

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

September 18, 2019

September is Flying By!

Seeing parents and guardians at our **Curriculum Night** was most inspiring- it's always an evening we anticipate, and which proves valuable for our partnership. Thank you to all, and to those who committed to our Gifting Program. Every gift is meaningful for our students.

Changes in the Business Office and Gr. 1. Mrs. Kostecki will assume her new role as Business Manager next Tuesday. Our Grade 1 assistant teacher position will be filled by two already-familiar faces. Mrs. Tenley Heleen, former Kindergarten assistant and Mrs. Janet Quinn, our After-Care Coordinator, will work with Mrs. Quirk. Mrs. Heleen will be in Grade 1 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mrs. Quinn will cover Tuesday and Thursday.

As we make this transition, I express my gratitude to **Mr. Mark Quinn**, our Advisory Board chair for his valuable assistance with this transition.

A note about **dismissals**... this week we've had some confusion at dismissal time as parents or guardians have called in a dismissal change, and then a student has texted a parent and made another plan. This causes a slowdown for all, as we locate the student who is missing from the dismissal location previously communicated to Mrs. Shaw.

Students should not be texting from their phones at all- unless it's after school hours. Any dismissal changes need to be made through the office, so we know where each student is, Your assistance will help dismissal flow smoothly.

St. Pius X Parish and St. Pius X School will participate in

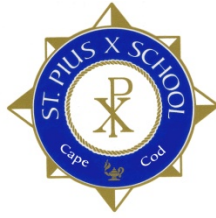
A Faith-Based Cape Cod Call to Climate Action on Friday September 20, 2019.

All faith-based communities, churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and Quakers, are being asked to ring bells or other musical instruments at 11 AM, for eleven minutes on Friday, September 20th. This action symbolizes our unified support of the students as they are empowered to participate and create their own climate actions across the Cape.

This synchronized message is simple but powerful. For centuries bells and other musical instruments have been used to call the faithful to worship or to warn of disasters. The 11th hour, “the latest possible time before it is too late”, signifies it is time to stop what we are doing, recognize the climate emergency, and demand that we as a society respond accordingly.

This call is motivated by the efforts of Greta Thunberg. She is a 16 year old Swedish student and founder of FridaysForFuture.org. This student led organization is calling for worldwide climate actions on and strikes on 9/20 to motivate governments and their populace to act now on the Climate Emergency.

Though Christmas is still about 100 days off, we’re thinking Christmas Calendars already! I’d like to congratulate the winners of the **Christmas Raffle Calendar Design Contest**. Our Lower School design, created by **Parker Philbrick** (Gr. 3) depicts a beautiful and peaceful Nativity. The Middle School winner, **Ava Todd** (Gr. 6), incorporated many colorful aspects of Christmas into her unique rendering. Congratulations to both of you!



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REMINDER
BACK TO SCHOOL PAPERWORK

If you have not completed the online forms, please do so immediately. If you would like to be included in the Family Directory you must complete the online Directory form by Friday, September 20th.

MORNING DROP – OFF PROCEDURES

It is important for the students to get acclimated with the daily routine of car line or car pool. All cars should enter by Wood Road and depart by way of Barbara Street. When you are dropping off in the morning you may use either line for drop-off.

If you are dropping off out front and the driveway is full of cars/buses you must form a line in the parking lot behind the Parish Life Center. Cars should not be lined up on the street leading to Wood Road. Once vehicles begin moving then you may proceed to the front of the building for drop off.

Once you pull up, please have your child(ren) wait until a staff member opens your vehicle door before they exit. For the children's safety we do not want children running up the front side walk. Be certain the cars in front of you have exited the drop off area before you pull away; do not pull around and pass other vehicles. Also, please do not drop your child(ren) off in the parking lots adjacent to the school. Please pull up out front so that he/she may come to the front door.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - PLEASE NOTE DATES

Individual and Class photos will be taken on Thursday, October 10th for all students in PreK - Grade 8. (Photo order envelopes will be sent home in the next few weeks.)

Students ARE REQUIRED to wear their Traditional Dress Uniform including their sweater on Portrait Day and for their Class Photo.

EXTENDED DAY TELEPHONE NUMBER

We have a new telephone number to reach the Extended Day Program after regular school hours. The number is 774-212-3082.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please note that effective Tuesday, October 15th, students are no longer able to wear the Summer Uniform. The listing of the Standard Uniform can be found below. The polo shirt may continue to be worn as part of the Physical Education uniform. An additional note regarding the Physical Education uniform; as we move into cooler months, the windpant or sweatpant must be worn over the mesh shorts during classroom time. During Physical Education class, the windpant or sweatpant may be removed.

Please note that to keep consistency in our dress code; all uniform purchases must be made through the uniform company and not from other vendors including department stores.

STANDARD REQUIRED UNIFORM

GRADES 5-8		
Boys	Trousers	khaki
	Shirts	White or light blue oxford button down, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Ties	official school tie
Girls	Kilts	navy or black watch plaid of modest length
	Shirts	white or light blue oxford button down, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Socks	navy knee length
	Tights	navy
Boys and Girls	Shoes	navy, black or brown non-marking of a modest style (Docksiders© and Merrell© Jungle Moc style acceptable)

GRADES K-4		
Boys	Trousers	navy pants
	Shirts	white oxford button down, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Socks	navy
	Ties	official school tie
Girls	Plaid Jumpers	
	Blouses	white round collar, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy cardigan with school logo
	Socks	navy knee length or white anklets
	Tights	navy
Boys and Girls	Shoes	navy, black or brown non-marking shoes of a modest style (Docksiders© and Merrell© Jungle Moc acceptable)



Pre-Kindergarten students must wear the following items:

PRE-K		
Boys	Pants	navy pants
	Shirt	light blue polo with school logo - long or short sleeve
Girls	Pants	navy pants
	Shirt	light blue polo with school logo - long or short sleeve
	Plaid Jumper or Navy Skort	
	Blouses	white round collar, long or short sleeve

From the School Nurse



What is Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

EEE is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus, spread through the bite of an infected mosquito.

What are the symptoms of EEE

Fever (often 103- 106F), stiff neck, headache, lethargy. Inflammation/swelling of the brain, called encephalitis, is the most dangerous and frequent serious complication.

What is the treatment for EEE

There is no treatment for EEE.

How to protect yourself and your family

Schedule outdoor activities to **avoid the hour between dusk and dawn**, when mosquitoes are most active.

Wear **long pants, long sleeved shirt and socks** when outside.

Use **repellent with DEET** (do not use on infants under 2 months), with concentrations of 30% or less on children.

Remove areas of standing water around your home.

Learn more at <https://www.mass.gov/mosquito-borne-diseases>



SPXS Back to School Dance

Who: Students in Grades 5 – 8

Where: St. Pius X School

When: Friday, September 20, 2019

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Ticket Cost: \$12 Per Student or \$20 Per Family

What to Wear:

Boys: Polo, Khaki Shorts/Pants

Girls: Sundress or Capri Pants, Sandals (No Heels)

If Possible, Wear School Colors (Blue & White)

Beverages and Treats Will Be Served

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Back to School Dance

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent Signature: _____

Payment Enclosed : _____ **Pay at the Door:** _____



SPXS Chorus Begins Wednesday

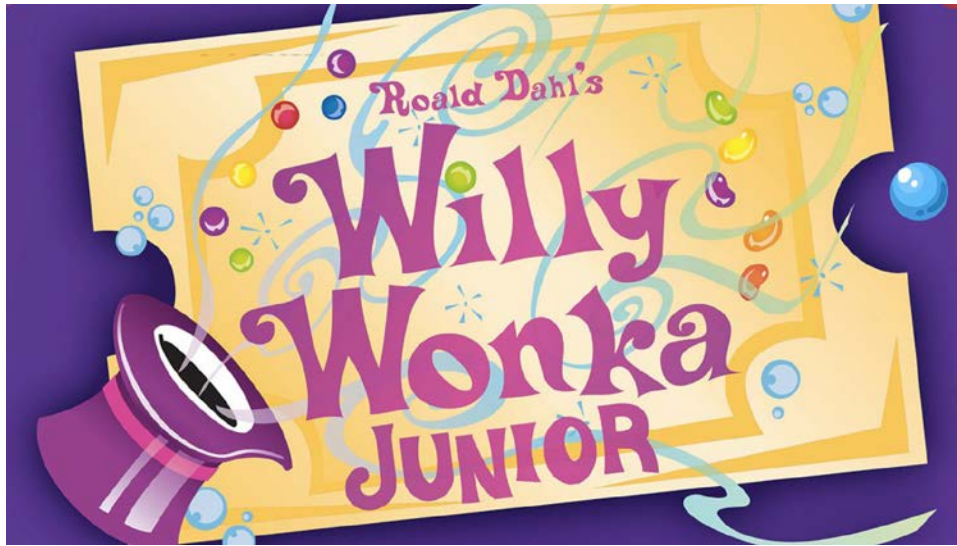
Open to Grades 2 through 8, the SPXS Choir performs at multiple events throughout the year.

Previous events include:

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

Songs include current pop tunes, mixed in with more traditional hymns, folk tunes, and show tunes.

Chorus takes place every Wednesday after school from 2:30 - 3:15. The cost is \$5.00 per week. Please email Ms. Perrault by Friday to sign up! jperrault@spxschool.org.



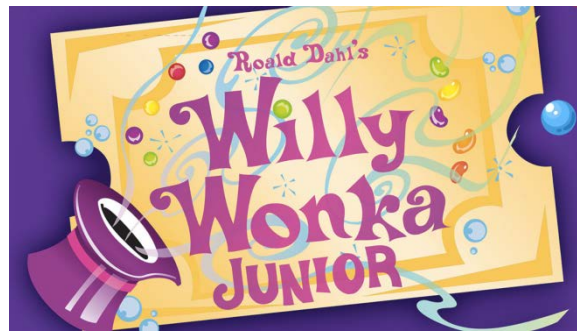
Congratulations Cast of Willy Wonka Jr. 2020!

There were so many **AWESOME** auditions this year that narrowing down the parts was an **EXTREMELY** difficult task!

Thank you for the hard work you put in to preparing. Not everyone got the part they auditioned for, but know that all of the parts in this show are vital to the performance! If you have any questions about your role, please talk to
Mr. Corey or Mrs. Slowek.

Our first rehearsal will be mandatory for the **FULL CAST** on Monday, September 23th 2:30-4:30pm. We will be doing a full read through of the show. Please highlight your scripts ahead of time.

We are so excited to see what you each bring to your role!



Willy Wonka.....	Isabella Kostecki
Understudy.....	To be Determined
Charlie Bucket.....	Leah McManus
Understudy.....	Michaela Renzi
Grandpa Joe.....	Bobby Plumb
Understudy.....	Charlie Jordan
Mr. Bucket.....	Lily Walker
Mrs. Bucket.....	Victoria Coholon
Grandma Josephine.....	Addison LaCava
Grandma Georgina.....	Ava Powell
Grandpa George.....	Charlie Jordan
Phineous Trout.....	Bella Dunn
Augustus Gloop.....	Molly St. Jean
Understudy.....	Ivet Nankova
Mrs. Gloop.....	Maya O'Mahony
Understudy.....	Ava Powell
Mike Teavee.....	Elisabeth Silva
Understudy.....	Jeremy Valesquez
Ms. Teavee.....	Maria Herrera
Understudy.....	Addison LaCava
Violet Beauregarde.....	Ashley Molinari
Understudy.....	Grace Walker
Mrs. Beauregarde.....	Victoria Imad
Veruca Salt.....	Marlo Jumper
Understudy.....	Kaylee Baril
Mr. Salt.....	Cameron Shaw
James.....	Jeremy Valesquez
Matilda.....	Michaela Renzi
Oompa Loompa 1.....	Ava Todd
Oompa Loompa 2.....	Sophie Zontini
Oompa Loompa 3.....	Grace Walker
Oompa Loompa 4.....	Kaylee Baril
Oompa Loompa 5.....	Ivet Nankova
Ensemble.....	Raylee Perry, Bianca Imad, Alexandra Imad, Stephen Kilty, Christopher Kilty, Lilly Ghilardi, Olivia Arden



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 PARENT SOCIAL

Thursday, October 24th

6:30-9 PM

Riverway Lobster House Restaurant

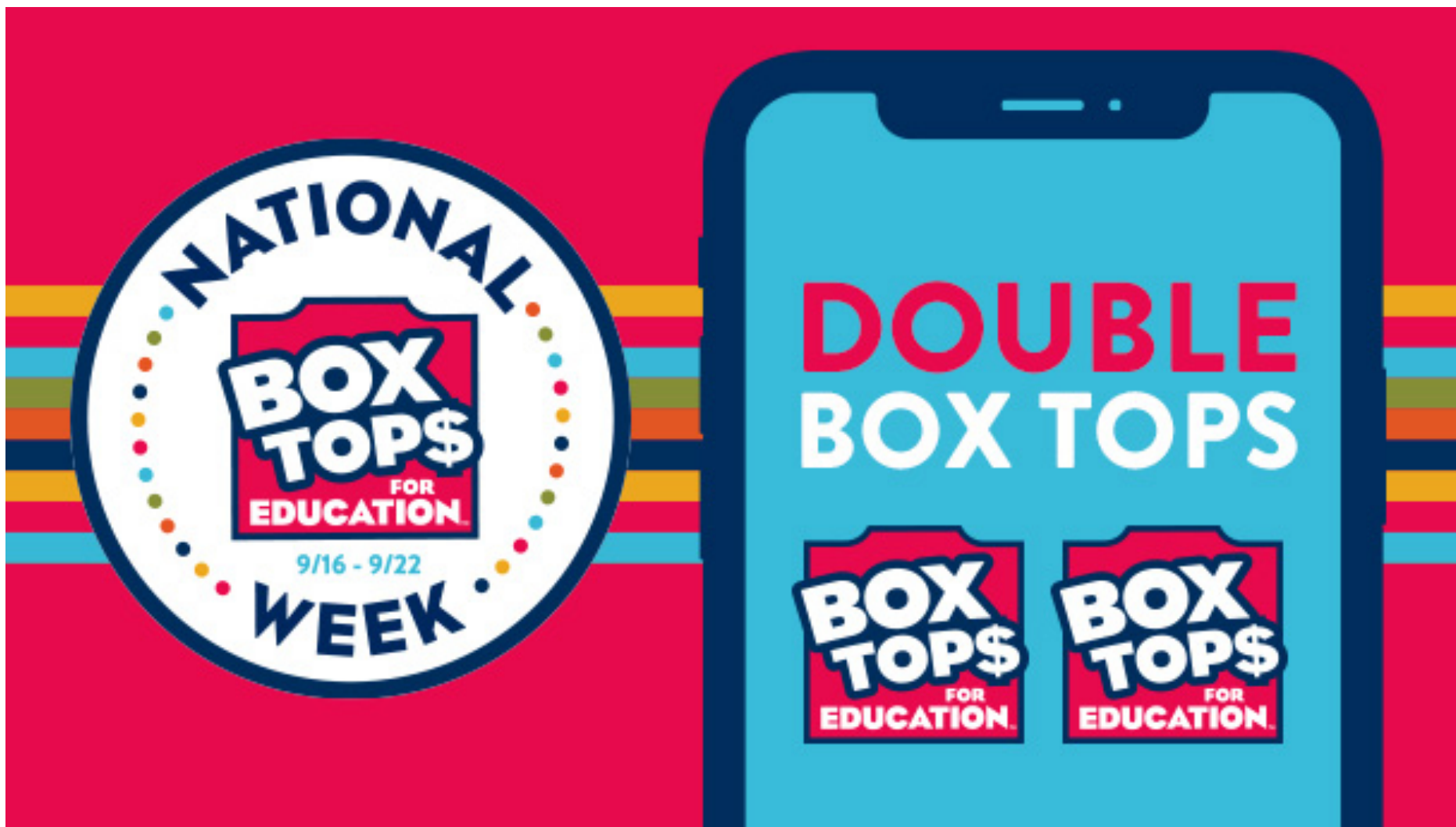
1338 Route 28 in South Yarmouth

Please join us for a casual social event to kick-off the school year! Come visit with old friends and make new ones! The price is \$25 per person for a light dinner buffet. A cash bar will be available for beverages.

This adults-only event is sponsored by the Friends of SPXS. If you have questions, please call Lori Boghdan at (508) 509-2869.

Please sign-up online with this link

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/2019ParentSocial/tabid/1000773/Default.aspx>



This week only earn an additional Box Top on every Box Tops participating product. To earn simply purchase by 9/22/19 and scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



The Cape Symphony is inviting students and their families to their **Open Rehearsal on Friday, September 20th at 7:30pm at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center.** They'll be running through their concert program in front of an audience before opening night. Please contact Kyle Spraker if you plan on attending!

Typically, Jung-Ho and musicians of the orchestra will come out and chat with folks who attend so it can be a lot of fun and very educational.

The Symphony be hosting more of these events in the future, so keep an eye out! Updates can be found at: [Tix4music](#)

The next open rehearsal will be on **Nov. 1st** at the same time/location.

PS- The Youth Orchestra is continuing our open rehearsals throughout the season so that students don't miss out on the opportunity!

-Kyle

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Kyle Spraker  
Director of Community Outreach and Education

Phone: 508.362.2772 x306



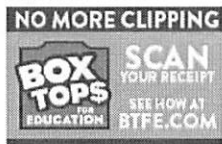


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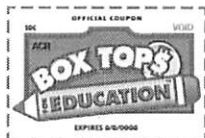
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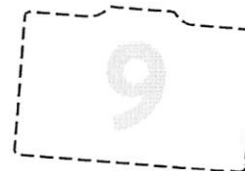
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Is it important to you that your child learns **timeless values** such as **honesty, trustworthiness, and respect** for others?

*The skills and values your son or daughter learns through Scouting can be applied to every activity he or she participates in throughout their life and will benefit the entire family.*

**All boys and girls in grades K-4 are invited to join:**

## **Cub Scout Pack 59**

Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 6pm  
St Pius X Religious Education Building  
94 Station Ave, South Yarmouth  
email: [cubmaster@capecodpack59.org](mailto:cubmaster@capecodpack59.org)



**Scouting builds character by teaching confidence and self-reliance and promoting positive role models as your child grows and develops. The program works *with* your family schedule so your child can enjoy sports and other activities while being enrolled in Cub Scouts!**

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[www.beAscout.org](http://www.beAscout.org)



# 2019–2020 School Year **Hands-on STEM Programs**



All STEM programs will be at the Osterville Village Library, 43 Wianno Ave, Osterville, MA. Class size is limited to 12 students per program. Please pack a snack, drink, and lunch.

## **Beginner Coders –Part 2**

This workshop is for students with some [code.org](http://code.org) experience.

We will use fun coding and game challenges in [code.org](http://code.org) to bring your skills to the next level! Concepts used include coding, debugging, functions, and loops while building fun games. Strengthen your soft skills in problem-solving, creativity, persistence, communication, and teamwork. Six hours of fun!

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Grades: 5–6 with prior [code.org](http://code.org) experience**

**Fee: \$68**

## **Designing Solutions for Real-World Problems**

*Think, solve, design, make!*

Social engineering is an emerging field requiring people from all backgrounds to work together and solve problems. You will use the design-thinking process to become social engineers, and then design solutions to authentic problems in your home, school, or community. Join the fun developing an idea, building a low-tech prototype, and completing a working prototype. Six hours of fun!

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Grades: 5–7**

**Fee: \$75 (Includes materials)**

## **Science and Engineering Wonder Lab**

Magnetic field force magic, floating orbs, splitting sunbeams, balloon powered cars, springing catapults, and more! Experience a fun winter day full of hands-on science, engineering activities, and engaging projects! Six hours of fun!

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am – 3:15 pm**

**Grades: 4–6**

**Fee: \$75 (Includes materials)**

## **Whole Lot a' Machines**

Unhinge the inner engineer in you! Join in the fun day using a wide range of materials to design, build, and learn about machines! You will build mini-bridges, gliders, trebuchets, and have fun in a grand finale challenge. Six hours of fun!

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Grades: 4–6**

**Fee: \$75 (Includes materials)**

## **It's All About Towers**

*It's going to be a tower-crazy day!*

Join the fun as we use many different materials to see who can build the tallest or strongest towers! Projects include cup-stacking, toothpick, spaghetti, and tennis ball towers; plus, enter the end-of-day team challenge designing and building a tower made of newspaper! Six hours of fun!

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Grades: 4–6**

**Fee: \$75 (Includes materials)**

## **Invention Camp**

*February Vacation Camp*

Unleash your creative, inventive, and imaginative senses during this two-day Invention Camp! We will use raw materials, the Makey Makey electronic invention kit, and do some coding using Scratch to make all inventions. You will design no-tech, low-tech, and high-tech mazes during the Amazing Mazes activity. You will build musical Playdough keyboards! Yes, keyboards that play musical sounds using Playdough! Bring out your creative side, making interactive artwork and then applying coding to your artwork with Scratch to create silly things! You will invent working Rube Goldberg game controllers using everyday materials like bananas or Playdough! Twelve hours of fun!

**Thursday and Friday**

**February 20 & 21, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Grades: 5–6**

**Fee: \$144 (Includes materials)**

## **Beginner Coders**

*Back by popular demand! April Vacation Camp*

Start early building skills in coding, sequencing, debugging, loops, and conditionals while having fun building games and completing challenges. Learn to think like a computer plus develop soft skills in problem solving, creativity, persistence, communication, and teamwork. Eighteen hours of fun!

**Tuesday through Thursday**

**April 21–23, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Grades: 4–6**

**Fee: \$179**

## **REGISTRATION**

Register online using PayPal or credit card via [juniortech.org/stem-programs/current-offerings/](http://juniortech.org/stem-programs/current-offerings/).

For space availability if paying by check call (774) 994-2097. [juniortech.org](http://juniortech.org) | [info@juniortech.org](mailto:info@juniortech.org)

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