th @ 2:00pm # of tickets _____ @ \$5.00 each

St. Pius X School Middle School Drama Club presents



**Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm and
Saturday, April 4th at 2:00pm
St. Pius X Parish Life Center**

Regular Seating: \$5.00 per ticket

(Doors Open at 6:30pm on Friday and 1:30pm on Saturday)

**Concession items available for purchase
during Intermission**

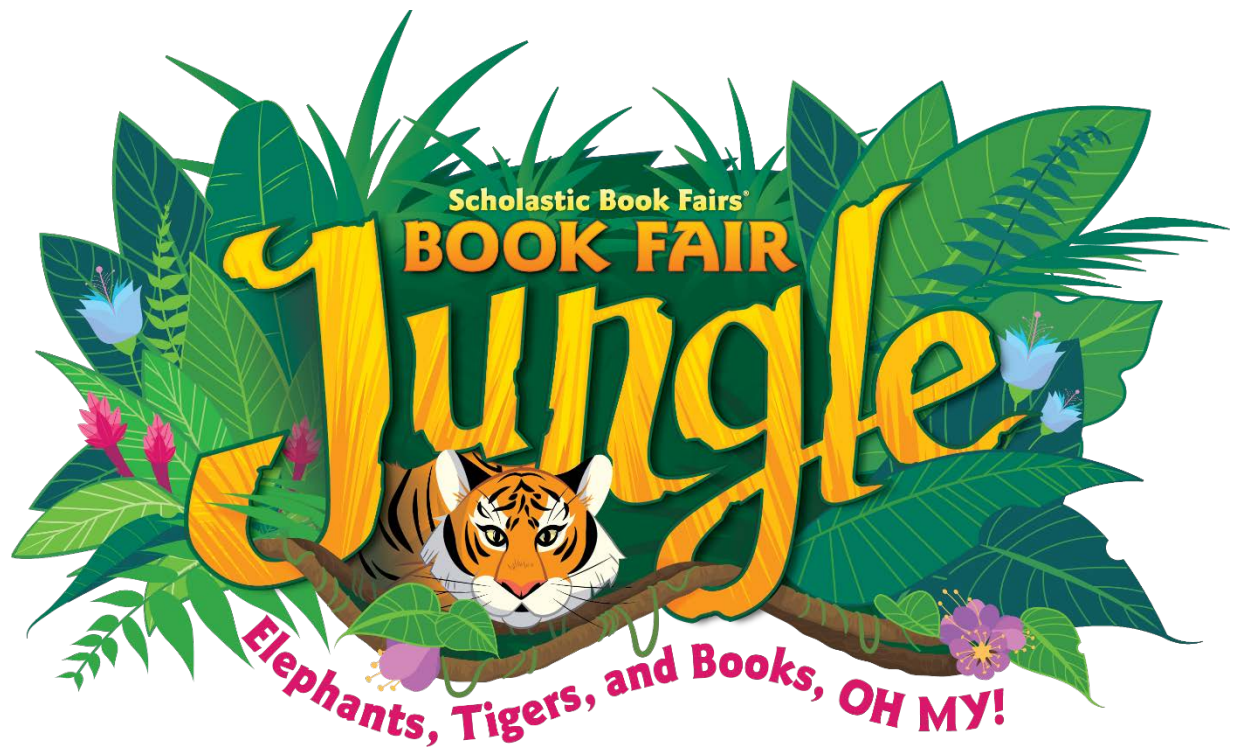


_____ Yes, I would like to purchase tickets to *Willy Wonka, Jr.*

Family Name: _____

Friday, April 3rd @ 7:00pm # of tickets _____ @ \$5.00 each

Saturday, April 4th @ 2:00pm # of tickets _____ @ \$5.00 each



THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Thursday, March 19

7:45-2:30

Friday, March 20

7:45-2:30

Each class (PreK - Grade 8) will have an opportunity to visit the *Scholastic Book Fair* and purchase books.

You may either send in cash or a check made out to SPXS. Parents, Guardians and Grand Friends are welcome to visit the *Scholastic Book Fair* as well.

Teachers will have Wish Baskets at the *Scholastic Book Fair* if you would like to purchase a book to donate to your child's classroom.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

If you would like to volunteer for the *Scholastic Book Fair*, please fill out and return the form below. Please include your phone number and email address.

Thank you! ~ Mrs. Abercrombie

Name: -----

Phone #: ----- Email:-----

Please circle your preferred date/time:

Thursday, March 19 morning OR afternoon

Friday, March 20 morning OR afternoon

St. Pius X School
5th Grade Class **FUNRAISER**

Thursday April 2, 2020

6:30 pm

B/SPOKE Cape House

1 Market Street

Mashpee, MA

Get your workout gear on, water bottle filled and join our SPXS Community at B/SPOKE Cape House for a 45 minute fun-filled R/DE with great music and an energetic vibe. All proceeds from this Charity R/DE will benefit the SPXS 5th Grade Class Seashore Trip to the National Seashore NEED Academy in May. After the R/DE enjoy some light refreshments and snacks, and socialize with parents and friends. Don't Miss Out on this **FUNRAISER**!

To sign up click link below:

www.spxschool.ejoinme.org/seashoretrip2020

*Towels & Spin Shoes Provided by the Studio

*Bring a Water Bottle

*Bikes will be Assigned by the Studio

Any Questions please contact Kathy Mayo @ krystalkate@aol.com





FRIENDS OF SPXS MEETING

Friday, March 27th at 8:00 AM

- *Event Recaps:*
 - *Catholic Schools Week, Father-Daughter Event, St. Patrick's Parade*
- *Event Planning*
 - *Mother-Son Event (5/2)*
 - *Teacher Appreciation Week (5/4-5/8)*
- *Spring Celebration & Auction (5/15)*
 - *Donations and Sponsors*
 - *Event Tickets and Raffles*
 - *Help needed!*
- *Enrichment offerings*
- *Box Tops*
- *Ideas, Suggestions, Feedback!*



Parish Easter Egg Hunt



On Easter Sunday, April 12th following the 9:00 AM Family Mass at St. Pius X Church, an Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the grounds of the Parish Life Center for children age 3 to Grade 3.

If you would like to have your child(ren) participate, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher. Tickets will be sent home by April 5th. Only those children who have a ticket will be admitted to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Any questions please call or email Mrs. Journet at 508-394-0709 or email stpiusxreled@comcast.net



One form per family

I would like my Child(ren), to attend and participate in the parish Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Please list all names and grade or ages each child.

Parent/Guardian

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

February 27, 2020

A new infectious disease known as COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. This viral infection has resulted in thousands of confirmed human infections, with the vast majority of cases in China. Other countries, including the United States, have identified a growing number of cases in people who have traveled to China. More recently, transmission has been noted in some countries that has not been directly linked to cases in China, indicating community-level transmission in some places.

How does coronavirus spread?

Coronaviruses are respiratory viruses and are generally spread through respiratory secretions (such as droplets from coughs and sneezes) of an infected person to another person. Information about how this novel coronavirus spreads is still limited.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

This coronavirus causes a respiratory (lung) infection. Symptoms of this infection include:

- fever
- coughing
- shortness of breath
- in severe cases, pneumonia (infection in the lungs).

While most people recover from this infection, some infections can lead to severe disease or death. Older people and those with pre-existing medical problems seem to have a greater risk for severe disease.

What are the treatments? Is there a vaccine?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19, other than supportive care and relief of symptoms. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect people from infection with the virus that causes COVID-19.

How can I protect myself?

Although risk to Massachusetts residents from COVID-19 is low, the same precautions to help prevent colds and the flu can help protect against other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Should I wear a mask when I go out in public?

The health risk to Massachusetts residents remains low and we are not recommending that people wear masks when they are in public. Masks can be useful to prevent someone who has a respiratory illness from spreading it to others but there is no hard evidence that wearing a mask protects the wearer outside of the healthcare setting.



How do you test a person for COVID-19?

Testing for the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 is only available through the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Any healthcare provider who suspects a person is infected with 2019 Novel Coronavirus should call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to discuss testing, at (617) 983-6800.

Should I be tested for COVID-19?

Only those who have been in a place where COVID-19 is occurring, or have had close contact with someone who has it, and are experiencing flu-like symptoms, should be tested.

What should I do if I have visited a place where COVID-19 is occurring or if I had close contact with someone who has it?

As of February 3, 2020, if you have been in China, or you have had close contact with someone who has the virus, you may be asked to avoid contact with other people ("quarantine"), depending on your likelihood of exposure. You should also:

- Monitor your health for 14 days after your last possible exposure.
- Watch for these signs and symptoms:
 - a. fever
 - b. coughing
 - c. shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Other early symptoms could be chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose.
- If you develop **any of these symptoms**, call your healthcare provider.
- Before going to your medical appointment, be sure to tell your healthcare provider about your possible exposure to COVID-19.

Where can I learn more about COVID-19?

For updated information, visit the DPH website: www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus.

More detailed information and additional guidance is available from the CDC at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

For questions

Contact your doctor, clinic, or local board of health (in the phonebook under Local Government).

Contact the DPH Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences at (617) 983-6800.



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HIGH TOUCH AREA CLEANING CHECKLIST

Routine cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas, along with frequent hand washing, are critical to stopping the spread of viruses and diseases

	CHAIR ARM RESTS, HANDLES & BACKS		PHONES
	COFFEE MACHINES & POTS		PODIUMS
	COUNTER TOPS		PRINTER/FAX MACHINES
	DESKTOPS		REFRIGERATOR HANDLES & DOORS
	DOOR GLASS		SINK FAUCETS & HANDLES
	DOOR HANDLES & EDGES		STAIR RAILS
	ELEVATOR BUTTONS & DOORS		STAPLERS & STAPLE REMOVERS
	EMPLOYEE CELL PHONES & WALKIE TALKIES		TABLETOPS
	KIOSK BUTTONS		TAPE DISPENSERS
	KEYBOARDS & MICE		TIME CLOCKS
	LIGHT SWITCHES		TOASTER OVENS
	MAILBOXES		TRASH RECEPTACLES
	MICROWAVES		VENDING MACHINES
	PAPER TOWEL DISPENSERS		WATER FOUNTAINS

DON'T OVERLOOK THESE COMMON GATHERING PLACES

BREAK ROOM AREAS (APPLIANCES, SINKS, CHAIRS & TABLES)	OPEN or SHARED WORKSPACES
CONFERENCE ROOM TABLES & CHAIRS	RESTROOMS (FLUSH HANDLES, TOILET PAPER DISPENSERS)

Keeping the workplace safe

Encourage your employees to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Be careful with meetings and travel



- Use videoconferencing for meetings when possible
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings
- Assess the risks of business travel

Handle food carefully



- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...



- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping the school safe

Encourage your faculty, staff, and students to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Consider rearranging large activities and gatherings



- Consider adjusting or postponing gatherings that mix between classes and grades
- Adjust after-school arrangements to avoid mixing between classes and grades
- When possible, hold classes outdoors or in open, well-ventilated spaces

Handle food carefully



- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...



- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to...

All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system

- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping commercial establishments safe

Encourage your employees and customers to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door, and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Promote tap and pay to limit handling of cash
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Avoid crowding



- Use booking and scheduling to stagger customer flow
- Use online transactions where possible
- Consider limiting attendance at larger gatherings

For transportation businesses, taxis, and ride shares



- Keep windows open when possible
- Increase ventilation
- Regularly disinfect surfaces

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