

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

March 23, 2022

BLOSSOM BALL

The well-attended Blossom Ball was a successful, and colorful event! Many thanks to Mrs. Lundahl, Mrs. Martin (and all the Martin girls), Mr. Corsi, Mr. Mason, and Mrs. Goulet for their assistance with chaperoning and/or decorating. You created a memorable night for current students and old friends!









ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON HOUSE

Representatives from Catholic Social Services and *The Anchor* will be here tomorrow to speak with students from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton House. The Anchor is highlighting the Catholic Schools Week charity competition that raised funds for St. Joseph House! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton students should wear their house T-shirts tomorrow (Thursday).

SPRING FLING

Please review all the Spring Fling information carefully- and SAVE THE DATE! The committee is working non-stop to make this FUN(D)raiser successful for the school, and to create a social event that everyone will enjoy. Re-connect with old friends, connect to new friends!!

CIRCLE OF GRACE

Please see the attached information regarding the child safety program, *Circle of Grace*. This program is used in schools and parishes across the diocese. Each grade level at SPXS will incorporate a few age-appropriate lessons from the program into their teaching. If you have questions about the program, please call the school or contact the classroom teacher.

NEED PROGRAM

The program is ON! Our fifth graders will head to the seashore from April 25-27!

COVID UPDATE

No recent cases to report!

Parent Information

CIRCLE OF GRACE Safe Environment Program Grade K through Grade 8 "Respecting All God's People"

Dear Parents,

Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,* we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by the Diocese of Fall River.

Diocese/eparchies will establish 'safe environment' programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children. Dioceses/eparchies will make clear to clergy and members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse.

Article 12 – Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

This program is called *Circle of Grace*. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into the excellent programs and curricula for the formation of children and young people in our schools and religious education programs. *Circle of Grace* aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

What is a Circle of Grace?

The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created "male and female in God's image" and that God saw this as "very good." In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God. Adults assist children and young people to recognize God's love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a *Circle of Grace*. You can imagine your own *Circle of Grace* by putting your arms above your head then circle down in front of your body including side to side. This circle, front to back, holds who you are in your body and through your senses. It holds your very essence in mind, heart, soul, and sexuality.

Why is it important to help our children understand the Circle of Grace?

God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children and young people understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them to protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others.

Adults, especially parents, as they strive to provide a safe and protective environment, hold the responsibility to help children and young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children and young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

How is the Circle of Grace Program different from other protection programs?

According to research, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused by age eighteen.¹ Many protection programs focus on "stranger danger"; however, up to ninety percent (90%) of the time the perpetrator of abuse is known to the child or young person such as a relative or family friend. *Circle of Grace* goes beyond just protection by helping children and young people understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have questions or want more information.

¹ www.usccb.org or <u>http://nccanch.acfhhs.gov</u>

Common Questions of Parents

How is this connected to the "Safe Environment" program?

Circle of Grace is the safe environment program for children/youth. The goal is to help children/youth understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help when needed through their relationships with trusted adults.

What information can this program give my child that they are not getting already?

The *Circle of Grace* Program reinforces in a peer setting that their faith community cares about their safety and wants them to understand how to seek help if they feel unsafe for any reason. It will help them identify potentially unsafe situations and know how to handle them by seeking help from trusted adults.

You indicate that this program will provide them with "life skills", what do you mean by this? It

reinforces that they are valued by God and others. It gives them information on boundaries and practical directives of what to do if someone makes them feel uncomfortable when in their *Circle of Grace*. It is a good foundation for healthy relationships that will help them throughout their lives.

Will this program be age appropriate?

Yes! The lessons were written with great attention to the stages of child development.

How can parents support what is being taught in the program?

Parents will receive parent letters as well as take home activities for several of the lessons to do with their children. Talking with your children about the *Circle of Grace* at home will help your children to understand the importance of the lessons and that the lessons apply everywhere, not just at school. Additionally, you are your child's most important teacher in the area of relationships. Much of what your child will learn and later imitate about relationships comes from what they learn by your example. Creating an atmosphere where they know that they can talk to you about anything provides a valuable safety net for your child because they know they have you to turn to whenever they have a concern.

Is there accountability attached to this program implementation?

Yes! There will be an ongoing evaluation of the program to ensure its effectiveness and to incorporate any suggestions that would improve the quality of the program.

Will there be resources (material) available if I have questions?

Yes! Just let the classroom teacher or principal know.

Shouldn't parents be the ones teaching their children about sexuality?

Absolutely! This is NOT a sex education program. *Circle of Grace* will provide children with a sound understanding of their own value and of God's care and presence in their lives. It will also help them notice the signals that tell them when they do not feel safe and how to talk to a trusted adult. All of this will be a good foundation for healthy relationships. However, this is not a sexuality education program. Many parents will appreciate that this program will provide a spiritual framework that will allow parent-child

communication about the value of all that they are, including their sexuality. Those conversations are most effective between parent and child. There are grade specific <u>Parents First</u> newsletters to assist you in these conversations.

Is this a mandatory program for my child?

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) developed the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People. Article 12 of this document states that each Diocese will have a safe environment program for adults and children/youth.

If you have questions or concerns about your child participating in the *Circle of Grace* Program, please contact your school principal.



March 23, 2022

HOLY THURSDAY

Students will be dismissed at 11:30am on Thursday, April 14th. The Extended Day Program will <u>NOT</u> be available on this day. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

GOOD FRIDAY

School will NOT be in session on Friday, April 15th.

FEDERAL HOLIDAY

In observance of Juneteenth, school will **NOT** be in session on Monday, June 20th.

Donations for Ukraine



Monday, March 21st – Thursday, March 24th

SPXS shares the concerns of the world around the current situation in Ukraine. We will be collecting the following items and donating them to the organization below.

Socks (adult and children's sizes) Gloves Blankets Toothpaste, toothbrushes First aid kit items Personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap)

Food Items: (please check expiration dates) Rice/Grains Pasta Canned Veggies Canned Meats Powdered Milk Powdered Mashed Potatoes

Items may be brought to school next week Monday – Thursday. Jookender is working with Blagomay, a non-profit organization, that is evacuating children from Ukraine. The trans-evacuating point base is in Uzhgorod in Western Ukraine. Thank you for your assistance!



ANNUAL POSTURAL SCREENING



As required by State Law, the annual **Postural Screening** will be performed on **Wednesday, March 30th** during PE. The purpose of this is to screen for early signs of possible spinal problems in students in **Grades 5 through 8**. This screening is not a diagnostic service but rather a program to identify those who may need further evaluation. Students with a physician's spinal evaluation noted on their physical dated within the last 12 months will be exempt.

If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified by letter and asked to have your child evaluated by his/her physician as a precaution. The majority of students will exhibit no findings.

Female students are asked to wear a camisole, halter top, or sports bra under their gym clothes to school on the day of the screening. This type of clothing permits a more accurate observation of the back. Boys will be asked to remove their shirts. Boys and girls will be screened separately.

If you have any further questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact Nurse Annie 508-398-6112 or aagurkis@spxschool.org



2022 St. Pius X Middle School Baseball Team Pre-Season Letter

March 2022

Dear SPXS Families,

The St. Pius X athletic program is excited to announce we are bringing back baseball! The Middle school baseball season will begin Tuesday, April 5th. We would like to offer the opportunity for all boys and girls in the 5th-8th grade to play, whether they are new to the sport or have experience playing on a baseball team.

Season Information:

Location: Stony Brook Field, 384 Underpass Road, Brewster, MA 02631

Days: April 5th - End of May (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday)

Time: 3-4:30pm

To registrar: Click on the link below

https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/BaseballRegistrationFee/tabid/1290616/Default.aspx

Coach Information: Mr. Doug Mason

Coach Mason has been coaching and umpiring baseball on Cape Cod for over 25 years. He has a passion for the game and shares his baseball knowledge with all his players. Coach Mason coaches the Under 10 team for the Dugout Dawg baseball club out of Sandwich. Coach Mason and the baseball team will play games and practice on one of the premiere baseball fields on Cape Cod. Stony Brook Field, home of the CCBL Brewster Whitecaps!

Go Crusaders!

Mr. Nick Corsi

SPXS Middle School, Athletic Director



2013 SPXS Baseball Players in Action



2022 St. Pius X Middle School Tennis Team Pre-Season Letter

March 2022

Dear SPXS Families,

The spring tennis season will begin Tuesday, April 5th. We would like to offer the opportunity for all students 4th-8th grade to play, whether they are new to the sport or have tennis experience playing on a tennis team. The goals of the program are to encourage enjoyment, develop skills, increase fitness, and have fun. Experienced players will have the opportunity to participate in competitive play against local Middle Schools in matches.

Season Information:

Location: Mid-Cape Athletic Club, 193 Whites Path, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Days: April 5th - End of May (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

Time: 2:30-4pm

To registrar: Click on the link below

https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/TennisRegistrationFee2022/tabid/1291844/Default.aspx

Coach Information: Mr. Brandon Cutter (5th year)

Brandon is the Director of Tennis at the Mid-Cape Athletic Club in South Yarmouth. He has been the Tennis Director at Harwichport Tennis Association since 1999. Brandon played tennis at Gettysburg College, where he played all four years at #1 singles and #1 doubles. Brandon has certification for USPTA Certified Tennis Pro and USPTR Certified Tennis Pro. Brandon has been teaching tennis, both privately and with groups, since 1993. We are grateful to have Brandon return for his 5th season as the SPXS Middle School tennis coach!

Go Crusaders!

Mr. Nick Corsi

SPXS Middle School, Athletic Director



St. Pius X is a participating school of the Cape Cod Super Six Middle School Conference (est.2015)



Fine Art with Mrs. Maker



Tuesdays 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, and 4/26 After School from 2:30-3:30 at SPXS Grades 4-8 \$55 Limited to 10 Students

(Students will be picked up in the back of school following class)

With degrees in Fine Arts/Painting and Elementary Art and Elementary Education, Mrs. Maker will teach the students the proper techniques in acrylic painting on

canvas by:

-Using quality materials.

-Building a palette.

-Practicing basic color theory and design.

-Creating depth using gradation of color.

-Setting up a painting with a background, midground and foreground.

At the end of four weeks of exciting art education, your child will take home his/her beautiful seascape acrylic painting!

Please fill out below portion and send in with check payable to Friends of SPXS to front office.

Fine Art with Mrs. Maker

Name:

Grade:___

<u>HUGE</u> <u>Thank You to the 2022</u> <u>Spring Fling Event</u> <u>Sponsors</u>

Title Sponsorship \$5,000

Reinhart Painting (Reinhart Family)

Platinum Sponsorship \$2,500

Hyannis Dental Associates (LaCava Family) Wequassett Resort and Golf Club (Chun Family) The Kounadis Family

Gold Sponsorship \$1,000

Foran Realty (Foran Family) Campbell Construction (Campbell Family) Happy Floors (Cheglakov Family) Sullivan Family Cape Cod Orthopedics & Sports Medicine (Affonso Family) Yanis Foreign Auto Repair (Krauklis Family) Hiline Auto Sales (Netto Family)

Silver Sponsorship \$500

RK Fox Builders (Fox Family) Falkowski Family Puzio Eyecare Associates (Puzio Family) Nauset Optical (Todd Family) Vision Appraisals (Giannakoulis Family) Oyster River Boatyard (Berner Family) Beecy Family Fagan Family Sherry Atterbury (Rose Family) Bosun's Marine Bel Islands Home Improvement (Yarmalovich/Gleason Family) Stetkis Sperko Law Offices (Stetkis Family) Coastal Light Electric (Kuharenka Family)

Bronze Sponsorship \$250

Caitlin Remby, Ethan & Sebastian Haroutunian

Family Sponsorship \$150

Ribeiro/Ward Family Conti/Cummings Family Goulet Family

Visit our Event Website

https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/spx

LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED

Purchase Your Spring Fling Tickets TODAY

(before we sell out)

\$75.00 per ticket before April 1st

\$95.00 per ticket after April 1^{st}

https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/spx





Buy a chance to

Win Free Tuition

for one student for the 2022 – 2023 School Year

\$100.00 per raffle ticket

https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/raffle



The Auction Committee is looking for your help for this year's wine pull!

If you are able to help secure bottles or are able to donate bottles, please contact Breanna Powell.

We are hoping to secure 100 bottles of wine valued at \$25 or more.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X School!

Best, Breanna Powell bpowell@spxschool.org 774-930-4993 St. Tius X School Spring Fling Silent Auction, Live Auction & Fun Where FUNraising & FUNDraising Meet Friday, May 6, 2022 Ocean Edge Resort, Brewster

Sponsorship Options

Title Sponsorship \$5,000 (one available)

- Six (6) tickets to the event (or sponsor tickets for the teachers)
- Three (3) Guest Rooms at Ocean Edge for the night of the event
- Bottle of champagne in each of your hotel rooms
- School campus & website recognition
- Full-page color ad with a prime location in the event program (Ad size: 5 1/2' x 8 1/2")
- Title Sponsorship recognition on the three SPXS social media pages

Platinum Sponsorship \$2,500

- Two (2) tickets to the event (or sponsor tickets for the teachers)
- One (1) Guest Room at Ocean Edge for the night of the event
- School campus & website recognition
- Full-page color ad with a prime location in the event program (Ad size: 5 ½' x 8 ½")
- Platinum Sponsorship recognition on the three SPXS social media pages

Gold Sponsorship \$1,000

- Two (2) tickets to the event (or sponsor tickets for the teachers)
- School campus & website recognition
- Full-page ad in the event program (Ad size: 5 ½' x 8 ½")
- Gold Sponsorship recognition on the three SPXS social media pages

Silver Sponsorship \$500

- Two (2) tickets to the event (or sponsor tickets for the teachers)
- School campus & website recognition
- Half-page ad in the event program (Ad size: 5 ½' x 8 ½")

Bronze Sponsorship \$250					
 Half-page ad in the event program (Ad size: 5 ½' x 4 ½") 					
Family Sponsorship \$150					
• Family and/or child's name listed in the event program					
Sponsorship Level					
Title Platinum Gold Silver Bronze Family					
Business or Individual Name:					
Address:					
State: Zip Code: Phone:					
Website: Email Address:					
Payment Preference: Check Enclosed Credit Card Credit Card Number:					
Expiration Date: CV Code:					
Sponsor directly online at: https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/spx					
All Sponsorships are tax-deductible (501-C3 Nonprofit tax-exempt ID #43-2057700)					
Submission deadline for sponsorships is March 23, 2022					
For further information, please contact Kathleen Fagan at <u>kathleen.fagan@comcast.net</u>					
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and on Instagram @spxscapecod					

St. Fius X School Spring Fling				
Silent Auction, Live Auction & Fun				
Where FUNraising & FUNDraising Meet				
Friday, May 6, 2022				
Ocean Edge Resort, Brewster				
The Spring Fling event is the school's largest fundraiser and proceeds benefit the students' education and enrichment programs, including: Athletics, Arts, Technology, Security, Field Trips, After School Programs, Classroom and Playground Equipment and much, much more.				
Donor Form				
Business or Individual Name:				
Address: City:				
State: Zip Code: Phone:				
Website: Email Address:				
Items Services				
Name & Description of Item(s):				
Estimated Market Value:				
Please check all that apply:				
Item/gift certificate(s) accompanies form (Kindly ensure all gift card(s)/certificate(s) are effective no earlier than the day of the auction May 6 th and valid through May 2024.				
Item/gift certificate(s) to be delivered or picked up by auction committee member.				
All Donations are tax-deductible (501-C3 Nonprofit tax-exempt ID #43-2057700)				
Submission deadline for donations is March 23, 2022				
For further information, please contact Kathleen Fagan at <u>kathleen.fagan@comcast.net</u> St Pius X School * 321 Wood Road South Yarmouth, MA 02664 * 508.398.6112 * <u>www.spxschool.org</u> Visit us on Facebook: @St. Pius X School and @Friends of St. Pius X School and on Instagram @spxscapecod				

Flock a Friend Today!



Take Flight with support for the Class of 2022

Surprise a classmate, family member, friend or even a local business with flocks of fun!

The 8th grade class is going undercover to spread school spirit

Simply sign up to secretly send a flock of SPXS blue and gold flamingos to a lawn of your choice......

The birds will be quietly delivered in the evening for just one designated night, by stealthy 8th grade students ready to delight!

The recipients will soon discover a whimsical party on their lawn!

Dates are limited so don't delay \$25.00 a flock

Schedule a flocking today!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E48AEAA2FAAFB6-lets

SPXS Clothesline Uniform Sale!

Thursday, April 7th

in the SPXS Gymnasium from

7:45-9:30am and 1:15-3:00pm

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!

Clothesline donations are needed and will be accepted from March 14th – March 25^{th}

(Only accepting new unused shoes/sneakers)

All items are \$6.00 or less.

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

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL - APRIL MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		COTO APRIL		1 1) CHEESE PIZZA 2) FLUFF SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GARDEN SALAD Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY
4 1) CHICKEN TENDERS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) LARGE CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit, Milk	5 1) PIZZA CRUNCHERS 2) TACO TRIANGLES 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GREEK SALAD Served w/ Rice Vegetable, Milk	6 1) PASTA W/ MEATBALLS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk	7 RED SOX OPENING DAY WITH A CONTROLOGY 1) HOT DOGS & POPCORN 2) CHICKEN PATTY 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served W/ Vegetables, ICE CREAM TREAT	8 1) CHEESE PIZZA 2) FLUFF SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GARDEN SALAD Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY
11 1) CHICKEN NUGGETS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) LARGE CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit, Milk	12 1) CHEESEBURGERS 2) MEATBALL SUBS 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GREEK SALAD Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	13 1) SPAGHETTI W/ MEATBALLS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk	14 HALF DAY NO LUNCH SERVED HOLY THURSDAY	15 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY
8 ENJOY	19 YOUR	20 SPRING	21 VACATION	22
25 1) CHICKEN NUGGETS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) LARGE CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit, Milk	26 1) ROASTED CHICKEN 2) CHICKEN PATTY 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GREEK SALAD Served w/ Oven Fries Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	27 1) SPAGHETTI W/ MEATBALLS 2) GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD Served w/ Garlic Bread Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk	28 1) PIZZA CRUNCHERS 2) HAM & CHEESE CROISSANTS 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) CHEF SALAD Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	29 1) CHEESE PIZZA 2) FLUFF SANDWICH 3) SUNBUTTER & JELLY SANDWICH 4) GARDEN SALAD Served w/ Baked Chips Vegetable, Fruit, Milk DESSERT DAY

ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE <i>FREE</i> LUNCH FOR THE	ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE <u>FREE</u> LUNCH FOR TH
ENTIRE 21/22 SCHOOL YEAR !!	ENTIRE 21/22 SCHOOL YEAR !!

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

*This menu is subject to change