

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

May 20, 2020

Hello to all,

A Virtual **Fundraiser**, held during a pandemic, bringing in **\$53,000** seems totally implausible. But it happened at SPXS! Once again, thanks to all who sponsored, donated, participated, bought raffle tickets, and dreamed of winning the tuition raffle or all those lottery tickets! The entire St. Pius X School community sends its gratitude. Lori Boghdan successfully spearheaded this event, and was tenacious in her efforts for our students. The drawing for the two big raffles occurred last Friday, following our family pick-up day. Fr. Paul, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Abercrombie, and other staff members were present for the big drawing. The winners were:

Tuition for One Student for 2020-2021 Mrs. Dolores Boghdan

\$1000 in **Lottery Tickets**, donated by Mr. Foran Ms. Pamela Brown

Congratulations to each winner, and again, Many Thanks!

Tomorrow is **Ascension Thursday**. Though we will not have the opportunity to gather in St. Pius X Church for Mass on this holy day, we can join as Fr. Paul streams Mass from our school chapel. He will celebrate at 4:00 tomorrow afternoon. Please join in!

One May tradition that we regretfully missed out on this year was our annual **May Crowning**. Each year a seventh grader and a first grader lead the May procession to the grotto, where we pray and sing, to recognize Mary during the month of May. Leave it to Ms. Perrault to create and share a virtual May Crowning with all of us. Take a few minutes to appreciate the beautiful artwork of our students, and to celebrate Mary during this month. Thank you to Ms. Perrault. And yes, that is her lovely voice singing!

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/W3qG>

The Middle School teachers, recognizing that our **Gr. 8** students missed out on their actual trip to New York City, are providing some virtual opportunities for them to visit the next two days. While definitely not what was planned or expected, it will still provide its own unique memories for them. I hope they enjoy their “trip” to the Big Apple!

We are looking forward to our alternate graduation for Gr. 8. The **Class of 2020** will graduate on June 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., in a drive-up ceremony for the students and their families. Teachers have some other plans in place for them as they approach the big day, as well. It's not the typical Grade 8 year- but it's most definitely memorable!

A message to all students- I've seen many of you (and missed a number of you!) in classes this week. I know the novelty of distance learning is wearing off, and I know the weather is finally beautiful (I'd love to be at the beach right now!), but we are *still* in school. When you are in class- the teacher should see your smiling face. OK, maybe some of you aren't smile-ready at 9:00 in the morning but you need to be present, and be attentive. You also need to complete your work- it is still being graded! We have only three weeks left, but lots of work ahead. We can all make it! Everyone has done an incredible job, under difficult and unexpected circumstances, and I'm proud of you!

Our Pick-Up Day on Friday was a bittersweet experience, an emotional day for family and staff members, including myself. There were smiles, chatter, tears, and extended goodbyes as this marked the end of our anticipated, typical school year. Thank you to everyone for the SPXS generosity expressed on Friday. The images below show only a portion of what was donated! THANK YOU!



Please Read Below and Participate!
I thank Mr. Nick Corsi and Mrs. Carolyn Hietsch for this idea!

Hello SPXS Families,

As we continue our distance learning at SPXS, we are always looking for ways to keep our community connections strong, and so we have an at-home art project we hope you will work on with the students in your home.

The Spirit Rock at SPXS is used to spread joy throughout the school, all year long. We use the Spirit Rock to celebrate birthdays, welcome students back to school, to greet grandparents, to remember those who've made an impact on us, and much more. Now, we have a brand new way to use it to spread joy! It is going to become the centerpiece in a collection of mini spirit rocks made by our students. After we create our "spirit rock garden", our hope is that you'll visit during our time apart, when you need a smile. We can't wait to see the mini spirit rocks you create at home!

Supplies Needed:

- A Smooth Rock
- Acrylic Paint and Paintbrush and/or Acrylic Paint Pens
- A Waterproof Sealant or Waterproof Modge Podge(optional)

Directions:

- 1.) Head out into your yard, go to a local beach or to another outdoor location and find a smooth rock. It should fit in the palm of your hand. Not too big!
- 2.) Wash and dry your rock with soap and water.
- 3.) Paint the top of the rock one color. This will be your background, so pick a color you love! Let it dry.
- 4.) Add a drawing, quote, saying, or anything else you think will bring joy to others.
- 5.) Find a place on your rock to write your first name, current grade and "2020".
- 6.) After the paint is dry, seal your rock to protect it from the sun and rain.
- 7.) Drop it off at the Spirit Rock. If at any point you miss school or need a pick-me-up, stop by and read the messages and look at the beautiful art(without touching it!). We hope it will brighten your day!

Need a little inspiration or a little more info? This website has wonderful ideas, as well as tips and tricks!

<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>

If you are currently experiencing any financial concerns related to tuition, please reach out. We are happy to assist our school families.

God bless each of you, and stay safe!

Mrs. Dailey

A Message of appreciation from Lori Boghdan, on behalf of the Friends of SPXS

THANK YOU to every single one of you who supported the SPXS online fundraiser! The \$53k we raised was a collective effort of many people giving a little (and in some cases, a lot) to help us achieve this SUCCESS!

I want to thank the SPXS Celebration and Auction Team for the early months of planning before everything came to a screeching halt. It would have been a FANTASTIC PARTY! We had to pivot overnight (as was the case with so many things) and there was serious doubt over what, if anything, we could do for fundraising amidst a global pandemic. There was such disappointment over “what could have been” and so many UNKNOWNs. But one thing was certain.....we had to TRY to do something!! Giving up was not an option because financial support for the school, staff, and families was needed, more than ever.

So I humbly begged, cajoled, and probably tried your patience with all of the posts, emails, and reminders. THANK YOU for sticking with us and for your grace. THANK YOU for your “likes” and “shares,” for your kind messages, for your generous sponsorships, donations and purchases. THANK YOU for your support in countless ways. Ask my family, I did a little happy dance over EVERYTHING!

We need to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Amy Abercrombie and Patrick Foran (Foran Realty) for their incredible, unwavering support behind-the-scenes on a DAILY (multiple times a day) basis. We could NOT have done this without THEM!

Here is a breakdown of how we will use the money we raised:

\$25K for endowment payment #2 to the school (every year we donate \$50K)

\$15K in scholarship assistance for those experiencing economic hardship due to COVID-19

\$10K to subsidize the Upper Cape bus

The Friends of SPXS will provide additional funds for school/staff support, equipment and materials for fall, and additional scholarships, if needed.

It is not too late to contribute! We are still accepting Fund-A-Need donations for scholarships. And some items/packages are still available for purchase. Please see the attached “catalog” of offerings available on a first come, first served basis. Please also check out our list of sponsors and support their businesses, whenever possible. They stuck with us and we are GRATEFUL.

I am no longer wistful over “what could have been.” Instead, I am PROUD of what IS. The real reason to CELEBRATE is the SAME - the bonds of our SPXS community are STRONG and should be celebrated every day. I am THANKFUL to be part of this community and I am THANKFUL to so many of YOU for contributing to the success of this seemingly impossible task.

WE did this – virtually - but TOGETHER!

SPXS FUNDRAISER

Donated items/packages for sale at fixed prices!

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/springcelebration>

A Week's Vacation Anywhere in the U.S.

Choose from over 70 resorts around the country with one, two, or three bedroom accommodations! You choose your destination! You will work with the donor to find the perfect location and accommodations for your week's vacation anywhere! Travel must be before June 2021.

Donor: Gerald H. Stanney

Value: \$2,000.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$1,000.00

Wequasset Resort Signature Stay Package

Enjoy a 2-night stay for two in a Wequasset Resort Signature Room with breakfast daily. A prix fixe dinner for two at 28 Atlantic is included for one of the nights. Reservations are based on availability September 15th to November 30th, excluding holiday weekends.

Donor: Alton Chun, Wequassett Resort

Value: \$2,500.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$2,000.00

Wequasset Resort Soiree on the Bay

Tickets for "Soiree on the Bay" for 2 adults & up to 4 children. Every Monday in July & Aug.

Donor: Alton Chun, Wequassett Resort

Value: \$400.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$350.00

Dine Around Cape Cod

Gift certificates to four Cape Cod Restaurants (\$120 to Scargo Cafe, \$40 to Riverway Lobster House, \$25 to Giardino's Restaurant, and \$25 to Fishermen's View).

Donors: The restaurants listed

Value: \$210.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$150.00

Cape Cod Auto Spa Detailing

Full automotive detailing service for one vehicle.

Donors: Cape Cod Auto Spa

Value: \$225.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$200.00

Willowbend Country Club Foursome of Golf with Carts

One round of golf for four with carts. Monday-Wednesday after 11:00 for use Memorial Day through Labor Day (excluding holidays).

Donor: Willowbend Country Club

Value: \$700.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$400.00

The Ridge Club Foursome of Golf with Carts

Golf for four with carts valid Tuesday - Friday during the months of June, September, October or November on non-holidays and when space permits.

Donor: The Ridge Club

Value: \$700.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$400.00

Exclusive Oyster Harbors Sunset Boat Cruise

Relax and enjoy an evening on the harbor with a chartered Cocktail Sunset Cruise around Oyster Harbors in the three bays. This package is for six passengers to enjoy a two hour tour of the beautiful waterfront homes on Grand Island aboard the "Over the Moon," a 36ft. Little Harbor boat. Enjoy cocktails of your choice and light appetizers provided by the Jansens. After soaking in the beauty of the waterfront in Osterville head to the Chart Room in Osterville for dinner with a \$100 gift certificate. Available June - early September.

Donors: The Jansen Family and the Chart Room

Value: Priceless Guaranteed Purchase: \$800.00

Earth Shoes

The Earth Shoes brand offers modern wellness fashion that blends comfort and style! Look good, feel good, do good in a pair of EARTH SHOES.

Donor: Earth Shoes

Value: \$200.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$100.00

Cool Sculpting 2 Cycles w/ Deluxe Hydrafacial & VIP Membership

Two cycles of Cool Sculpting, Deluxe Hydrafacial, One Year VIP Membership to Cape Cod Aesthetics and MediSpa.

Donor: Cape Cod Aesthetics and MediSpa

Value: \$1,800.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$1,500.00

KRyan Photography Gift Certificate

Gift certificates for full outdoor family photography session and digital images (or any other lower-priced session).

Donor: KRyan Photography

Value: \$375.00 Guaranteed Purchase: \$300.00

Day off from School

Declare a Day Off From School on your terms! Give your child the power to give everyone the day off! Choose a day beginning or ending a weekend or vacation and declare “No School” for all. It’s yours to choose! Date to be mutually agreed upon with Mrs. Dailey and must be at the beginning or end of a weekend or vacation and determined before 8/1/2020.

Donor: Mrs. Dailey, SPXS Principal

Value: Priceless **Guaranteed Purchase:** \$750.00

In the Front Row - VIP Seating (8 people)

Don’t like waiting in lines to secure your seat? Do you want to be up close for that perfect photo opportunity? Then this package is for YOU! Front Row seating for 8 people to all of the 2020-2021 SPXS School Year events. (Christmas Concert, Christmas Pageant, Pre-K Christmas Pageant, Stations of the Cross, Lower School Play, Middle School Play, Spring Play, Grade 8 Graduation).

Donor: Friends of SPXS

Value: Priceless **Guaranteed Purchase:** \$2,000.00

A Seat on the Upper Cape School Bus

One seat on the Upper Cape School Bus. Your child will be secured a spot on the bus that travels to and from Mashpee to Yarmouth on a daily basis. A must for any Upper Cape family!

Donor: Mrs. Dailey, SPXS Principal

Value: \$900.00 **Guaranteed Purchase:** \$1,000.00

Spirit Rock Painting

Have you ever attempted to paint “the rock“ for your child’s special day, only to have it look like nothing you envisioned? Ben Monac, a Spirit Rock Painting Expert, will do it for you! The winning bidder will have a design consultation with Ben and then he will execute your vision. The rock will look spectacular, your child will be thrilled, and you will be proud of the finished product. Weather permitting (with no temps below 40) on a date that is mutually agreed upon between donor and winner.

Donor: Ben Monac

Value: Priceless **Guaranteed Purchase:** \$200.00

THANK YOU, SPXS Spring Fundraiser Sponsors

Platinum Sponsors (\$1500)

Foran Realty (Foran Family)
JM Pazakis, Inc. Plumbing, Heating, HVAC (Pazakis Family)
Cape Cod Cross Fit (Falkowski Family)

Gold Sponsors (\$1000)

Reinhart Painting (Reinhart Family)
Wequassett Resort and Golf Club (Chun Family)

Silver Sponsors (\$500)

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Dr. Woods Orthodontics
Bayview Real Estate (Brown Family)
Cataumet Boats (Hamel/Philbrick Family)
Vision Appraisals (Giannakoulis Family)
Hajjar-Robinson Family
Laiza's Cleaning (Agostini Family)
McPhee Associates (McPhee Family)
RogersGray (Robinson Family)
Campbell Construction (Campbell Family)

Bronze Sponsors (\$250)

Professional Physical Therapy
Cape Cod Appliance
Dr. Diane Todd, Optometrist (Todd Family)
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank
Chapin's Fish and Chips Restaurant (Mullen Family)

Class Donations (in lieu of auction baskets)

Pre-K Families
Kindergarten Families
2nd Grade Families
3rd Grade Families
4th Grade Families
5th Grade Families
6th Grade Families
8th Grade proceeds from Spirit Rock & the Snack Cart

More than ever, we extend our sincerest appreciation to these businesses and families!

The Yearbook is Coming!!!

The 2019-2020 Yearbook
is being published.

Don't miss out!

Cost: \$40.00
(payment must accompany order)

All grades are depicted in the yearbook.

Please order online via the below link.

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/yearbook2020>

Any questions - please email Mrs. Shaw at
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