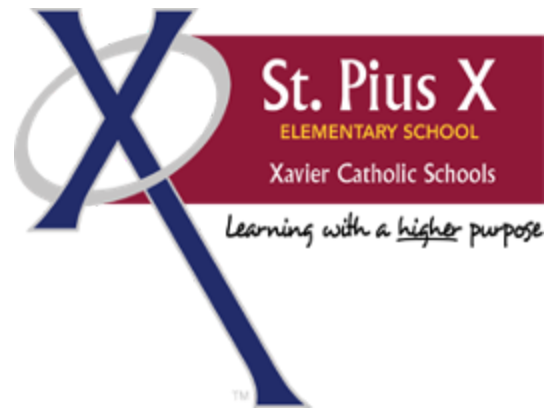


# Panther Weekly News

October 9, 2020



## Upcoming Events

- Monday, October 12th - School Picture Day (see dress code for guidelines)
- Friday, October 16th - Spirit Day
- Friday, October 23rd - Casual Day
- Monday, October 26th - Thursday, October 29th - Conferences

## School Picture Day

### **Monday, October 12th - Place your online order today!**

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](http://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.

## Conferences

Conferences will be held the week of October 26th - 29th. All conferences will be held virtually. Please watch for an email coming next week with sign-up information - Conference sign-up will begin at 4pm on Friday, October 16th.

## Dress Code

Through the month of October, 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!

**Pants** - Must be navy, khaki or black. No capris or cargo pants. Pants should be appropriately sized and free of rips, holes & tears.

**Belts** - required for all 3rd - 5th grade students (can be any color)

## Spirit Wear

There are two current opportunities to order approved spirit wear:

[PS Adfinity](#) - St. Pius X webstore - order window closes Friday, October 9th at midnight & items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks

[Saints Shop](#) - Xavier online store - order deadline is Friday, October 23rd at midnight & items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks

## **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. 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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@stpiusxschoolcr.com)

[attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com)

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

Your student(s) homeroom teacher email

### **Absences / Illness / Appointments**

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

## **5th Grade Band**

Please click [HERE](#) for an update regarding 5th grade band for this school year.

## **STO Information**

**65% Iowa Tax Credit.** As an Iowa taxpayer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need attend any Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque through a qualifying contribution to the *Our Faith School Tuition Organization* (STO). Each qualifying contribution will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65 percent of the donation. The gift may also qualify as a charitable deduction on your federal tax return. Visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more.

## **New Website - COMING SOON!**

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

### **PTO News**

#### **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 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. Linn-Mar needs to be signed by the principal before it is sent to Linn-Mar. Contact Maggie LaKose (mlakose@stpiusxschoolcr.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

### **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](mailto: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**

#### **Xavier Boosketball Camp - Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020**

(For Girls in Grades K-4)

*Xavier High School (Activities Entrance)*

*9:30-11 AM*

*Dress in costume!*

Girls in Grades K-4 are invited to join four-time state champion XHS Girls' Basketball head coach, Tom Lilly, and members of the 2020-2021 Xavier girls' basketball team for some Halloween hoops! Campers will work on key basketball skills while having fun and enjoying treats. Campers are welcome to dress in costume too!

DUE TO COVID-19, SPACE IS LIMITED TO 24 CAMPERS AND HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE.

REGISTRATION ENDS: 10/16/20.

Camp Cost: \$30 (Includes T-Shirt)

Sign up online on 8to18.com at <https://xavierhs.8to18.com/dashboard/catalog>.

*Questions?* Contact Pam Barta in the XHS Activities Office at [pam.barta@xaversaints.org](mailto:pam.barta@xaversaints.org) or 319-294-6635.

#### **Xavier Booster Club**

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.crpiousx.org](http://www.crpiousx.org), and clicking the link under the Social Justice tab. Or contact Lisa Gignac at 319-360-5039 or [jimlisagignac@aol.com](mailto:jimlisagignac@aol.com). On a daily basis, your blood donations are greatly needed!

**\*\*The Panther Weekly news is a weekly email sent (usually on Fridays) to parents & other supporters of St. Pius X Elementary to keep you up to date with school & community news. If you would like to be removed from this email distribution list, please reply to this email to let us know.\*\***