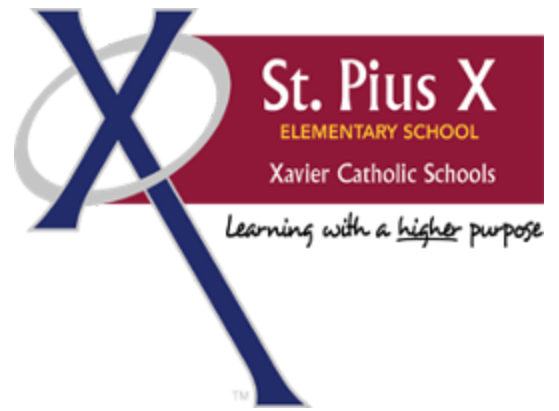


# Panther Weekly News

## November 12, 2020



### Upcoming Events

- Friday, November 13th - Spirit Day
- Tuesday, November 17th - School Picture Retakes
- Friday, November 20th - Casual Day
- November 25th - November 27th - No School - Thanksgiving Break

### Health Reminders

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. (all household members of a positive case of COVID-19 are required to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure)

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.

COVID-19 updates are posted each school day at <https://stpiusxschoolcr.com/covid-19>

### Substitute Teaching

One challenging piece of our school year has been the availability of substitute teachers. If there are any parents looking for a way to help out - the process to become a substitute is fairly straightforward.

First go to [BOEE.iowa.gov](https://boee.iowa.gov)

It will give the information under the emergency sub as to what qualifications are needed to get your certification. You have to take the Substitute Authorization class through the AEA.

<https://aealearning.truenorthlogic.com/ia/empari/tab/home> (search Substitute Authorization to see all options)

The state is rushing out the certifications. If you have an education degree, but never got your license, you do not have to take the class.

Once you go through the process with the state, you can register here:

<https://subcentral.gwaea.org/subcentral/>

### 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.

### Spirit Wear

These are the last opportunities to order spiritwear to arrive before Christmas!

[St. Pius X Spiritwear](#) - St. Pius X webstore - order window closes Friday, November 13th at midnight & items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks. This is the last order deadline to ensure delivery before Christmas.

There are also some dress code approved items available in this store.

[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)

[Xavier Cheerleading](#) - online store - order window closes Friday, November 13th at midnight & items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks (in time for Christmas!)

### **November Lunch & Breakfast Menus**

[November Lunch Menu](#)

[November Breakfast Menu](#)

### **Transportation Reimbursement**

**PLEASE have forms returned to St. Pius by Friday, November 20th!**

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.

[Cedar Rapids](#)

[Marion Independent](#)

[Springville](#)

[Linn-Mar](#)

[College Community](#)

### **From the Music Room**

#### **5th Grade Band**

We are preparing to hopefully begin Band in some way in January. Parents, please take a moment to sit down with your 5th Grader and discuss their preferences regarding Band. Then open the following short form and complete it. <https://forms.gle/DM3wx13VMFYVv7Z8>

### **Caroling at Northbrook**

5th Grade Students are invited to carol at Northbrook. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to serve the community. Please click on the included link to get details and to respond.

<https://forms.gle/BTC15CasEA4jEwyG8>

### **STO Information**

**What's this STO all about?** It's about supporting our kids, particularly those in families who otherwise may not be able to afford a Catholic school education *and* making the most out of your charitable contribution. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the *Our Faith School Tuition Organization* (STO) qualify for a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1000 you donate, you receive an Iowa income tax credit of \$650, which reduces your Iowa tax bill by \$650. That means, for a maximum cost to you of \$350, you're able to provide \$1000 in need-based assistance to families! And remember, a gift to the STO also qualifies as a charitable contribution on your federal income taxes, if you itemize deductions. Visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more.

### **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.

11/30, 12/07, 12/14

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

12/03, 12/10, 12/17

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

#### **Knights of Columbus Poster Contest**



Knights of Columbus Council #15921 is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.

There are three age divisions: ages 5-7; ages 8-10; and ages 11-14. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division.



Posters should be created on 11 X 17 sheets of paper and should reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." Please submit completed posters to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish office by Friday, December 11. Be sure to include full name, age, and contact information on the back of the poster. Any questions, please contact Brandon Sinnock at 319-550-4747 or [brandon\\_sinnock@yahoo.com](mailto:brandon_sinnock@yahoo.com)

#### **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.*

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