

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



September 28, 2022

LEIGHTON and HADLEY PUZIO *PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY*

On October 14th, these two young ladies are taking over in my office. What do they have planned?? Wait and see!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please see the attached notice regarding Parent-Teacher Conferences, which are coming next month. Once those are returned, teachers will collaborate on the schedule for Lower School students. Your appointment times will be sent home next week. Once those appointments are scheduled, the Middle School will send a Sign-Up Genius, and you can sign up for appointments with the teacher(s) you'd like to see, at time(s) that work for you.

LUNCH

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the parents who have already had the chance to help at lunchtime. The look of joy on a child's face when (s)he sees their parent helping is priceless! So is the opportunity for you to see your own child. Join the fun!

<https://www.spxschool.org/lunch-duty/>

COVID

Yes, I still need to talk about this...unfortunately, it's still hanging on. Please check the **COVID: August 15, 2022, Overview** for school guidelines, which are much relaxed, but not GONE. Thank you to those who have followed these recommendations. Covid testing and informing the school of a child's Covid status shows your consideration and respect for the entire community. Also be certain to check Nurse Annie's note regarding Covid and a return to athletics.

A DAY FOR COMMUNITY, PRAYER, and REFLECTION

Due to the efforts of **Mrs. Welch** and **Mrs. Goulet**, and the assistance of the entire Middle School team, our Middle School students participated in an all-day retreat yesterday. Thank you to all who assisted and participated!

Help Move Cars Along!

Dismissal will move more quickly if you have a large sign with your family name in the windshield. The name should be visible from a distance, so a staff member can read it and more quickly call your name into the office. Thanks for your assistance!

To Learn, to Grow, to Lead



September 28, 2022

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Thursday, September 29th for a Staff Professional Day. **The Extended Day Program will be available on this day.** School lunch **will not** be served so students attending the aftercare program will need to bring a lunch from home.

COLUMBUS DAY

School will **NOT** be in session on Monday, October 10th in observation of Columbus Day.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Thursday, October 20th and on Friday, October 21st for Parent-Teacher Conferences. **The Extended Day Program will be available on both days.** School lunch **will not** be served on these days. Students attending the aftercare program on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st will need to bring lunch from home. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will pick up students and depart from school at 11:30am.

CALENDAR CHANGES - THANKSGIVING RECESS

Tuesday, November 22nd - Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on Tuesday, November 22nd. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

School will **NOT** be in session on Wednesday, November 23rd, Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please note that effective Tuesday, October 11th, 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 sweat pant must be worn over the mesh shorts during classroom time. During Physical Education class, the sweat pant 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



St. Pius X School

October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Staff Meeting 2:30 <u>NO</u> Study Hall	5	6 Uniform Sale 8-10:30 and 1:30-2:45 Last Day for Summer Uniforms	7 Mass 9:30am St. Pius X Church (Full Dress Uniform for Mass)	8
9	10 Columbus Day School <u>Not</u> In Session	11 First Day for Standard Dress Uniform	12 Our Lady of Aparecida Celebration 1pm Interim Period Ends	13	14 Leighton and Hadley Puzio Principal for the Day!	15
16	17	18	19 Interim Reports Issued	20 11:30 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences Aftercare Available No Lunch Served	21 11:30 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences Aftercare Available No Lunch Served	22
23	24	25	26	27 Professional Day 11:30 Dismissal Aftercare Available No Lunch Served	28 Middle School Halloween Dance—Details to follow	29
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Parent-Teacher Lower School Conferences

A vital part of the education of your child/ren is parent-teacher communication. Would you kindly complete the form below and return it to school by **Monday, October 3rd**. The conferences are scheduled in fifteen minute intervals. Teachers will do their best to schedule conferences in succession if there is more than one student attending St. Pius X School.

If we do not receive this form by October 3rd, we will assume that you do not have a time preference. The time and date of your conference(s) will be sent to you on Wednesday, October 12th.

Extended Day Program

The Extended Day Program will be held during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Students must be signed up in advance to attend the Extended Day Program on October 20th and October 21st. Please complete the enrollment below.

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Please return to school by Monday, October 3rd

Name: _____

Grade(s) of Children: _____

Parent-Teacher Conference Time Preference – Please circle day and time preference

Thursday, October 20th

Friday, October 21st

12:30 – 2:15

12:30 – 2:15

2:30 – 4:00

2:30 – 4:00

Extended Day Program Survey – Please check

Thursday, October 20th

Friday, October 21st

_____ Extended Day services needed for Conference only.

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_____ Extended Day services needed for afternoon.

_____ Extended Day services needed for afternoon.

_____ Extended Day services not needed.

_____ Extended Day services not needed.

COVID: August 15, 2022 Overview

Effective August 15, 2022, children and staff in child care, K-12, out-of-school time (OST) and recreational camp settings should follow the below guidance.¹

- A rapid antigen test, such as a self-test, is preferred to a PCR test in most situations.
- To count days for isolation, Day 0 is the first day of symptoms OR the day the day positive test was taken, whichever is earlier.
- Contact tracing is no longer recommended or required in these settings, but schools or programs must continue to work with their Local Board of Health in the case of outbreaks.
- The Commonwealth is not recommending universal mask requirements, surveillance testing of asymptomatic individuals, contact tracing, or test-to-stay testing in schools. While masks are not required or recommended in these settings except for in school health offices, any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, should be supported in that choice. For those who need or choose to mask, masking is never required in these settings while the individual is eating, drinking, sleeping or outside.
- All individuals are encouraged to stay up-to-date with vaccination as vaccines remain the best way to help protect yourself and others.

Isolation and exposure guidance and protocols

Guidance for Children and Staff in Child Care, K-12, OST, and Recreational Camp Settings:

- Quarantine is no longer required nor recommended for children or staff in these settings, regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure occurred. All exposed individuals may continue to attend programming as long as they remain asymptomatic. Those who can mask should do so until Day 10, and it is recommended that they test on Day 6 of exposure. If symptoms develop, follow the guidance for symptomatic individuals, below.
- Children and staff who test positive must isolate for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they may return to programming after Day 5 and should wear a high-quality mask through Day 10:
 - If the individual is able to mask, they must do so through Day 10.
 - If the individual has a negative test on Day 5 or later, they do not need to mask.
 - If the individual is unable to mask, they may return to programming with a negative test on Day 5 or later.

- Symptomatic individuals can remain in their school or program if they have mild symptoms, are tested immediately onsite, and that test is negative. Best practice would also include wearing a mask, if possible, until symptoms are fully resolved. For symptomatic individuals, DPH recommends a second test within 48 hours if the initial test is negative.
 - If the symptomatic individual cannot be tested immediately, they should be sent home and allowed to return to their program or school if symptoms remain mild and they test negative, or they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms are resolving, or if a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis. A negative test is strongly recommended for return.

Note: At this time, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved or authorized any at-home rapid antigen test for use in children under 2 years of age. However, at-home rapid antigen tests may be used off-label in children under 2 years of age for purposes of post-exposure, isolation, and symptomatic testing. It is recommended that parents or guardians deciding to test children under 2 years of age administer the at-home rapid antigen test themselves.

COVID-19 symptoms

COVID-19 Symptoms for Child Care, K-12, OST, and Recreational Camps

Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher),
chills, or shaking chills

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

New loss of taste or smell

Muscle aches or body aches

Cough (not due to other known cause, such as
chronic cough)

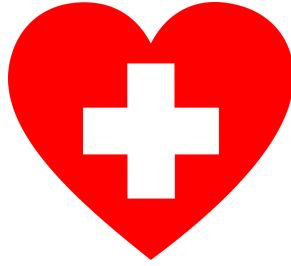
Sore throat, *when in combination with other symptom.*

Nausea, vomiting, *when in combination with other
symptoms*

Headache, *when in combination with other symptoms*

Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*

Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other
known causes, such as allergies), *when in
combination with other symptoms*



FROM NURSE ANNIE



*All children/adolescents who have had a **positive COVID test** must be cleared by their primary health care provider prior to returning to organized sports. Even those who are asymptomatic could be at risk for **myocarditis**.*

All children/adolescents who test positive for a SARS-CoV-2 infection should have at least one follow-up conversation or visit with their primary care provider. This encounter should occur either prior to resuming sports/physical activity or within 2 to 4 weeks of a positive SARS-CoV-2 test, whichever is sooner.

Please visit American Academy of Pediatrics for more information
<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-interim-guidance-return-to-sports/>

We still need volunteers for both the 8 am and the Noon Mass on 10/2!

Did You Know?



St. Pius X Parish helps to support our school! Every month parishioners generously contribute monetarily to SPXS through a special collection at Mass. These donations help our school and our students directly each year.

Now it is our turn to give back and say thank you. Once a month we would like families to sign up to volunteer at Mass. We are looking for students to read (explanation of the second collection), greet and simply be a presence. This is our way to say thank you, and to let our parishioners know that we are indeed a strong part of their community, as they are a part of ours.

We need your help with our first Mass, next month on October 1st and 2nd. Simply click on the link below to sign up. Families may choose one Mass to attend and will have the option to choose the role most appropriate for them.

Students must be accompanied by an adult and in full dress uniform. Middle school students who volunteer are eligible for service hours. If you have any additional questions please contact Mrs. Joanna Ryder (jryder@spxschool.org).

All SPXS families are welcome to participate. Families do not have to be St. Pius X parishioners to sign up.

Thank you for your support!

Sign up now! : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CAFA628A6F85-spxs>



**Take Part in our
Bookplate Dedication program!**

Dedicate a book in *Honor of* or in *Celebration of* a loved one.

Choose from one of these 4 categories

Picture Book

Junior Fiction Book

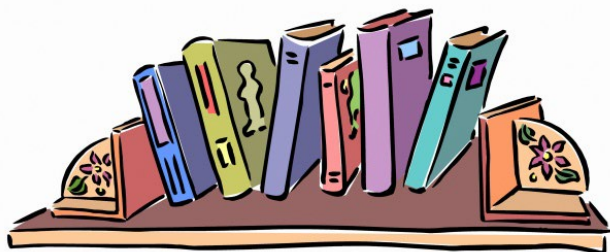
Young Adult Fiction Book

Non-fiction Book

**With a donation of \$25.00 you can give a treasured gift to
celebrate the important people in your life.**

**A Bookplate with the person's name will be placed inside the
book that was purchased with your generous donation.**

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



Please join us for a

Friends of SPXS Meeting

Friday, October 14th, 8:00am

SPXS Cafeteria

All are welcome!

Please park in the Lower Lot and sign in with Mrs. Shaw in the front office

Topics to discuss:

- Clothesline Sale follow up
- Lower and Middle School Christmas Parties, 12/16
- Enrichment
- Upcoming Events
- Calendar Raffle
- Grandparents/Grandfriends Day committee to break after the meeting



It's back...



**SAVE THE DATE FOR
GRANDPARENTS DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
TIME AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

*Bring your Grandparent or Special Friend to come
and visit you at school!*

Friends of SPXS needs YOUR help!

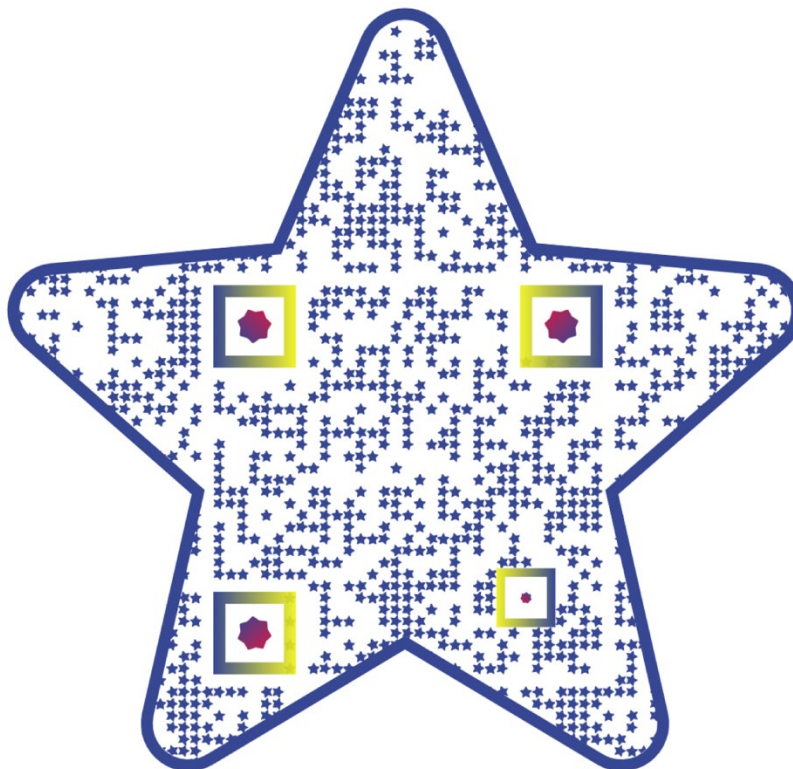
VOLUNTEER



Friends of SPXS help create a well-rounded and enriching school experience for the students and families.

Our volunteers are an awesome community of parents and caregivers who fundraise and FUNraise!

Scan QR code with camera and follow link or click on link below to sign up and join one or more of Friends' Volunteer Committees!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ba4ac2ba1f85-friends>



SPXS Clothesline Uniform Sale!

Thursday, October 6th

in the SPXS Gymnasium from

8:00-10:30am and 1:30-2:45pm

Gently used uniforms at **HUGE** discounts!

Large inventory of clothing in many sizes!

Pay with cash or check made out to "Friends of SPXS".

All proceeds will benefit our children!

Please park in the lower lot and sign in with Mrs. Shaw
in the front office.

THANK YOU!!!



St. Pius X School Spirit Rock

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!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a4af2caafc1-spirit2>



!! ATTENTION STUDENTS !!

Cape Cod Cares for our Troops is in need of cards which will be included in the Care Packages they send to Troops serving overseas.

If your family would like to participate, please have your child make a card or cards and send them into school. These will be included in the next care packages sent out.

We will also be requesting cards in late October. At that time, we will be looking for Christmas Cards which will be mailed out to the troops in November.



ST. PIUS X SCHOOL - OCTOBER MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>1) CHICKEN TENDERS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) LARGE CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>1) CHEESE QUESADILLA 2) TACO TRIANGLES 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GREEK SALAD Served w/ Rice Vegetables, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>1) SPAGHETTI W/ MEATBALLS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>1) MEATBALL SUBS 2) CHEESEBURGERS 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) CHEF SALAD Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetables, Fruit, Milk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>1) CHEESE PIZZA 2) FLUFF SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GARDEN SALAD Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY</p>
THE REMAINDER OF THE MENU TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK				

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THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

*This menu is subject to change



Travel Soccer Tryouts

Spring 2023

For Girls and Boys Currently in High School

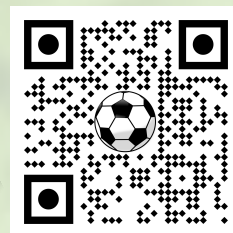
Saturday, October 29th

Rain Date 10/30

Sandy Pond Soccer Field, West Yarmouth

Girls: 10 - 11 AM

Boys: 11:30 - 12:30 PM



Sign up Now!

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED by 10/26

NO same-day registration

Sign up at: ydsoccer.org

You will need to log on or create a new account

No tryout fee.

No obligation if selected to play So come check us out!

*Current Fall '22 Travel Players will automatically get a Spring Offer to Play
No need to tryout again!*

In Grades 4-8 and want to join a Spring Travel Team? Send us an email!

Questions? Contact registrar@ydsoccer.org

DY Youth Lacrosse Clinics



Thinking of learning to play or want to get some practice in this Fall? Come join DY Youth Lacrosse for our Fall Clinics. These are FREE events open to kids in grades K - 8 and will be held at DY High School.

October 2, 2022

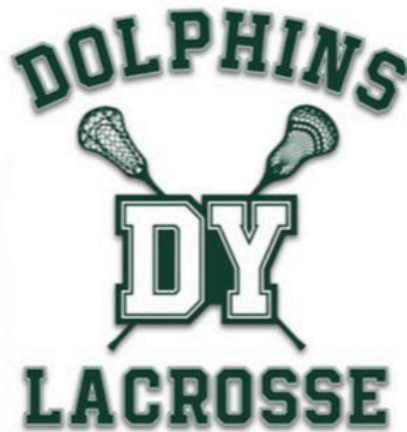
Girls 9:30-10:45

Boys 4:30-5:45

October 23, 2022

Girls 9:30-10:45

Boys 4:30-5:45



Cape Cod Learning Tours

Presents

Saturday Science Adventures!

8 weeks of Outdoor Exploration, Arts & Crafts,
Live Animal Demonstrations and Nature
Adventures!

visit www.learningtoursofamerica.com

Every Saturday at Camp Greenough in
Yarmouthport.

\$120 for the full day includes lunch and snacks!

Discount if you sign up for all 8 Saturdays!

