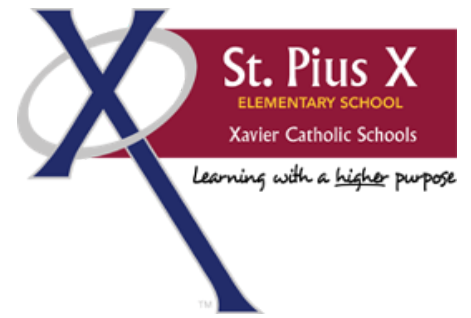


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HAPPY THANKSGIVING! ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 24th-26th - NO SCHOOL
- November 25th - Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 28th - First Sunday of Advent
- November 29th - December 15th - St. Pius X Giving Tree

ST. PIUS GIVING TREE 2021

Advent will soon be upon us and with that in mind we would like to do all we can to help the less fortunate. From November 29th - December 15th, we will once again collect new toys to give to local Catholic charities to help the families who may not be able to afford new toys for their children during Christmas. While essentials are important for a family to have, we also believe that during Christmas it is important for a child to receive a toy, something they can enjoy and have as their own just as we did when we were children.

We ask that you include your child as much as possible in the process- have them choose the toy and explain to them why you are giving the toy away and the importance of helping others and being Christ-like. This is also a great time to talk to your child about Advent and what the season means to them. We always want to remind our students that Advent and Christmas are centered on what Christ's birth brought to us. By giving to others we get the chance to show Christ's love to those around us during this special season.

Thanks as always for your generosity- we have the unique opportunity to share our faith at school each day and live it out by what we do for others. Have a Blessed Advent!

PIUS PRIDE

SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, February 5th, 2022

We are excited to invite you all to Pius Pride 2022! Pius Pride is our school's annual live and silent auction event.

Grade Level Baskets

As part of the Pius Pride silent auction, each grade level puts together a basket of items to be auctioned off. If you are interested in donating, please click on your child's grade level to check out the requested items! All K-5 donations may be dropped off in the main office - please make sure they are labeled with "Pius Pride basket" & the grade level.

ELC - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa8a92ba4f94-elcpius>

Kindergarten - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa8a92ba4f94-kindergarten>

1st - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa8a92ba4f94-1stgrade>

2nd - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa8a92ba4f94-2ndgrade>

3rd - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa8a92ba4f94-3rdgrade>

4th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa8a92ba4f94-4thgrade>

5th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa8a92ba4f94-5thgrade>

This event is not possible without the help of many volunteers - if you are interested in helping out, check out the sign-up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FA8A92BA4F94-pius>

Please email piuspride@stpiusxschoolcr.com with any questions!

SUPPORT ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is an event held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It is on this day that individuals participate in a generosity movement to transform their communities and the world.

Please consider supporting St. Pius X Elementary so that we can continue to provide a high quality, engaging and faith filled education.

[Donate to St. Pius X](#)

Amazon Smile

Support St. Pius X while you Shop! You can make an impact while you shop at Amazon!

Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1505488 and AmazonSmile will donate to St Pius X St Elizabeth Ann Seton Board of Education, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile can be used through the Amazon app too!

SPECIALS NEWS

PE

3rd, 4th & 5th grade students! Don't forget to bring your helmets to PE after Thanksgiving for our roller skating unit.

Music

4th and 5th Grade Christmas Concert - DATE CHANGE! The concert will now be on Monday, December 13th at 7pm.

PTO NEWS

Christmas Collection

The St. Pius X PTO has a tradition this time of year of collecting monetary donations to use as Christmas gifts of thanks for our faculty and staff. Our decision to do this is two-fold: this can make your shopping a little easier during the holidays, and even more importantly, it shows our faculty and staff how much we appreciate their devotion to our children.

Contributing is voluntary! If you choose to participate, you may send cash or write a check payable to St. Pius X School (please write Christmas Collection in the memo field) and turn it in to the main office in an envelope marked "PTO Christmas". The donations will be divided among all teachers & staff members (approximately 50 people) and delivered to each person before Christmas break. All donations need to be submitted by Friday, December 10, 2021.

Hy-Vee Receipt Contest

HyVee Receipt Competition (November 17-December 3rd)

Send your HyVee receipts with your child to school from November 17th to December 3rd

Prizes for the three classrooms that turn in the largest combined dollar amount for the entire classroom (Prizes to be announced next week; Winners announced December 6th)

Teachers have envelopes marked with his/her name, so you just need to send the receipts into school for your child's teacher to put in the envelope.

Desserts with Dad (previously Donuts with Dad)

We will be sending home one dessert per family to make at home. We still want to make this a community event; so, we are hoping families will take and share photos of the kids and Dads baking together. We will collect all the photos and make a slideshow of students enjoying Desserts with Dad. If you need a gluten free or other allergy specific dessert please email the PTO at pto@stpiusxschoolcr.com by December 3rd! Also, please watch out for a sign up genius to help make the cookie bundles!

DECEMBER LUNCH MENU

Click [HERE](#) for the December Lunch Menu

OUR FAITH STO

Please consider making a STO donation today. We are so grateful for the support this organization provides to ensure a Catholic education is affordable for all.

Click the link to get started! [Donate Now! Our Faith STO](#)

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

LAST CALL! FORMS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE NEXT WEEK!

First semester non-public transportation reimbursement forms for the area school districts are **due December 1st**. Click the district in which you live to find the form you need to submit. Remember Cedar Rapids school district forms need to be turned into the school office. Linn Mar forms need the signature of the principal. You will be paid after the second submission for the full year.

[Cedar Rapids Community School District](#)

[College Community School District](#)

[Linn Mar Community School District](#)

[Marion Community School District](#)

ACTIVITIES FOR ST. PIUS X STUDENTS

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Knights of Columbus Council #15921 is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.

There are three age divisions: ages 5-7; ages 8-10; and ages 11-14. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division.

Posters should be created on 11 X 17 sheets of paper and should reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Please submit completed posters to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish office by Wednesday, December 15. Be sure to include full name, age, and contact information on the back of the poster.

Any questions, please contact Brandon Sinnock at 319-550-4747 or brandon_sinnock@yahoo.com.

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