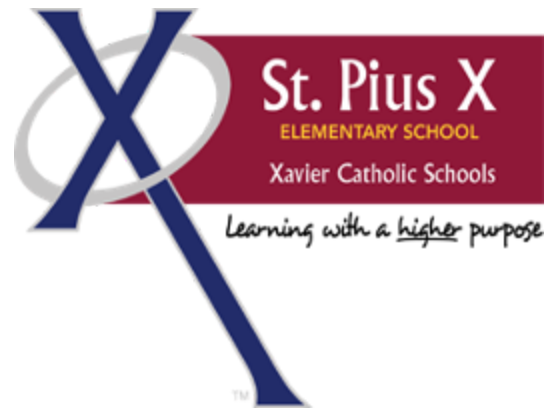


## Panther Weekly News February 12, 2021



### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday
- Friday, February 19th - Spirit Day
- Monday, February 22nd - No School

### Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the food drive organized by our fourth grade classrooms! In total, we collected **2,444 items for the food pantry!!** The four classrooms who brought in the most items earned an extra dress down day! Thank you so much for your generous donations!

### Registration for 2021-2022 School Year

#### **Returning Students (currently enrolled at St. Pius X Elementary in the 2020-21 school year)**

Tuition contracts went home with all kindergarten - 4th grade students - Please complete one per family and return it to school with your student. These documents are your official registration for next school year for St. Pius X Elementary. If your student(s) will not be returning to St. Pius X next year, please email Geri David - [gdavid@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:g david@stpiusxschoolcr.com) to let us know.

#### **New Students (incoming kindergarten & transfer students)**

Pre-registration has begun for incoming kindergarten & transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year. To be placed on our list for the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the two forms on the [St. Pius X School](#) webpage and return them to St. Pius X with your deposit. Printed forms are also available to pick up from the office. Any questions, please call the school office 319-393-4507.

### Virtual Learning

As a reminder, online zooms and live streams from classroom teachers are available for those who have to be quarantined due to circumstances of health as provided by LCPH or families who chose the online option for the remainder of the school year. For students out due to regular illness, vacation or by parent request, parents are able to come to school to pick up work as provided by the teacher to complete as the teacher notifies the family.

### From the Nurse

It's cold out there! Please make sure your child is dressed for cold weather. It takes less than 5 minutes for frostbite to begin and tissue to be destroyed. Please make sure your child is wearing gloves or mittens, hats and warm coats. Wearing masks have been a big help to protecting the face from the cold as well. Speaking of masks, I'm sure you are tired of hearing about making sure your child has one on each day and an extra in their backpack BUT making sure the mask is worn properly and fits is just as important. If there are gaps and if they don't cover the nose, the virus can get where it needs to easily. If your child has a problem with their mask, they can always see me or any of the staff. The masks are helping not only with Covid-19, but with everything else. We are not seeing many kids sick with much of anything here at school compared to this time of

year in the past. Keep up the good work - wear masks, social distance, wash hands and keep from touching your face.

Thank you to all of those who sent items in for the Nurse's office. Happy Valentine's Day! You are loved!

[How to Wear a Face Mask](#)

[CDC Covid-19 Update](#)

### **PTO News**

#### **Hy-Vee Reusable Bags**

St. Pius X Elementary School PTO has been selected by local Hy-Vee store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Reusable Bag Program!

*For the month of February 2021, St. Pius X Elementary School PTO will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee Drugstore 2001 Blairs Ferry Road NE, Cedar Rapids IA.*

### **News from the Library**

#### **Book Fair**

Thank you for making our first online book fair a success! We had over 100 orders and sold 479 books. The books are on their way to St. Pius and we will distribute those as soon as possible!

#### **Author Visit**

On Thursday, February 18th, students and staff will have the opportunity to meet New York Times bestselling picture book author and illustrator, Derek Anderson. He has created more than twenty-five books for children. He recently began writing and illustrating a chapter book series called *Benny McGee and the Shark*. There will be special grade-level presentations throughout the morning via Zoom. This was a previously scheduled event last spring but was canceled. We are so excited to provide students with this opportunity this year!

### **Tuition Assistance 2021-2022 School Year**

The application for tuition assistance for the 2021-22 school year is now available.

**Complete the Financial Aid Application through FACTS:** The STO & local assistance programs will be utilizing FACTS Management to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded. FACTS Management has an application that all families need to complete to be considered for assistance..

The application can be found here: [online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid) (application is available in both English and Spanish).

Only one application needs to be completed per family. (If you have students in multiple XCS schools, only complete the application once) The non-refundable application fee is \$35.00 per family.

The deadline to file the application is April 15th.

### **St. Pius X ELC - Part-Time Preschool & Enrichment**

#### **Now enrolling for 2021-2022 school year!**

There are options for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. More information & enrollment forms are available on our website.

<https://www.stpiusxschoolcr.com/part-time-preschool>

### **SCRIP News**

**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.  
2/15, 3/8, 3/29, 4/19, 5/10

Cash and Carry Dates - Orders are due by noon & will go home with your Pius student. [Cash & Carry Order Form](#)  
2/18, 3/11, 4/1, 4/22, 5/13

### **Yearbook**

It's not too late to order your 2020-2021 St. Pius X School yearbook! Orders can be placed online through [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Our school yearbook ID Code is: 1248521 - all yearbooks are \$10.

### **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.

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