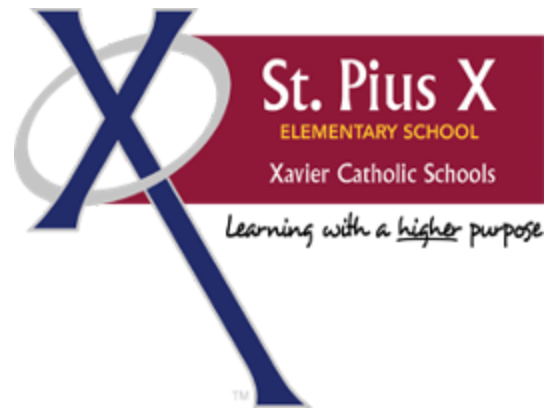


# Panther Weekly News

October 29, 2020



## Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 30th - NO SCHOOL
- Friday, November 6th - Spirit Day
- Tuesday, November 17th - School Picture Retakes

## REMINDER:

**PLEASE DO NOT drop your child off before 8:15am (unless they are in Panther Playhouse). School doors do not open until 8:15 and there is no supervision outside before that time. As the weather gets colder, we cannot have kids waiting outside. Please help us out by keeping your students with you until the doors open at 8:15.**

## New Website

Our new school website is live! Check out <http://www.stpiusxschoolcr.com> !

## Conferences

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual conferences this week. We appreciate your flexibility and willingness to try this different format. We are hopeful to hold our spring conferences in person.

## Weather Related Delays & Closures

As we prepare for winter weather, 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 will not have virtual learning on snow days, early outs or late starts.

## From the Nurse

Masks need to be worn over the mouth and nose and should be worn whenever you are in public, around other people at a distance of 6 feet or less or around others for 15 min or more.

Please think of yourselves and others before you make a choice to socialize (especially socializing without a mask). One infected person can infect at least 16 others who in turn can affect more and more people. These are your friends, children, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, siblings... some of who may be immuno-compromised.

Your child should have at least 1 extra mask in their backpack at school. Masks should also be washed daily.

It is getting cold so your child needs to make sure they are wearing appropriate clothing for outdoor play besides their school uniform, coats, gloves or mittens and hats are a must.

Remember that COVID-19 is not the only disease lurking around...strep, pink eye, flu and colds are also around. Keeping hands washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is one of the most effective ways to prevent any bacterial or viral transmission. Keep from touching your face - especially eyes, nose and mouths.

Thanks again for all you are doing to help us all be safe and in school.

### **Health Reminders**

Just a reminder that if a student has one high-risk or two low-risk symptoms, they must either self-isolate for 10 days or get a negative COVID-19 test result or alternative diagnosis per the chart we must follow.

Documentation must be forwarded to the school in order to return.

You must quarantine for 14 days if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with someone who is COVID-19 positive and either one or both parties were not wearing a mask consistently and correctly. (Household members of a positive case of COVID-19 are required to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure.)

If you have questions of when to stay home, please reference our [XCS quick reference chart](#) - email [attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com) with any questions.

### **Food Service - Free Breakfast & November Menus**

As part of the USDA grant to provide school meals free of charge, all students are eligible to receive a free breakfast each morning. Breakfast is served from 8:15 - 8:30am - it is a grab & go system, please pick up the meal from the kitchen and take it directly to the classroom.

Teachers will take a count at the end of each day to send to the lunch staff for the next morning.

To schedule a time to pick up meals for virtual learners or any other questions, please contact Dawn Bliss 319-393-4507 or [dawnbliss@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:dawnbliss@stpiusxschoolcr.com).

[November Lunch Menu](#)

[November Breakfast Menu](#)

### **Contact Information**

#### **PLEASE HELP! - Update Parent Contact Information in PowerSchool**

Due to a recent PowerSchool update, parent contact information is incomplete for many students. We ask all families to please help us by completing the steps listed below to make sure the information is up to date in PowerSchool. This is especially important in case of an emergency. Thanks for your help with making sure we have the most current contact information!

- Log in to PS
- On the left hand side, click Update Contacts
  - Click on the Contact Tabs across the top to update

**Update all fields** for each contact under Relationships, Address, Phone, Emails

### **Spirit Wear**

There are several opportunities to order approved spirit wear:

[St. Pius X Spiritwear](#) - St. Pius X webstore - order window closes Saturday, November 14th at midnight & items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks. This is the last order deadline to ensure delivery before Christmas.

[Grandparent's Store](#) - a special webstore setup for Xavier Grandparent's apparel - order deadline is Friday, October 30th at noon - items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks & would make great Christmas gifts!

[Saints Baseball](#) online store - open until Thursday, November 12th. We have been told that the items from SportTek run a size large, so we have put samples at St. Rita's to try on. The Nike items are true to size. The items will be ready for pickup at St. Rita's 3-4 weeks after the store closes - right in time for Christmas! If you have any questions, please contact Wes Cooling at [wcooling1@yahoo.com](mailto:wcooling1@yahoo.com).

### **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.

### **STO Information**

**What is STO?** Click [HERE](#) for more information!

#### **Using Your IRA to Contribute to Our Faith STO, your Parish or Catholic School.**

If you are 70 ½ or older, in most years you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, whether you need the income or not. This year, you aren't required to take a required minimum distribution, but may still take one for charitable giving purposes, if you wish. If you are in this situation, you can gift that IRA distribution to the Our Faith STO and receive a 65% Iowa tax credit in return. It's a win-win for everyone. This IRA distribution must be given directly to the STO to avoid federal income taxes. You may also give to your parish or Catholic school through your IRA too! To learn more visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org), call the parish or school office or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219.

### **SCRIP News**

#### **Cash & Carry Order Form**

**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.

11/09, 11/30, 12/07, 12/14

Cash and Carry Dates - Orders are due by noon & will go home with your Pius student.

11/12, 12/03, 12/10, 12/17

### **Activities for St. Pius X Students**

**Xavier X-Men Wrestling Club (PK-8):** Learn more by joining us **Wed. Nov., 19th at 6:30pm** in the Xavier High School Commons. Practices start Mon., Nov. 30th. See [flyer](#) or contact Ben Hoover or (319-929-5575 or [bhoover@holmesmurphy.com](mailto:bhoover@holmesmurphy.com)) for more information.

*\*Every effort will be made to ensure the safety of our wrestlers. As such, our program will be following the IHSAA COVID-19 Guidance. Some of the precautions taken will include, but not limited to, disinfecting the wrestling room before and after every practice with both sanitizer and UV lighting, separating groups into two practices, assigning cohorts/pods of no more than 4-5 wrestlers, no shared drinking facilities or gear and pre-practice symptom checks.*

### **News from Xavier**

#### **Football Playoff Game Friday: Xavier vs. Wahlert**

Xavier Football defeated Marion on Friday by a score of 45-8 to advance to the 3rd round of the IHSAA state playoffs. The Saints will now host Wahlert Catholic on Friday, Oct. 30 at Saints Field. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Health & safety measures are in place, including spectator restrictions. A total of 400 general admission tickets will be available at the gate on a first-come, first-serve basis when gates open. Gates will open at 6 p.m. Masks are required for all spectators and attendees are expected to sit within their household. **Tickets are \$8 each for everyone** (no passes accepted since this is an IHSAA playoff game). The Saints Shop will be open Friday night from 6-8 p.m. This game will be live streamed via the NFHS Network (details at [XavierSaints.org/Live](http://XavierSaints.org/Live)) and broadcasted on radio on KMRY 1450AM/93.1FM. Good luck to Coach Schulte and the Saints!

### **Transportation Reimbursement**

Reimbursement is 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 busses available for any students.** 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. Cedar Rapids school district forms need to be turned in to the St. Pius X office. The Linn-Mar form needs to be signed by Mr. O'Donnell before it is sent to Linn-Mar.

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