



Panther Weekly News October 29, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st - NO SCHOOL
- November 5th - Spirit Day

HEALTH UPDATE

We thank you for doing everything you can to help us stop the spread of COVID-19. Please see common [Symptoms of Covid-19 \(CDC\)](#). **A tolerable headache, fatigue and mild fever are the most common symptoms being reported by our students testing positive for COVID-19.**

Due to the increased contagiousness of the Delta variant, St. Pius X Elementary HIGHLY recommends quarantining asymptomatic household contacts for 10 or 14 days according to CDC quarantine guidelines or testing those individuals on day 5 (or later) after exposure, while also monitoring for symptoms.

As communicated earlier in the week, we have seen a significant increase in illness numbers. Due to the increase in our numbers, and not having our students be able to get the vaccine, we will be changing some of our current operations and upcoming events.

- HIGHLY encourage mask wearing among staff and students
- HIGHLY encourage regular hand washing and sanitizing
- Utilize the [Covid dashboard](#) on our website to communicate numbers to families
- Cleaning student surfaces regularly throughout the day
- Spraying classrooms at night
- Continue to send classroom/activity notifications for positive cases
 - In classrooms with multiple positive covid cases, recess will be separated by cohort (classroom) within that grade level
- Increased space between students in lines during transition periods
- Maintain recommended CDC social distancing recommendations in our classrooms, at lunch, and during specials
- Closely monitor timeline/proximity of group gatherings at recess and encourage movement during this time
- Pause our lunchroom volunteer practice
- Lunch and recess will remain separated by grade level and any activities that combine grade levels will be paused (for example: buddies)
- At this time, the school will not hold any large group indoor activity/event.

Please contact our school nurse, Teresa Boston, at tboston@stpiusxschoolcr.com or the main office attendance@stpiusxschoolcr.com with any questions or concerns.

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Winter is coming and for many reasons this is the season of illness. Mask wearing and social distancing can play a huge part in decreasing the spread of illness. Also since we are seeing cooler weather please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately-hats and gloves when needed, jackets and sweaters etc.

PTO NEWS

Online Book Fair

Today is the last day to place an order for our online book fair! Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. For every purchase made, we will earn 25% back in rewards to help support our school!

[Efairs.follettbookfairs.com](http://efairs.follettbookfairs.com)

Code: WR1R6

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.

SCRIP NEWS

Monday Order Dates - Order before 10am:

November 8th, 15th and 29th, December 6th and 13th, January 10th and 24th, February 7th and 21st, March 7th and 28th, April 11th and 25th, May 9th and 23rd

Cash and Carry Dates - 8:15am-9:00am:

November 12th and 19th, December 3rd, 10th and 17th, January 14th and 28th, February 11th and 25th, March 11th, April 1st, 15th and 29th, May 13th and 27th

NEWS FROM OUR SUPPORTING PARISHES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will once again be teaming up in a service project with St. Ludmila and would love for everyone to participate. The project is packing Boxes of Joy through the Cross Catholic Outreach organization. Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy is a booming Christmas ministry inviting people all over the US to pack hope and happiness for thousands of children in dire poverty around the world. Families may pack gift boxes with presents like small toys, bar soap, pencils, a tooth brush, tooth paste, hard candy, crayons, coloring books or T-shirts. Then we ask you to add a \$9 check (made out to Cross Catholic Outreach) to your box to cover the shipment and deliver the Box of Joy to St. EAS no later than **November 10th**. Boxes can be picked up at St. EAS outside the parish office along with instructions and more information. Visit their website to learn more:

<https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>

This was a really fun and popular service project last year so be sure and get your box as soon as you can. We can also accept shoe boxes if you do not have a chance to grab an official Box of Joy. Thank you for helping us spread JOY!

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