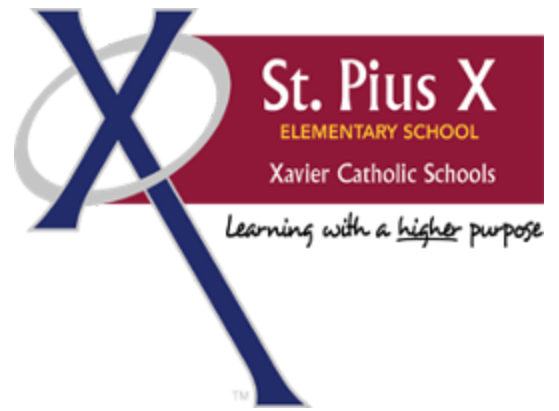


Panther Weekly News

November 6, 2020



Upcoming Events

- Friday, November 13th - Spirit Day
- Tuesday, November 17th - School Picture Retakes
- Friday, November 20th - Casual Day

After School Pick Up

Thank you for your help in making the end of the day pick up process go so smoothly! A reminder that for the month of November, the upper church lot (last names A-L) will dismiss first.

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. (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>

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

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.

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.

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/DM3wx13VMFYNvv7Z8>

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>

I can't wait to go caroling with you!

Mrs. J

November Lunch & Breakfast Menus

[November Lunch Menu](#)

[November Breakfast Menu](#)

Spirit Wear

There are several opportunities to order approved **spiritwear**:

[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

[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!)

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, 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) 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. Grinnell

Xavier Football defeated Wahlert Catholic last Friday by a score of 17-14 to advance to the semifinal round of the IHSAA state playoffs. The Saints will now host Grinnell on Friday, Nov. 6 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 livestreamed via the NFHS Network (details at 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 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. The Linn-Mar form needs to be signed by Mr. O'Donnell before it is sent to Linn-Mar.

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