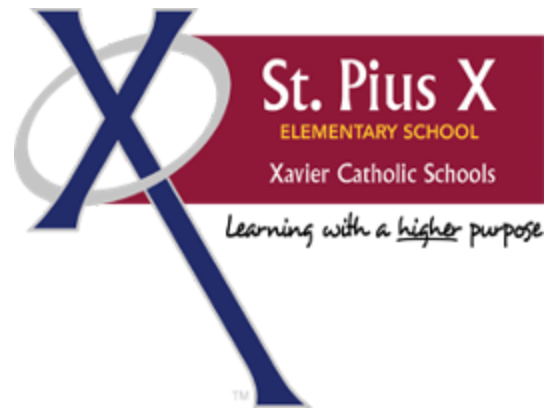


Panther Weekly News

October 2, 2020



Upcoming Events

- Monday, October 5th - NO SCHOOL - Staff Learning Day
- Friday, October 9th - Spirit Day
- Monday, October 12th - School Picture Day (see dress code for guidelines)

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. Additionally, a student may not return to school until they are fever-free for **24 hours** without the use of fever-reducing medicine AND symptoms have improved. If you have questions of when to stay home, please reference our [XCS quick reference chart](#) - email attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com with any questions.

From the Nurse's Office....

Thank you all so much for helping to keep our school and children healthy during this time. A few things to keep in mind.

1. Please send at least 1 extra mask to school daily with your child. Please put it in a zip lock bag with their name on it to keep in their backpack in case a change is needed. Please make sure masks are washed daily. The masks with the plastic front should be washed twice since plastic will hold the germs longer and should not be used for children or adults who have asthma or any other chronic respiratory issues since they limit air flow.
2. All medications including cough drops, tylenol, ibuprofen, creams of any kind etc. should be sent to the nurses office and be administered from the nurse's office. If you child uses an inhaler and needs to keep that with them, please notify the nurse's office.
3. If your child needs to stay home according to guidelines, please make sure to get written documentation before they come back to school. We will not let them stay in the classroom and you will need to pick them up and keep them at home until we have that documentation.

Again thank you so much for all you do to help keep us all here at school safe. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to email (tboston@stpiusxschoolcr.com) or call me.

Student Directory

The all-school directory will be distributed in mid-October. Due to the many changes this year, you will have the choice to receive either a digital copy of the directory or request a printed copy (similar to in the past). The cost for a printed copy will be \$5, digital copies will be provided free of charge. All funds collected will go to the St. Pius X PTO.

**Normally all information is pulled from PowerSchool - because of changes with the contacts section of PowerSchool, we would like to confirm that the contact information we are pulling matches what you would actually like included in the directory.

Please fill out the form [SPX Student Directory](#) to confirm what info you would like to include in the directory & how you would like to receive your copy. Any questions or other directory related requests can be directed to: newsletter@stpiusxschoolcr.com

Reminders

Email Distribution Lists

The school uses email to regularly communicate important news & information to parents / guardians. Please make sure the following email addresses are added to your contacts or safe senders.

newsletter@stpiusxschoolcr.com

attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com

[gdavid@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:g david@stpiusxschoolcr.com)

Your student(s) homeroom teacher email

Morning Drop off

Please DO NOT drop off your student before 8:15am as there is no supervision until this time and the school doors are locked. Students should stay in their cars, or with their parent, until the doors open at 8:15. This applies to both entrances (K-2 main door) & (3-5 side door). This will be especially important as the weather gets colder and we don't want students waiting outside in the cold.

Afternoon Pick Up

For the month of October, cars will continue to park in the same lots as in September (A-L in upper church lot & M-Z in the lower school lot). We will dismiss the school lot first for the month of October.

Absences / Illness / Appointments

For all attendance related items (illness, appointments, picking up early or dropping off late), please email attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com & your classroom teacher. In the case of illness, please copy the nurse tboston@stpiusxschoolcr.com

School Picture Day

Monday, October 12th

The picture session will be a no contact session and all students will be standing for their photo. 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: EVTRCXDX6**

School picture day is considered a "dress-up" event.

- Appropriate clothing may include uniform approved pants and a nice shirt
- Skirts & dresses (of the appropriate length) 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 (shorter than 2" above the knee) may be worn.

Dress Code

For the next several weeks, we will highlight an area of the dress code to help with any confusion. The full dress code can be found [HERE](#) for reference at any time!

With school picture day approaching, please review the dress code guidelines above.

New Website - COMING SOON!

Information will be coming soon regarding our new & improved school website!

PTO News

PTO Meeting - Monday October 5th - 7:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting will be hosted by PTO Vice President Brianna Cless:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762507303?pwd=WjFIRDlHTy9VS1E3bW1QZkU4RzVBUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 6250 7303

Passcode: ZE5ey4

Hy-Vee Cash for Students

Save your Hy-Vee receipts to earn money for St. Pius! \$1 will be earned for every \$200 collected in receipts.

Receipts can be turned in to the school office at any time. Qualifying Cedar Rapids and Marion Hy-Vee receipts include:

- Grocery
- Catering
- Pharmacy
- Fuel
- Hy-Vee Starbucks & Caribou
- Wine & Spirits

Box tops for Education

Earn cash for St. Pius simply by scanning your grocery receipts! It's simple, no more clipping! Just download the All-New Box top app and scan your receipts to find participating products. School earnings are instantly added online. Download the app from the Apple store, or get it on Google Play. Use Referral Code NBVP2IVE when signing up. Note: Receipts must be redeemed within 14 days of purchase.

Bussing 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 bussing 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 1st. 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. Linn-Mar needs to be signed by the principal before it is sent to Linn-Mar. Contact Maggie LaKose (mlakose@stpiousxschoolcr.com) if you have any questions. There are two submissions for the year (the second will be due May 1, 2020). You will be paid after the second submission for the full year.

[Cedar Rapids](#)

[Linn-Mar](#)

[Marion Independent](#)

[College Community](#)

[Springville](#)

Lunch Menu & Accounts

Click [here](#) for the October Menu

Beginning Thursday, October 1, 2020 ALL enrolled students (including remote learners) will receive free reimbursable breakfast and lunch meals. The USDA has approved the program to operate until December 31, 2020. We will continue the operation of the program until that date or until all Federal funding has been exhausted.

Only reimbursable meals including all required nutritional components are covered. NOT included are second entrée's, snack milk, cold lunch milks, and any other purchases "extras" outside of a meal. One breakfast and one lunch per day is included in this program. To schedule a time to pick up meals for remote learners or any other questions, please contact Dawn Bliss 319-393-4507 or dawnbliss@stpiusxschoolcr.com.

Library News

Book checkout is currently on hold until our library construction is finished and all the books can be accessed. In the meantime, we will be providing students with information on how to access our Destiny catalog online and provide access to books through our Grant Wood AEA resource site.

Please note that the AEA login information has changed from previous years. You can find them at [Grant Wood AEA Online Resources](#) or access them on our [Destiny Discover](#) site.

Username: 1053stpi

Password: gwood10!

We look forward to sharing our love of reading with your child this year!

SCRIP News

Changes to Cash & Carry for this year:

Step 1: Print the Cash and Carry order form. **fill out ALL the top information including student name, teacher and your phone number. [Cash & Carry Order Form](#)

Step 2: Send your forms and with a check via Backpack mail in an envelope marked ATTN: SCRIP. **remind your student to give this envelope to their teacher**

Step 3: Send an email to scrip@stpiusxschoolcr.com so we know to look for your order.

Step 4: Check your child's backpack for your order at the end of the day.

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.
10/12, 11/09, 11/30, 12/07, 12/14

Cash and Carry Dates - Orders are due by noon & will go home with your Pius student.
10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/03, 12/10, 12/17

News from Xavier

Join the Xavier Booster Club Today! 100% of dollars go to fund over 40+ Student Activities & Athletics. Each year XBC allocates over \$75,000 to Xavier programs. Over 130+ Saints Families, Friends and Businesses have already signed up. Learn more here <https://xaversaints.org/xbc>

St. Pius X / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Community News

Blood Drive - Saturday, October 10th

WE NEED YOU! Please sign up for the annual St. Pius X and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Drive to be held Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 – 1:30 pm in the St Pius X School Gym. Sign up in person before or after mass on the weekends of September 26/27 and October 3/4. You may sign up online by visiting www.cрпиusx.org, and clicking the link under the Social Justice tab. Or contact Lisa Gignac at 319-360-5039 or jimlisagignac@aol.com. On a daily basis, your blood donations are greatly needed!

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