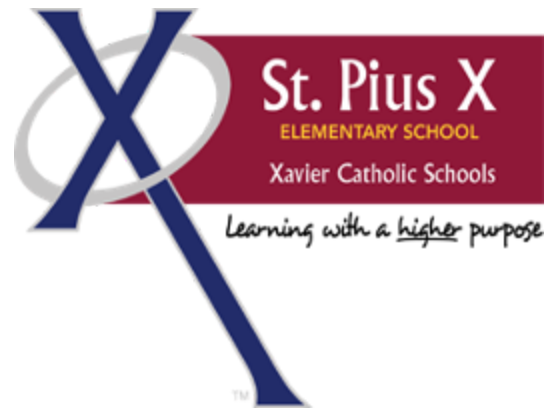


# Panther Weekly News

## December 4, 2020



### Upcoming Events

- Friday, December 11th - Spirit Day
- Friday, December 18th - Casual Day
- December 21st - January 1st - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

### Reminders

Please remember to send appropriate cold weather gear for your student every day - a coat, hat and gloves at a minimum. Students go out for recess even when it is cold.

### Health Reminders

- COVID-19 updates are posted each school day at <https://stpiusxschoolcr.com/covid-19>
- Please watch for an email this afternoon with new guidance from Xavier Catholic Schools & Linn County Public Health regarding quarantine timelines and requirements.
- 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.

### Giving Tuesday 2020

It's not too late to donate! You can give to St. Pius X School directly through this link [SPXGivingTuesday2020](#) - Please share this link with your friends & family who would also like to support our school!

### Support St. Pius X while you Shop!

You can make an impact while you shop at Amazon!

Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1505488](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1505488) and AmazonSmile will donate to St Pius X St Elizabeth Ann Seton Board of Education, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile can be used through the Amazon app too!

### St. Pius X Giving Tree

The Advent season is here and with that in mind we would like to do all we can to help the less fortunate. From December 1st -December 11<sup>th</sup> we are collecting new toys to give to local Catholic charities to help families who may not be able to afford new toys during Christmas. While essentials are important for a family to have, we also believe that during Christmas it is important for a child to receive a toy, something they can enjoy and have as their own, just as we did when we were children.

We ask that you include your child as much as possible in the process - have them choose the toy and explain why you are giving the toy away and the importance of helping others and being Christ like. By giving to others we have the chance to show Christ's love to those around us during this special season.

### December Lunch & Breakfast Menus

[December Lunch Menu](#)

[December Breakfast Menu](#)

### **St. Pius X Lanyards**

St. Pius X lanyards are now available for purchase through the school office - please fill out the form linked below if you are interested in purchasing a lanyard, and then send \$8 per lanyard to school with your student.

[St. Pius X Lanyards](#)

### **From the Nurse**

Thank you all so much for being diligent about taking temperatures, watching for symptoms and following the guidelines. It is because of you doing such a great job, that we remain at school. The next concern will be flu and strep season. Making sure children eat a good breakfast and dress for the cold weather as well as get plenty of sleep and exercise will help keep them healthy. Again I am so proud of what we've been able to do as a St. Pius X School and Early Learning Center community. Keep up the good work!

[CDC COVID Update](#)

### **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**

#### **Give the gift of a Catholic education!**

The Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) exists solely to make a Catholic education more affordable for every child whose family income is at or below 400% of the federal poverty rate. As an Iowa tax payer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need through a contribution to the STO. In return, you will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The amount you contribute also may qualify as a charitable donation on a federal tax return. Please visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more or have questions about this great program.

### **SCRIP News**

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

There are a lot of low denomination cards available for the holidays, and lots of great bonuses available! Get a jump start on your shopping. Check out [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to see all available options!

**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.

12/07, 12/14

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

12/10, 12/17

### **Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO)**

I wanted to send a note to thank all of you for the amazing support of Metro Catholic Outreach this fall. MCO has had a very unique year, as we all have, and knowing you are thinking of us every week and supporting the clients is a blessing. Please remember our clients in your prayers this week. As I usually say if every person brings one item you bring, it makes an abundant box for our clients. Thank you again for all your support this fall. Please stay safe and healthy. - Kate Leonard-Getty (Executive Director)

Students are always invited to bring items for the MCO food pantry and put them in any of the boxes in the front hallway of the school. This is a wonderful way to support our local community, especially now during the Advent & Christmas seasons.

Items that are always needed:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Beef stew
- Crackers
- Chili
- Canned Soup
- Jelly
- Canned Chicken or Salmon
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Pancake mix
- Boxed Potatoes
- Syrup
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Facial tissue
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning products
- Toiletries, trial or full size, such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant
- Plastic grocery sacks, both new and used, and larger plastic bags/shopping bags that can hold large boxes of cereal

For more information, visit the [MCO website](#).

### **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)

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