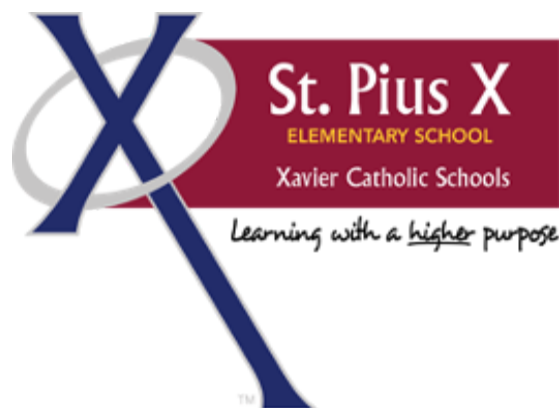


## Panther Weekly News September 3, 2021



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 6th - NO SCHOOL
- September 10th - SPIRIT DAY

### REMINDERS

#### Morning Drop off

The front drive drop-off system is designed for a continual line of vehicles to quickly and efficiently drop-off students at the curb and move out to Council Street. If you plan to use the front drive, do not park your vehicle and walk your kids to the door. If you need a little more time, please use our school parking lot. With next week being our 3rd week of school, we encourage families to make drop-off a quick process to allow for a smooth transition for students to start the school day.

#### Afternoon Pick Up

There are no early pickups between 3-3:30, to make sure the car lane is clear for kindergarten dismissal beginning at 3:15. All early pickups must be done prior to 3pm or will have to wait until the regular dismissal time at 3:30pm.

#### Reporting Illness

This year at St. Pius X we are tracking all student illness numbers. Please be sure to report any illness to the attendance office ([attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com)). If a student tests positive for covid, also contact our school nurse ([tboston@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:tboston@stpiusxschoolcr.com)) and Mrs. Sears ([ssears@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:ssears@stpiusxschoolcr.com)) so that we can start the process of notifying any close contacts.

### COVID MITIGATION & PREVENTION PLAN

The most up to date version of this document can always be viewed at the following link.

[XCS COVID Mitigation & Prevention Plan](#)

### NEWS FROM THE LUNCH ROOM

The government grant for free lunches was extended again for the 2021-22 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.

[August / September Lunch Menu](#)

### DRESS CODE

Please take some time to review the St. Pius X Elementary dress code. It is expected that parents/guardians will ensure their students attend school in dress code.

[St. Pius X Elementary Dress Code](#)

### **SPIRIT WEAR**

Approved spirit wear can be ordered from the following link:

[St. Pius X Spiritwear](#) - St. Pius X webstore - the next order window closes Wednesday, September 29th at midnight & items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks. There are also some dress code approved items available in this store.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The annual school calendar can be found [HERE](#)

The daily / weekly activity schedule can be viewed at: [SPX Activity Calendar](#)

### **SCHOOL MASS**

Parents & other family members are welcome to join us at school mass every Thursday beginning at 9am. Please watch for the special seating sections - all students will sit with their classrooms toward the front of the church and guest seating will be toward the back.

St. Pius X Church recently included an update regarding school mass in their bulletin: *“School Masses will be open to everyone beginning Thursday, August 26. However, those adults attending will be required to wear a mask since K-5 students cannot be vaccinated.”*

### **VOLUNTEERS**

As a reminder, all volunteers need to complete three steps in order to be added to our “Approved Volunteer List.” For more information, please contact Erica in the office - [erheinschmidt@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:erheinschmidt@stpiusxschoolcr.com)

### **SCRIP NEWS**

Our next Monday Order date is Monday, September 13th. Please mark your calendars for the rest of the year's Monday Order and Cash and Carry dates.

#### **Monday Order Dates - Order before 10am:**

September 13th and 27th, 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:**

September 17th, October 1st 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

Thank you to all our new volunteers! We are still in search of someone to take on a Leadership Role. This position must be able to volunteer during the school day. Please message [scrip@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:scrip@stpiusxschoolcr.com) if you are interested.

**NEW TO SCRIP?** Save the date for a zoom meeting on September 15th at 8pm. (zoom link will be provided later)

### **TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT**

Reimbursement will be given from the public system to parents who do not have busing available to them and live outside the 2 mile boundary. For this school year, that includes all students living outside the 2 mile boundary due to no busing available for any students. St. Pius X School has no control over the reimbursement,

but wants to provide parents with the forms they need to request the reimbursement. First semester forms for the area school districts are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Click the district in which you live to find the form you need to submit. The Cedar Rapids school district forms need to be turned into the St. Pius X office. Linn-Mar needs to be signed by the principal before it is sent to Linn-Mar. Contact the school if you have any questions. There are two submissions for the year (the second will be due May 1, 2022). You will be paid after the second submission for the full year.

[Cedar Rapids](#)

[Linn-Mar](#)

[Marion](#)

[College Community](#)

### **NEWS FROM OUR SUPPORTING PARISHES**

Welcome to a new year at St. Pius School! Supported by both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Pius X, you and your families are in the prayers of both our parishes. We continue to support the education and spiritual formation of all our students.

Please remember that 2nd grade is a Sacramental year. During this year, your son or daughter will be formed in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. In order to support all our students, this formation takes place through your parish instead of the school.

If your student is in 2nd grade or has not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation or First Communion, please contact your parish.

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### **XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS**

#### **Future Saints**

Order your "Future Saints" card [HERE](#) - this activity card gets you into all home Xavier activities.

#### **Saints Shop**

The Saints Shop (located in Xavier High School) is open every Friday from 1-3pm. The store sells trademarked Xavier youth & adult apparel.

Remember all Saints Shop purchases directly support the students, teachers and staff of Xavier High School.

#### **Xavier Dance Team**

##### Xavier Dance Minis

Do you have a little one who is interested in dance or is just dancing around the house every day? This team is the perfect opportunity to get them involved in school spirit! Spend two great mornings with our XDT dancers and perform at half time of a football game and basketball game.

Annual cost is \$125, open to ages 4-12. Your annual fee includes:

- Dance Team Minis t-shirt
- 2 pom poms
- Attendance at two camps, Sept 18 and Dec 11; 9:30am to 11:30am (@ Xavier gym)
- Performances at a fall football game on Sept 24 and a basketball game Dec 14
- Two tickets to football and basketball game for guests to attend and watch performance

SIGN UP ONLINE AT [XAVIERSAINTS.ORG/CAMPS](http://XAVIERSAINTS.ORG/CAMPS) - Email [xdtminis@gmail.com](mailto:xdtminis@gmail.com) with any questions.

Saint Paint

The Xavier Dance Team will be out and about again this summer and fall doing Saint Paint with new additions of cornhole boards and 16" x 16" pavers (in addition to driveway stamps and touch ups)! Order yours today, show your Xavier spirit and help support XDT! [Download order form](#)

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