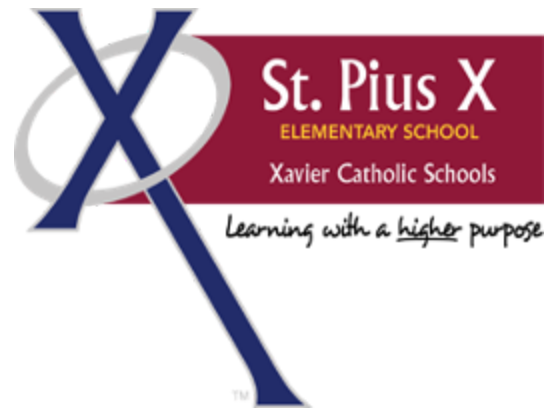


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Upcoming Events

- Friday, February 12th - Spirit Day
- Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday

PLEASE remember to take extra caution during drop-off and pickup times in the car line and parking lots. With so many children from both the school & ELC arriving & departing at the same time, we need everyone to be more aware of their surroundings and keep an eye out for children trying to make it to school safely.

Weather Related Delays & Closures

Xavier Catholic Schools will use the following protocols for inclement weather communication:

- We will continue to follow Cedar Rapids Community School District for weather-related delays, early releases, and cancellations.
- Delays, early releases, and cancellations will be communicated through email, listed on our website and will also be on KCRG and KGAN.
- St. Pius X will not have virtual learning on snow days, early outs or late starts.

Virtual Learning

As a reminder, online zooms and live streams from classroom teachers are available for those who have to be quarantined due to circumstances of health as provided by LCPH or families who chose the online option for the remainder of the school year. For students out due to regular illness, vacation or by parent request, parents are able to come to school to pick up work as provided by the teacher to complete as the teacher notifies the family.

PTO News

Catholic Schools Week Annual Carnival

Students enjoyed a fun activity in their classrooms today. Usually we end Catholic Schools Week with a Friday evening Carnival to celebrate our Faith and family, by having a little fun. In place of the event, each student received a "scratch" ticket to win a favor bag filled with some of our favorite Carnival things. One student in each classroom won their own game to play at home! Be sure to ask about the special penny they each received too. Many blessings to our Catholic School community!

Book Fair - Orders due TODAY, February 5th!

Our school is hosting an online book fair! Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. Explore our online book fair and help your child find their next favorite book.

For every purchase made, we will earn up to 40% back in rewards to help support our school! All orders are due by February 5th and will be delivered to school after the fair is complete.

[SPX Online Book Fair](#)

Teacher & Staff Wish-Lists

During Catholic Schools Week, the St. Pius X PTO gathers a list of wish-list items from our teachers & staff. This is a small way to show our appreciation for everything they do for our students. The [Wish List](#) can be viewed [HERE](#). Items can be sent in with your student anytime!

Hy-Vee Reusable Bags

St. Pius X Elementary School PTO has been selected by local Hy-Vee store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Reusable Bag Program!

For the month of February 2021, St. Pius X Elementary School PTO will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee Drugstore 2001 Blairs Ferry Road NE, Cedar Rapids IA.

News from the Library

On Tuesday, February 9th, students and staff will have the opportunity to meet New York Times bestselling picture book author and illustrator, Derek Anderson. He has created more than twenty-five books for children. He recently began writing and illustrating a chapter book series called *Benny McGee and the Shark*. There will be special grade-level presentations throughout the morning via Zoom. This was a previously scheduled event last spring but was canceled. We are so excited to provide students with this opportunity this year!

February Lunch & Breakfast Menus

The government grant for free lunches was extended until the end of the school year. The only things that parents will pay for this year are extra milks that are purchased for kindergarten snack break, or milks that a child would like to have with a cold lunch that was brought from home. The 5th grade may also purchase a second entree at lunch time. Please make sure to keep some money in your accounts if your children are purchasing the milk or the second entree. Any unused money in the children's account this year will carry over to next school year. We appreciate you for supporting the school lunch program!

[February Lunch Menu](#)

[February Breakfast Menu](#)

Registration for 2021-2022 School Year

New Students (incoming kindergarten & transfer students)

Pre-registration has begun for incoming kindergarten & transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year. To be placed on our list for the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the two forms on the [St. Pius X School](#) webpage and return them to St. Pius X with your deposit. Printed forms are also available to pick up from the office. Any questions, please call the school office 319-393-4507.

Returning Students (currently enrolled at St. Pius X Elementary in the 2020-21 school year)

Registration for returning students begins in the spring after tuition rates are set. Information will be emailed out to parents & included in this newsletter at that time.

Tuition Assistance 2021-2022 School Year

The application for tuition assistance for the 2021-22 school year is now available.

Complete the Financial Aid Application through FACTS: The STO & local assistance programs will be utilizing FACTS Management to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded. FACTS Management has an application that all families need to complete to be considered for assistance..

The application can be found here: online.factsmgt.com/aid (application is available in both English and Spanish).

Only one application needs to be completed per family. (If you have students in multiple XCS schools, only complete the application once) The non-refundable application fee is \$35.00 per family.

The deadline to file the application is April 15th.

St. Pius X ELC - Part-Time Preschool & Enrichment

Now enrolling for 2021-2022 school year!

There are options for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. More information & enrollment forms are available on our website.

<https://www.stpiusxschoolcr.com/part-time-preschool>

SCRIP News

SCRIP Important Dates - These dates are subject to change

Monday Orders - due no later than 10am and sent home on Thursday of the same week with your Pius student.

2/15, 3/8, 3/29, 4/19, 5/10

Cash and Carry Dates - Orders are due by noon & will go home with your Pius student. [Cash & Carry Order Form](#)

2/18, 3/11, 4/1, 4/22, 5/13

Yearbook

It's not too late to order your 2020-2021 St. Pius X School yearbook! Orders can be placed online through

ybpay.lifetouch.com

Our school yearbook ID Code is: 1248521 - all yearbooks are \$10.

Technology - Online Learning

Need an additional resource to learn about your child's Google Classroom or Seesaw? Take a look at the [Family Technology Resource](#) page. Bookmark this page for easy access. Information will be updated and added throughout the school year.

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