



## Panther Weekly News September 24, 2021

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1st - Spirit Day
- October 4th - NO SCHOOL
- October 4th - 8th - Homecoming Week - watch for more info coming next week!

### REMINDERS

#### **Morning Drop off**

For those cars that park in the school lot in the morning - please be very careful when entering & exiting your parking spot. There are many children, from both the elementary school & ELC, arriving for school at the same time. Please make sure an adult accompanies all students to the sidewalk if you are parking in the lot and PLEASE don't let them run by themselves through the lot to get to the school building

### A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

There are many illnesses around that school-aged children are more susceptible to - please keep an eye out for signs of illness and keep your student(s) home when they are not feeling well. For more information on these illnesses, please click [HERE](#) and let us know if you have any questions!

### STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

As part of our ongoing strategic planning process, we are looking for parents & friends of St. Pius X with some background and/or interest in marketing & communications. If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Mrs. Sears](#)

### PIUS PRIDE 2022

We are in the early stages of planning for our annual fundraiser "Pius Pride." We are looking for a small team of co-chairs (2 to 3 people) to help organize this event which is our only major fundraiser all year. Once we have the co-chairs in place, there are many opportunities for other people to help with pieces of the event! If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact [Erica](#) in the office.

### PTO NEWS

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

There are several upcoming opportunities to volunteer for the school - as a reminder, you must be on the "approved volunteer list" to receive any of these sign ups. Please contact Erica in the office if you have any questions. [erheinschmidt@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:erheinschmidt@stpiusxschoolcr.com)

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Homecoming Tailgate

Staff Lunch Donations

Lunchroom Helpers

Halloween Party Donations

### **Student Directory**

The all-school directory will be distributed in early October. All PTO members will receive a complimentary copy. If you would like to receive a copy, you must be a PTO member!

Please make sure all of your contact information is current in PowerSchool - all directory information is pulled from there. Information typically included is: Student's Name, Grade & Home Address, Parents' Name(s), Phone Numbers & Email Addresses. If you DO NOT want your family's contact information included or have other directory related questions, please email [erheinschmidt@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:erheinschmidt@stpiusxschoolcr.com)

### **Membership**

It's not too late to join the St. Pius X PTO! All SPX families are invited to join the PTO - print the membership form [HERE](#) & send it to school with your student!

### **HELP WANTED**

#### **First Grade Teacher Associate**

Assist the classroom teacher in providing support, supervision of students, and working with individual students or small groups requiring special instructional help. Position is flexible - 3-5 mornings a week while school is in session. Interested parties may email a resume to the principal, Mrs. Sears [ssears@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:ssears@stpiusxschoolcr.com) or call the school at 319-393-4507.

### **ELC Maintenance**

The St. Pius X Early Learning Center is looking to hire an evening floor maintenance person to sweep, mop and operate a walk behind floor machine. This person will need to be reliable, self-motivated and be able to stand/walk for 3 hours at a time. Hours consist of 3 hours a day, Monday-Friday after 5pm, and are flexible. No experience necessary and anyone over 18 can apply. Background check is required before hiring. If interested, please call 319-393-4507 or email [bdally@stpiusxschoolcr.com](mailto:bdally@stpiusxschoolcr.com) for an application.

### **INSTRUMENTS NEEDED**

St. Pius X Elementary is looking for donations of no longer needed musical instruments. Ideally the instruments would be in good condition, with only minor work needed. The highest need is for clarinets & trumpets, but we would love to take any donations. Any questions, please contact the school office.

### **SCRIP NEWS**

Our next Monday Order date is Monday, September 27th. Please mark your calendars for the rest of the year's Monday Order and Cash and Carry dates.

#### **Monday Order Dates - Order before 10am:**

September 27th, October 11th and 25th, 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-9:30am:**

October 1st 15th and 29th, 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

### **SPIRIT WEAR**

Approved spirit wear can be ordered from the following link:

[St. Pius X Spiritwear](#) - St. Pius X webstore - the next order window closes Wednesday, September 29th at midnight & items will be delivered to school within 3-4 weeks. There are also some dress code approved items available in this store

### **STO - SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION**

Please read the information from the link below regarding STO and please share this information with others that would be interested. We want a Catholic education to be available to everyone who desires it for their child and STO funds are one way to make it possible!

[STO Update](#)

### **NEWS FROM OUR SUPPORTING PARISHES**

#### **St Pius X Blood Drive**

Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm (Parish Hall)

Dear Panther Parents - you're invited to the fall St Pius X Blood Drive!

Did you know that your donation will directly benefit the school? As a co-sponsor of the blood drive, every donation that St Pius School brings in will increase the amount of grant money earned from ImpactLife! The grant can be used for scholarships, educational expenses, charitable donations and more!

Donations are needed urgently! This summer had seen some of the lowest donor turnouts of the last decade. Local hospitals have had less than a 3-day supply of most blood types all season. *All those who give will ensure that patients in need don't have to wait for the life-saving blood products they require!*

Join us on October 5<sup>th</sup> for an awesome opportunity to make a real impact.

*The donation process is easy and only takes about an hour (with only 10 min spent on the donation bed). Donating blood is one of the most personal ways we help each other survive and heal.*

*All donors will receive their choice of a retro ringer t-shirt OR a \$5 gift card.*

**MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.**

Sign up online [HERE](#) or contact Michael Becker at [pa@crpiusx.org](mailto:pa@crpiusx.org) or Lisa Gignac at [jimlisagignac@aol.com](mailto:jimlisagignac@aol.com)

*Thank you for helping our community in this time of great need!*

*\*Note: For questions related to COVID-19 or vaccinations, contact [mdee@impactlife.org](mailto:mdee@impactlife.org).*

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