



Panther Weekly News November 19, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 24th-26th - NO SCHOOL
- November 25th - Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 28th - First Sunday of Advent

HEALTH UPDATE

Covid Recommendations

As we continue to see Covid cases in our school community, it is important to share with families the recommendations given by our local health department as well as our school/church. The Archdiocese of Dubuque and St. Pius X Elementary strongly encourage mask wearing; it is one of the layered prevention strategies to keep our students healthy. It is also supported by the CDC and local health departments. Archbishop Jackels has consistently urged all to wear masks and has included this message in almost every weekly homily that is posted on the Archdiocesan website.

In addition to highly encouraging masks at school, additional mitigation strategies which align with CDC guidance have been put in place. These include: physical distancing, hand washing, increased cleaning and disinfection, enhanced ventilation, monitoring/adjusting visitors in the school, classroom cohorts/grouping, and COVID tracking and communication to parents.

How families can help:

1. If your child has a household exposure, we **HIGHLY** encourage quarantining your child 10-14 days, or until a negative test is received on/after day 5.
2. If your child has a known close contact exposure at school or in outside activities, we **HIGHLY** encourage quarantining your child 10-14 days, or until a negative test is received on/after day 5. At a minimum, we encourage known exposures to wear a mask.
3. If your child has a known close contact exposure and is experiencing symptoms, please do not send them to school. Upon evaluation by our school nurse, if a student has symptoms and is known to be a close contact, they will be sent home.

The school & our families need to work together to prevent the spread of covid. Thank you for your help.

Mask Donations

While we cannot require students to wear masks, we highly encourage staff & students to wear one at school. We have been handing out many, many masks to students on a daily basis. **Donations of disposable masks (especially child size) would be greatly appreciated!**

REMINDERS

Absences / Illness / Appointments

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

Morning Arrival

Please review our morning arrival procedures [HERE](#). Please help us make this process move as smoothly as possible.

SPECIALS NEWS

Art

Students need to replenish their supply of crayons & markers in their supply boxes! Please send with your child as you are able!

Music

4th and 5th Grade Christmas Concert

DATE CHANGE! The concert will now be on Monday, December 13th at 7pm. More details were sent out in an email to families earlier in the week.

SCHOOL PICTURES - RE-TAKES

If your student needs a re-take or was not in school on picture day, there is a **re-take day scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th.**

PIUS PRIDE

SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Pius Pride is back! We are excited to invite you all to Pius Pride 2022! Pius Pride is our school's annual live and silent auction event. This evening is a great way to mingle with old friends, meet new families, and enjoy an adult night out! You can look forward to heavy hors d'oeuvres, signature drinks, and a silent auction followed by the always entertaining live auction. The festivities will continue into the night with music and fun.

This event is not possible without the help of many volunteers - if you are interested in helping out, check out the sign-up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FA8A92BA4F94-pius>

Please email piuspride@stpiusxschoolcr.com with any questions!

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Simply shop at 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!

PTO NEWS

Hy-Vee Receipt Contest

HyVee Receipt Competition (November 17-December 3rd)

Send your HyVee receipts with your child to school from November 17th to December 3rd

Prizes for the three classrooms that turn in the largest combined dollar amount for the entire classroom

(Prizes to be announced next week; Winners announced December 6th)

Teachers have envelopes marked with his/her name, so you just need to send the receipts into school for your child's teacher to put in the envelope.

SCRIP NEWS

Monday Order Dates - Order before 10am:

November 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

SCRIP Cash & Carry will be available through backpack mail only from here on out, until Spring. Please send your order forms, with payment, in a sealed envelope with your student anytime during Monday order weeks. Students will need to drop it in the SCRIP office mailbox or the main office. Please send an email to scrip@stpiousxschoolcr.com to let us know to look for your order. Orders will be filled on Friday morning and sent home with your student that same day.

*Reminder that this is only during Monday order weeks. Below is a list of cash and carry dates through the end of 2021.

12/3, 12/10, 12/17

**Please note, if you need quite a few cards from the same vendor, you should submit a Monday order. We only have 5-10 of most cards on hand at any given time, and we do not fill partial orders.

Online Ordering

SCRIP gift cards are a great gift - with the Advent & Christmas seasons approaching, there are many vendors offering cards in lower denominations. Check out shopwithscrip.com to see all available vendors and place an order! Many orders can be shipped straight to your home (for a small fee).

Thank you for supporting the SCRIP program at St. Pius X - through your purchases, we were able to donate almost \$20,000 to the school last year. Additionally, over \$35,000 in tuition rebates were earned by our families who use SCRIP!

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

First semester non-public transportation reimbursement 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. Remember Cedar Rapids school district forms need to be turned into the school office. Linn Mar forms need the signature of the principal. If you have any questions, please let us know. There are two submissions for the year (the second will be due May 1, 2022). You will be paid after the second submission for the full year.

[Cedar Rapids Community School District](#)

[College Community School District](#)

[Linn Mar Community School District](#)

[Marion Community School District](#)

ACTIVITIES FOR ST. PIUS X STUDENTS

St. Pius X Christmas Eve Youth Choir

It's time to sign up for our youth choir that sings at 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve! (for St. Pius X parishioners in grades 3-12)

Schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 12 – rehearsal

*1:00-2:30 singers

*3:00-4:00 instrumentalists

Sunday, Dec. 19 – rehearsal

*1:00-2:30 singers and instrumentalists

Friday, Dec. 24

*3:15 meet in Pastors Hall, then sing at 4:00 Mass

To sign up, contact the Liturgy Office by Friday, December 3.

liturgy@crpiusx.org or 319-393-4445 x111

Provide the following information:

Child's name, age, and grade

Parent's name, email address, and cell phone number

Invent Iowa

Is your child looking for a challenge? Invent Iowa is an extracurricular opportunity open to students at St. Pius X School. The program operates through the Belin Blank Center for Gifted Education at the University of Iowa. Students create their inventions at home and have check-ins with our school counselor leading up to their presentations. In the past, we have had several students place in the top 3 at the state level. Registration doesn't open until January, but students can get started creating their inventions now. Please email our school counselor at njacoby@stpiusxschoolcr.com if your child is interested in participating.

For more information: <https://belinblank.education.uiowa.edu/students/inventiowa/#how-to-participate>

Explore Regis

Save The Date -- Explore Regis 2022!

Attention 5th grade families! Save the date -- Saturday, January 29th -- for Explore Regis 2022! Regis Middle School hosts this annual event to help next year's 6th grade families learn more about Regis. Plan to join us at 9 am on Jan. 29th at Regis Middle School, 735 Prairie Drive NE. More information will be shared soon, so for now please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Jan. 29th. Contact Dianne Clarke at dclarke@regisroyals.org or 319-363-1968 if you have any questions. Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Pius X Early Learning Center Hiring for Early Childhood Teachers

Currently hiring for the following positions:

- **Full-Time Toddler Room**
 - Qualifications should include experience working with children OR have worked in a licensed Early Childcare setting.
- **Full-Time Three Year Old Preschool**
 - Candidates with a CDA, AA in Early Childhood or BA in Elementary Education.

Flexible hours, and benefits. We offer a friendly, positive, faith filled atmosphere! Join our talented team, where we inspire children to be lifelong learners!

Applicants can apply by sending their resume or call to inquire more:

Connie Schulte, Director

cschulte@stpiusxschoolcr.com
(319) 200-4546

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