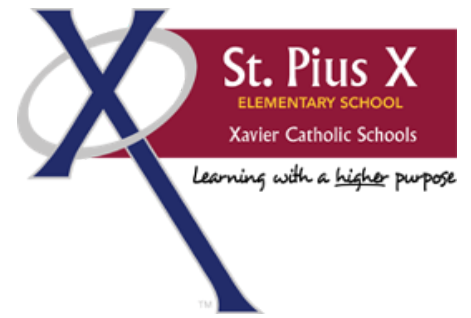


Panther Weekly News

October 8, 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 15th - Spirit Day
- October 19th & 21st - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 22nd - Spirit Day

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Thank you to our visitors from Xavier for a fun day of activities! Due to the weather, we had a small change in plans. St. Pius students were still able to participate in the outdoor pep rally with the Xavier band, cheerleaders, dance team & football players. We did change our lunch plans and our students ate lunch in their classrooms and Xavier students in the gym. Following lunch, the Xavier students did a quick walk through the school to say hello to our students. It's always so much fun to have our former students back for a visit! Go Saints!

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

The Service Committee at St. Pius has a goal to coordinate a service activity every month for our school community.

Students in all grades participated in our food drive competition this week - all donations will benefit the food pantry at MCO. We were blown away by the huge response to this event - even with only a four day school week, our students & families were so generous.

Tuesday - 552 items

Wednesday - 602 items

Thursday - 888 items

Friday - 1,866 items

TOTAL - 3,908 items donated to the food pantry

**As a reminder, students are always invited to bring items for the food pantry on Thursdays when they attend mass at the church. Click [HERE](#) for more information and check out this list of [most needed items](#) for MCO.

FALL CONFERENCES

Conferences are planned for Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Thursday, Oct. 21. **A sign-up will be available at 4pm on Monday, October 11th** for you to schedule your conference. Conferences will be offered either in person or online. You will get to choose your preference when you sign up. All families are asked to sign up for a time with their child's homeroom teacher. Students in fourth grade are asked to attend conferences with their parents in the fall.

PIUS PRIDE 2022

We are in the early stages of planning for our annual fundraiser "Pius Pride." We are looking for a small team of co-chairs (2 to 3 people) to help organize this event which is our only major fundraiser all year. Once we have the co-chairs in place, there are many opportunities for other people to help with pieces of the event! If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact [Erica](#) in the office.

OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

The [October lunch menu](#) is now available and can be found on the school website.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Please remember that starting October 1st and going through May 1st, shorts will not be allowed.

On dress code days, students will need to wear long pants in khaki, navy or black. Girls may wear uniform plaid jumpers or skirts with full-length leggings or tights underneath. On casual or spirit days, no shorts are allowed.

Please consult the dress code listed on the St. Pius X website at <https://stpiusxschoolcr.com/dress-code> if you have any questions.



MUSIC NOTES

3rd Grade Halloween Concert

Halloween Concert Thursday, Oct. 28 @ 7:00 in the **Parish Hall**.

Please find the letter regarding the **Halloween Concert** linked [here](#).

The **3rd Graders** and I look forward to sharing "A Very Unusual Night" with you!

 Mrs. J 

Xhultation - St. Pius X Choir

Mrs. Jorgenson wants to gauge student and parent interest in forming a 3rd-5th grade choir (Xhultation!) at St. Pius X. Please take a moment to read and complete the google form found [here](#).

Band Instruments Needed

St. Pius X Elementary is looking for donations of no longer needed musical instruments. Ideally the instruments would be in good condition, with only minor work needed. The highest need is for clarinets & trumpets, but we would love to take any donations. Any questions, please contact the school office.

PTO NEWS

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several upcoming opportunities to volunteer for the school - as a reminder, you must be on the "approved volunteer list" to receive any of these sign ups. Please contact Erica in the office if you have any questions. erheinschmidt@stpiusxschoolcr.com

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Staff Lunch Donations

Lunchroom Helpers

Halloween Party Donations

Hy-Vee Receipts

Our school earns money, just by submitting your Hy-Vee receipts! We have a volunteer who coordinates this project, but we could use your help! When you send in your receipts:

1. Stack them all facing the same way (don't crunch them up and throw them in a bag)
2. Check dates and make sure they are for the current year. (dated 4/1/21 - 3/31/22)

Thank you for supporting this program! Last year we turned in \$315,363.33 in total receipts, earning the school \$1,576.84!!

Spirit Wear

We know some of you may still be waiting on your order of dress code and spirit wear apparel orders through PS Adfinity. The supplier is experiencing inventory issues due to shipping delays, as well as staffing issues. These issues are causing a delay in being delivered to us. We ask for your understanding and patience as these supply and distribution issues continue to impact many areas of our daily lives.

If you still need to purchase spirit wear - another source is the Saints Shop at Xavier which is open every day!

Their hours are:

Monday 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 12:30pm - 3:00pm

Thursday 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Friday 1:30pm - 3:00pm

SCRIP NEWS

Monday Order Dates - Order before 10am:

October 11th and 25th, November 8th, 15th and 29th, December 6th and 13th, January 10th and 24th, February 7th and 21st, March 7th and 28th, April 11th and 25th, May 9th and 23rd

Cash and Carry Dates - 8:15am-9:30am:

October 15th and 29th, November 12th and 19th, December 3rd, 10th and 17th, January 14th and 28th, February 11th and 25th, March 11th, April 1st, 15th and 29th, May 13th and 27th

STO - SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

Please read the information from the link below regarding STO and please share this information with others that would be interested. We want a Catholic education to be available to everyone who desires it for their child and STO funds are one way to make it possible!

[STO Update](#)

NEWS FROM XAVIER

Xavier Boosketball Camp

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 - 9:00-10:30AM

Girls in Grades K-4 are invited to join four-time state champion XHS Girls' Basketball head coach, Tom Lilly, and members of the 2021-2022 Xavier girls' basketball team for some Halloween hoops! Campers will work on key basketball skills while having fun and enjoying treats. Campers are welcome to dress in costume too!

REGISTRATION ENDS: 10/15/21.

Camp Cost: \$30 (Includes T-Shirt) - Sign up online on 8to18.com at

<https://xavierhs.8to18.com/dashboard/catalog>.

Questions? Contact Pam Barta in the XHS Activities Office at pam.barta@xaversaints.org or 319-294-6635.

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