



Panther Weekly News

September 8, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9th - Iowa College Spirit Day
- September 11th - Kindergarten & New Family Picnic
- September 12th - SCRIP Monday Order
- September 12th - PTO Meeting - 7pm
- September 16th - Spirit Day
- September 20th - School Picture Day
- September 20th - Open House & Ice Cream Social

SCHOOL YEAR THEME

For the first 6 weeks of school our community is encouraged to participate in a weekly challenge to "Serve our Lord with Gladness." This week's focus is Participating in the Sacraments. We can do this by attending Mass on the weekend and receiving the Eucharist and by going to Reconciliation. Our supporting parishes have the following weekend schedules:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Mass - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am or 11am

Reconciliation - Saturday 4:15-4:45pm or by appointment with Fr. Mayer

St. Pius X

Mass - Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:30am or 10:30am

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30pm or by appointment with Fr. Seda

IOWA COLLEGE SPIRIT DAY

Our students have done an excellent job this year learning new procedures, routines and exemplifying ways of being Respectful, Responsible & Caring in the classrooms and beyond. As a reward and a way to celebrate this weekend's Cy-Hawk football rivalry, this Friday, Sept. 9th, we are having a "special" Casual Day for staff and students. This is always an exciting time of year, not just for football but for school spirit. Iowa has some great colleges and this is a great way to rep school spirit! We have many Cyclone, Hawkeye & Panther fans in our building, so let's celebrate!

Casual Day Friday Guidelines

- Students can wear apparel or school colors from the following Iowa colleges
 - Iowa State: Red and Gold

- Iowa: Black and Gold
- UNI: Purple and Gold

If your child only has gold, then they are covered! All other casual dress guidelines apply. If you have questions about the dress code, please consult the guidelines listed on our website at <https://stpiusxschoolcr.com/dress-code>.

TESTING

FAST Testing

FAST testing will take place over the next two weeks. This testing takes place three times per school year and tracks students progress in both reading and math. Reading tests will take place next week & math tests the following week.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, September 20th

Orders will be done online only - no paper orders will be accepted. To order, please go to mylifetouch.com and enter our **Picture Day ID: 2NRP67TVE**

School picture day is considered a “dress-up” event. Students electing to not “dress-up” should be in school dress code.

- Appropriate clothing may include uniform approved pants or shorts (in-season) and a nice shirt
- Skirts & dresses of the appropriate length (no shorter than 2” above the knee) are acceptable for girls
- Thin or spaghetti straps, sleeveless, crop shirts, exposed shoulder tops and tank tops are not allowed – if these styles are worn, a sweater (or something similar) must be worn over top.
- Jeans, sweatpants, etc. are not considered dress code or better - no faded, ripped, torn or baggy pants or shorts, and no short shorts or skirts (no shorter than 2” above the knee) may be worn.



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Tuesday, September 20, 2022
St Pius X School

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ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Attendance

For all attendance related items:

Email attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com & your classroom teacher

- Illness (please include illness description / symptoms) - A member of the office staff may call or email you to follow up.

- Appointments
- Pick up early
- Drop off late

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Please take some time to review our arrival & dismissal procedures and please share with others who will be dropping off or picking up your student(s).

[SPX Arrival & Dismissal Procedures](#)

DRESS CODE UPDATES

It is **expected** that parents/guardians will ensure their students attend school in dress code. Students who are in violation of the dress code will receive a written communication sent home to parents and will be required to correct the violation. Multiple violations will result in a meeting with the principal. [SPX DRESS CODE](#)

Each week we will highlight an area of the dress code - please email or call the school with any questions!

Dress Code Update #2 - Shorts & Pants

Students can wear **navy, khaki or black** dress pants or shorts. They must have a waistband & zipper. Pants must be full-length (no capris). Shorts can only be worn during the months of August, September & May and can be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.

2022 ISASP (IOWA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS)

This week paper copies of ISASP scores went home with 4th & 5th grade students. If you would like to see online copies, please follow the [online access instructions](#). You will need an individual CLAIM CODE. That code is highlighted on the front of the envelope your student brought home.

If you have access questions or misplace your Claim Code, please contact Lori Hagstrom, lhagstrom@stpiusxschoolcr.com

SCHOOL MASS

Our whole school attends Mass every Thursday morning at 9am. You are welcome to join us every week - please sit in the designated areas for visitors. Students will sit with their homerooms.

All church doors will lock shortly after mass begins at 9am. A sacristan will watch for a few minutes to let in anyone who might be running late, otherwise stop in or call the school office and they can let you in.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

There will be no Xhultation! choir rehearsal next week (9/12-16) because the OPUS auditioners will be recording their auditions in the morning.

Choir will resume on Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 AM in the church.

Xhultation Concert - Xhultation's first concert of the 2022-23 school year will be Thursday, Dec. 1 @ 7:00 in the St. Pius X Gym. Please come and listen to this incredible group of 3rd - 5th graders!

PTO UPDATES

It's not too late to join the St. Pius X PTO! All SPX families are invited to join the PTO - print the membership form [HERE](#) & send it to school with your student!

PTO Meeting

Please join us for the first PTO meeting of the school year! Monday, September 12th at 7pm in the SPX library. We have some open committee positions for those wanting to jump in head first and need some help on other committees for those who want to just put their feet in the shallow. We've got something for everyone, so please join us!

New Family Picnic

For all families that have a kindergarten student or are new to St. Pius X - Please join the SPX PTO for a New Family Potluck Picnic on Sunday, September 11th at noon in the SPX parking lot.

We would love to meet you, answer any questions you might have, help you meet some other new families and play a few games.

Please RSVP below and bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will provide burgers and hot dogs for all!

RSVP Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ABAF22ABFB6-spxnew>

Open House & Ice Cream Social

Save the date! Tuesday, September 20th from 5:30-7pm

Our annual open house & ice cream social is back this year! Watch for more details coming soon!

SCRIP NEWS

It's a new school year and we are excited to offer many opportunities to purchase SCRIP Gift Cards. Our next Monday Order date is Monday, September 12th. Please mark your calendars for the rest of the year's Monday Order dates.

Monday Order Dates - Order before 10am:

9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/24, 5/8, 5/15

NEWS FROM OUR SUPPORTING PARISHES

St. Pius X Blood Drive

The bi annual St. Pius X Parish blood drive will be held on Tues. Oct 4th from 2-6 pm in Pius Hall. You can register online by going to www.bloodcenter.org or by scanning the QR code on the posters posted in the school entrances. All donations will help to raise money for St. Pius X School.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

Xavier XCEED Conference Speaker

Xavier High School will be having our XCEED conference on Monday Sept 26. Our keynote speaker is Paul J Kim. Paul will also be presenting on Sunday evening Sept 25 at 6:30pm at St. Pius Hall.



Future Saints Volleyball Night



Future Saints Cheer Clinic

Future Saints in Kindergarten - 6th grade, come join the Xavier Cheerleaders for a cheer clinic on Saturday, October 8th from 9am-11:30am! The clinic will include work on cheers, chants, jumps & basic stunting. We will perform at halftime of the 9th grade football game on Friday, October 14th.

Cost is \$50 and includes a camp t-shirt and two admission tickets into the football game on 10/14.

Learn more and sign up online at XavierSaints.org/Camps

Questions?: email erica.rheinschmidt@xaversaints.org

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 Monday - Friday (when school is in session) from 1:30-3pm. 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

Come and dance with the Xavier Dance Team this fall! It includes two camps, three performances, t-shirt, poms, and a hair bow....and lots of fun getting to know the Xavier Dance Team! For students age 4 - 12. Learn more and register online at www.xaviersaints.org/camps.

Saint Paint

There is no better way to show your school spirit than SAINT PAINT from the Xavier Dance Team! Let us stamp your driveway with a 2.5 ft x 3 ft. Xavier logo. A new stamp is \$50; a touch-up is \$35; and a 16" x 16" cement paver is \$35. Place your order today at <https://fs12.formsite.com/credesign/xdtsaintpaint/index.html>

Xavier Dance Team Fan T-shirts

The XDT fan shirts are back! Sizes Youth Small - Adult XXXL are available! Order yours today at: [XDT T-Shirts](#).

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