

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

September 4, 2019

Our First Days Back!

We have experienced an energetic, positive beginning to the school year, including our first **Brunch** and first **Mass**. I thank all who attended Brunch, I congratulate Dan Dodge, winner of the door prize, and I express my gratitude to the many students and families who assisted. Many hands made the event successful!

Thank you to Fr. Paul for a beautiful Mass celebrating the start of a new year of growth, with a reminder to cherish the entire earth, our common home.

Curriculum Night for both Lower School and Middle School is next Wednesday, September 11th. Join us at 6:00 for an informative evening, where you can experience your child's educational journey for the 2019-2020 school year. We will begin in the cafeteria, then move on to classrooms. As part of the evening, Mrs. Abercrombie will offer a session for Gr. 4 parents, for any new parents, or as a refresher for returning parents on the **Parent Portal**. The Parent Portal is the site parents and guardians use to access student grades.

This Friday is **Sorting Day** for Gr. 5 and any new (or returning) students in Middle School. Students will learn which house will be their SPXS home through Grade 8. It's an event filled with excitement for the entire school!

Believe it or not, our **MAP Assessments** begin next week! Students in Grades 2-8 will complete these assessments. Sessions will be spread out from Sept. 9th - 27th, with each class completing three different tests: Math, Language Arts, and Reading. The assessments will be used to provide essential information related to your individual child's performance, your child's growth through the year, and the growth of each class in the subject areas covered. Help the assessment period progress smoothly by seeing that your child gets sleep and a good breakfast and is here each day on time!



September 4, 2019

REMINDER - CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, September 11th
Lower and Middle School Parents' Night
6:00pm St. Pius X School Cafeteria followed by classroom visits

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Study Hall – Daily (Monday – Thursday) from 2:30 – 3:30pm

Students in Grades 5 -8 may participate daily in supervised study hall beginning Monday, September 9th. The purpose of the study hall is for our students to have quiet time to study, to complete homework assignments, or school projects.

At 3:30 the students will either be dismissed out back for pick up or to the Extended Day Program.

REMINDER

Please return all “Back to School” paperwork by Friday, September 6th. This includes completing the online forms, the Family Handbook Contract, and the Computer System & Internet Acceptable Use Agreement, etc. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL

It is very important to arrive to school on time each day. Our doors open at 7:45 and all students must be in their classroom no later than 8:00am. This ensures that all students are here and ready to begin their day of learning without interruptions.

AFTER CARE

If your child regularly attends after care, please send in a t-shirt that can be worn while painting, etc.

St. Pius X School

Calendar 2019-2020

August 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

3 Days

August

20 New Staff Orientation
Diocese of Fall River

22 New Parent Orientation 5:00

26 Faculty Meeting

27 First Day of School

30 Labor Day Holiday begins -
Students not in session

September 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

20/23 Days

September

2 Labor Day -
Students not in session

9-27 MAP Testing

11 Lower & Middle School
Parent/Teacher Curriculum
Mtg. 6:00pm

October 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

22/45 Days

October

9 Interim Period Ends

10 School Photos

11 Our Lady of Aparecida Celebration

14 Columbus Day -
Students not in session

16 Interim Reports Issued

17 Parent / Teacher Conf.
11:30 Dismissal

18 Parent / Teacher Conf.
11:30 Dismissal

November 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

17/62 Days

November

1 All Saints Day

8 Grandparents Day

11 Veterans Day -
Students not in session

15 Professional Day -
Students not in session

18-22 ACRE Testing Gr. 5&8

22 Trimester Ends

27 11:30 Dismissal

28-29 Thanksgiving Recess

December 2019						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

15/77 Days

December

1 First Sunday of Advent

6 Report Cards Issued

11 Christmas Concert 9:00am

17 Pageant 6:30pm

20 11:30 Dismissal

25 Christmas

23-Jan 3 Winter Recess

January

1 New Year's Day -
Students not in session

6 School Reopens

6-24 MAP Testing

20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Students not in session

22 Interim Period Ends

29 Interim Reports Issued

31 Parent / Teacher Conf.
11:30 Dismissal

26-Feb. 1 Natl. Catholic Schools Wk.

January 2020						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

19/96 Days

February

3 Rosanna and Nico Sullivan Day
Students not in session

8 Father/Daughter Dance

17 President's Day

17-21 Winter Recess

26 Ash Wednesday

February 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

14/110 Days

March

6 Professional Day -
Students not in session

13 Trimester Ends

13-14 Lower School Play

20 Report Cards Issued

March 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

21/131 Days

April

3-4 Middle School Play

8 Living Stations of the Cross 12:30

9 Holy Thursday - 11:30 Dismissal

10 Good Friday -
Students not in session

12 Easter Sunday

20-24 Spring Recess

29 Interim Period Ends

April 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

16/147 Days

May

2 Mother/Son Event

4-8 Gr. 5 Trip to NEED Academy

6 Interim Reports Issued

15 SPXS Auction

21 Ascension Thursday

25 Memorial Day -
Students not in session

26-June 12 MAP Testing

May 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

20/167 Days

June

5 Grade 8 Graduation

24 Last Day of School*
Report Cards Issued

***Includes 5 extra days in the event of snow cancellations.**

June 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

18/185 Days

○ = Teachers only in session

□ = School not in session

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2019



St. Pius X School

September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Parish Brunch Hosted by grades K, 2 and 7	2 Labor Day No School	3 PreK Dismissal 12pm	4 Mass 9:30am St. Pius X Church (Full Dress Uniform to be worn) PreK Dismissal 12pm	5 PreK Dismissal 2:15	6 Middle School "House Sorting Day" PreK Dismissal 2:15	7
8	9 MAP Testing begins Middle School Study Hall Begins 2:15–3:30	10	11 Lower and Middle School Parents' Night 6:00pm—Cafeteria	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Friends Mtg. 8am	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 MAP Testing Ends	28
29	30	October 1	2	3	4	5



Grade 4 students must have an instrument by September 13th.

I recommend renting to buy an instrument instead of buying one. You can rent from Bedrossian Music. Grade 4 students may **NOT** choose drums as their instrument.

Please use the link below:

<https://bedrossianmusic.com/rentals/>

Instrument rentals can be purchased for a year.
\$99.00 for a flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone.
\$185.00 for a saxophone

Goulet Instrument rentals is another option.

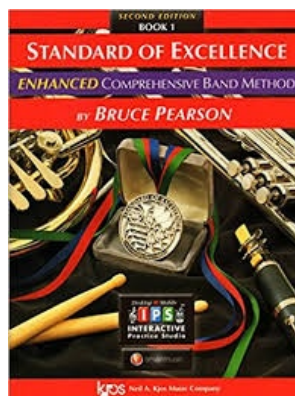
<http://gouletandco.com/instruments>

Their monthly cost is \$24.25 for most standard instruments. The Alto Saxophone is \$40.50 a month and an Euphonium (similar to a baritone) would be \$57.50 monthly.

If you would prefer something more local, please call Paul Weller at 1-781-582-1152. Prices vary per individual instrument. Call for more information

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Corey at rcorey@spxschool.org. If you are going to purchase an instrument from ebay, amazon, www.bw.com or anywhere else please contact Mr. Corey first.

One last thing, please make sure students purchase a standard of Excellence Book for their instrument.



Study Hall Snack Cart

Please support Grade 8 in reaching their fundraising goals towards their class trip!

Students may purchase a snack for \$1 during morning break or study hall. A wide variety will be offered on a daily basis. Stop by the Science Lab to check it out!





FRIENDS OF SPXS MEETING

Friday, September 20th at 8:00 AM

(SPXS cafeteria)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- *FRIENDS Board introductions (roles and responsibilities)*
- *Welcome to new families/mentor program*
- *Summer purchases/improvements/subsidies*
- *Enrichment offerings*
- *Upcoming Events*
 - *Clothesline SALE*
 - *Grandparent's Day 11/8 (Volunteers needed!)*
- *Committee Sign-ups*
- *Box Tops*
- *Ideas, Suggestions, Feedback!*

SPXS Fall Soccer Kindergarten and 1st Grade



Mondays, September 9th-October 21st
6 week program at the SPXS Field
(no soccer October 14th)

\$55/student

Limited to 20 students

Please sign up by Friday, September 6th.

All students **MUST** wear shin guards and bring a water bottle.
Please bring a labelled soccer ball if student has one,
otherwise soccer balls will be on the field.

**SPXS Athletic Release Form found in Wednesday Envelope must be signed
and returned to the office prior to program beginning.**

Send attached form with cash or check made payable to
"Friends of SPXS" to the school office.

SPXS Fall Soccer Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Student: _____ Grade: _____

SPXS Flag Football

Students Grades 2-4



Tuesdays, September 10th-October 8th
2:30-3:30
SPXS Field

\$55/student
Limited to 16 students
Please sign up by
Friday, September 6th

Students must have water bottle and mouth guard.
Students to wear athletic clothing and sneakers.

SPXS Athletic Release Form found in Wednesday Envelope must be signed and returned to the office prior to program beginning.

Send attached form with cash or check made payable to
"Friends of SPXS" to the school office.

SPXS Flag Football

Student: _____ Grade: _____

SPXS Lower School Golf Program

Students Grades 1-4



Join us at Blue Rock Golf Course

48 Todd Rd South Yarmouth

Thursdays, September 12th – October 10th

2:45 – 3:45

\$55/student (Limited to 16 students)

Please sign up by Friday, September 6th

If you have your own clubs, please bring them,
otherwise Blue Rock will provide them.

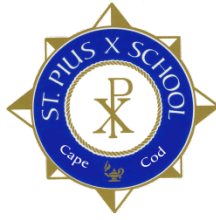
**** Parents must drive students to the course****

SPXS Athletic Release Form found in Wednesday Envelope must be signed and returned to the office prior to program beginning.

Send attached form with cash or check to the school office
made payable to Friends of SPXS.

SPXS Lower School Golf Program

Name: _____ Grade: _____



Diocese of Fall River
St. Pius X School
Voluntary Athletics/Extracurricular Programs
Parental Consent/Release Agreement

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____,
Name of Parent/Guardian *Name of Child*

in consideration of my request to allow this child the opportunity to participate in all middle school athletics/extracurricular activities for school year 2019-2020, agree to assume all responsibility associated with participation in the sport/activity. I have made the School aware of any medical condition of this child that may have an impact on his/her participation. I grant to the St. Pius X School, its agents, employees, and representatives my permission to seek emergency medical attention for this child if, in their judgment, such attention is warranted and I am not immediately available to grant such permission. I agree to be in all ways responsible for any and all expenses associated with any and all medical care furnished to this child.

I have instructed this child to adhere to all St. Pius X School rules, regulations, and instructions associated with participation in this sport/activity. I understand that failure to comply with any such rules, regulation or instruction may result in this child's exclusion from participation. I agree that I will be responsible for all property entrusted, issued to avail to this child and will be liable for the replacement of all such property.

I am aware of and accept the inherent risks of injury associated with participation in athletics/extracurricular activities, including but not limited to the risks associated with transportation to and from the event(s), the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis, or even death. I agree to release and hold the St. Pius X School and the Diocese of Fall River and their agents, employees, and representatives, forever harmless and indemnified against and from any and all liability, loss, damages, cost claims and/or classes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damages, and including any legal fees in defending such claim resulting from, arising out of, or during, or in any way connected with this child's participation in athletics/extracurricular activities. I also agree to release and hold the St. Pius X School and Diocese of Fall River and their agents, employees, and representatives forever harmless and indemnified against and from any and all claims of rights of action for damages which this child has or hereafter may acquire either before or after the child has reached majority including but not limited to bodily injuries and property damages, and including any legal fees in defending such claim, resulting from, arising out of, or during, or in any way connected with participation in athletics/extracurricular activities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Emergency Telephone Number(s) where Parent/Guardian can be contacted:

(1) _____ (2) _____

SPXS Lower School Drama

Gr. 2-4

Be Our Guest!!!



Auditions: Monday, Sept. 9

Time: 2:30 - 3:30PM

Where: Life Center

Auditioners: will be asked to sing a portion of “Be Our Guest.” If you are auditioning for Belle, you will be asked to sing a portion of “Something There”.

Roles Include:

Narrators	Cogsworth
Belle	Mrs. Potts
Maurice	Babette
Beast/Prince	Madame Bouche
Gaston	Chip
Lefou	Beggar Woman/Enchantress
Silly Girls	Monsieur D'Arque
Lumiere	Servants/Villagers

Break a Leg!



**CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!
WILLY WONKA, JR.
IS LOOKING FOR ACTORS, SINGERS,
DANCERS, ARTISTS, AND LEADERS!**

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in being a part of *Willy Wonka, Jr.* on Monday, September 9, 2019 2:30pm-3:30pm in the Music Room. This year we're not just looking for cast members, but anyone who would like to be involved in set design and stage crew as well. Audition pieces, the schedule, and cast & crew descriptions will be handed out.

**Don't miss your chance to be a part of this
incredible show!**



SPIRIT ROCK

RENT YOUR DAY

Help the 8th Grade raise money for their class trip.

Do you want to say “Happy Birthday” in a unique way?

Reservations may be made to paint **the front of the rock** for \$15.00 per day. You may also reserve and pay for multiple days in succession. Step by step instructions on reserving the rock are provided on the Sign Up Genius web page.

Please remember that you may only paint the front of the rock.

Just click on the link below and reserve your day!!

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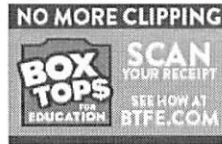


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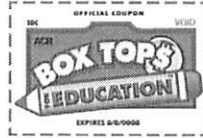
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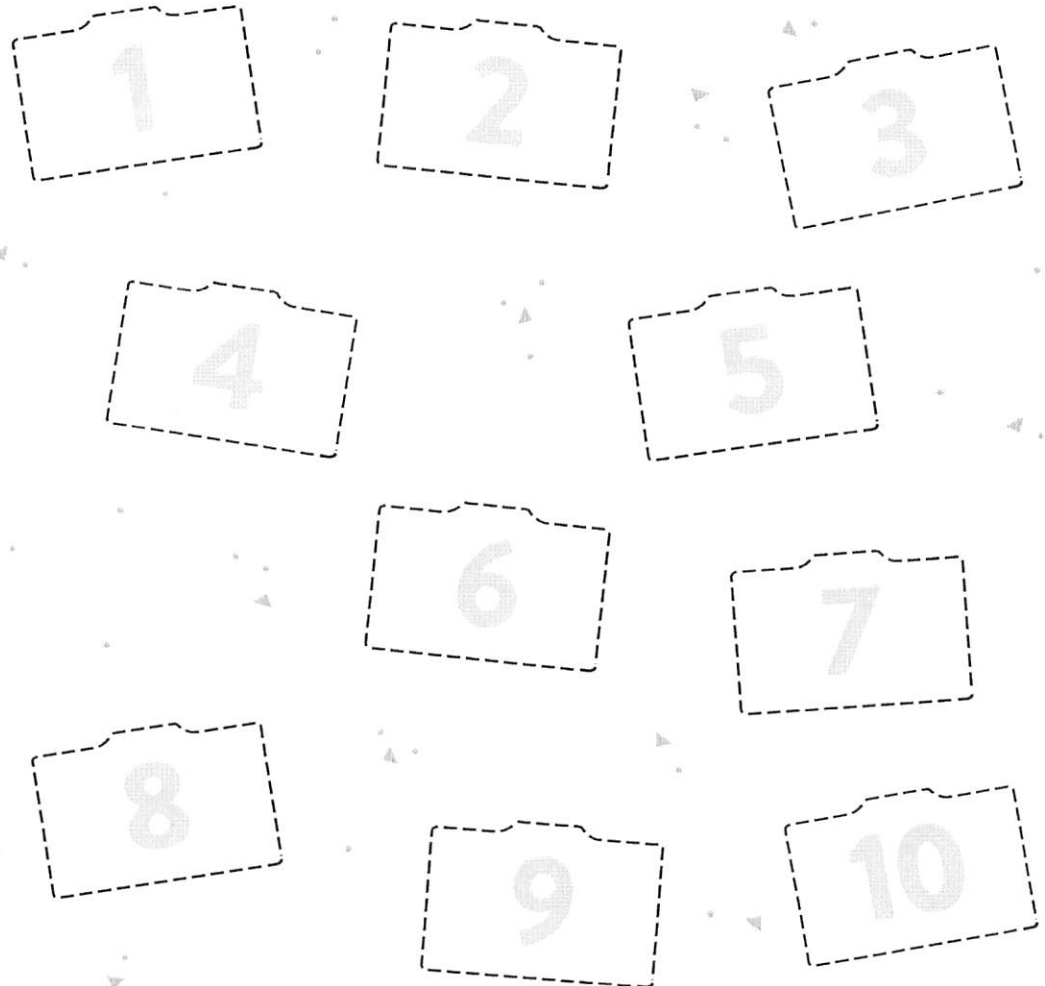
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

FREE CLASSES

Levels: Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced

Registration for the Fall Classes 2019

Registration will be held on the following days:

➤ **Where: Catholic Social Services**

261 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

➤ **When: from September 9 to September 12**

● Monday:

September 9, 2019, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

● Tuesday:

September 10, 2019, from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM

● Wednesday:

September 11, 2019, from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM

● Thursday:

September 12, 2019, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

➤ **Please, choose **one** of the class schedule options:**

○ daytime classes: from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

○ evening classes: from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM