

St. Pius X

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“Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.” – Responsorial Psalm for Sunday

Christmas Choral Concert tonight at 7 pm in the PAC. All are invited to attend!

Breakfast Club will NOT meet this Friday, December 16. Please consider joining our group to help our teachers in the new year. We meet every Friday after the all school Mass in the parish meeting room and/or copy room, depending on our assignments.

Private Transportation – There will be no bus service all of next week – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Please arrange for rides to and from school for your children. In the morning, children may be dropped off either at the back door, the main school doors, or the rectory lot. In the afternoon, students whose last names begin with A - G will be picked up in the front lot, H - Q will be picked up in the rectory lot, and R - Z will be picked up in the back of school. If children are going to ride home with someone other than their own parent/guardian, they must bring a note telling the teacher who is taking them home. Please be aware that the **drive by the rectory is two-way** so that parents picking up children in this lot can enter as others exit.

Missing Glasses? There is a pair of glasses in a Flexon case and another pair in Ralph Lauren frames that have been in the lost and found for a while. Please let us know if they belong to your child.

Schoolbelles Stocking Stuffers and Gift Ideas – Save up to 25% off until December 17th!

Penny War Thanks!– We were overwhelmed by the generosity of students and families in the Penny War. Over \$2000 was raised to Catholic Charities, a Diocesan organization, provide help to others this holiday season. We are very blessed to have such great support for activities that help those in need.

A Thank You from Care Net! Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky would like to express our *sincere* appreciation for the collection of pop tabs received from the students, parents and parishioners of St. Pius X School and Parish. In the past few months you have collected 191 lbs. of pop tabs equating to approximately \$100 for Care Net! Your donation will buy a baby crib earned by a client enrolled in our five month parenting education program. Please continue to collect those pop tabs and know that your efforts make a difference for those in our community facing the challenging decisions surrounding an unplanned pregnancy. Your support allows Care Net to offer information and hope, clearing a path for a decision for life! Best wishes for a Blessed, Merry Christmas from the Board, Staff, Volunteers and especially the Clients of Care Net Pregnancy Services.

VIRTUS Accounts will be open during the month of December. Please take the time to go to www.virtus.org and read any new and past bulletins so you can volunteer in the school. While on your page, check your profile to be sure your current e-mail is listed. Also, please check your computer setting to make sure that e-mails from virtus.org are being permitted to come through your e-mail account.

Cafeteria Charges – Please go to www.myschoolbucks.com to check the status of your child(ren)'s account(s). You can add money on-line or send a check to the cafeteria. We would like to clear up any charges before the Christmas break. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Recess Monitor Subs – We are in need of parents who are willing to sub in on Mondays and Tuesdays when needed. Please contact Kim Thapar if you are interested.

Student of the Month and Math Recognition – Please click [here](#) for a list of students recognized in November for their Christian attitude and behavior and for a list of students recognized for their math achievement.

Congratulations to our 6th grade Academic Team! St. Pius X 6th grade Academic Team placed first in Sixth Grade Showcase held on December 3. Many awards were given to the SPX team. They placed first in quick recall and won many individual medals: Jeff Mollman first in Math, Tyler MacKnight second in Math, and Alec Ballman third in Math; Malone Simpson first in Science and Alec Ballman third in Science; Malone Simpson third in Social Studies; Alex Edgington sixth in Language Arts; John Komaromy-Hiller first in Arts & Humanities; John Komaromy-Hiller fourth in Composition and Tyler MacKnight fifth in Composition. The following members made up the Quick Recall Team: Alec Ballman, Avery Dietz, Alex Edgington, John Komaromy-Hiller, Brett Lampe, Tyler Macknight, Jeff Mollman, Malone Simpson and Michael Ward. What a wonderful achievement!

Keys Missing? - While Student Council was emptying a large container of pop tops, a set of keys fell out. If you turned in a large container of pop tops and are missing a set of keys, please contact Kathy Brunot at kbrunot@stpiousx.com.

St. Pius X Kroger or Remke Gift Cards - Did you know you can give these as Christmas gifts? For the Holidays, you can request Kroger or Remke Gift Cards for your personal or business gifting. Imagine the additional money for St. Pius if everyone uses these St. Pius Gift Cards (in any denomination) for their holiday gifting! One of our parishioners has already ordered 215 \$50 Kroger Gift Cards for his Business Gift Giving, with 4 % coming back to St. Pius. Thank you! Contact Stefanie Reid at 578-9939 or stef@fuse.net to have these gift cards made for you. Please give her plenty of time to complete the orders.

Confirmation Reception - The 8th grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 It has been a tradition at St. Pius X that the 7th grade parents help with the celebration afterwards, but all volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Brunot at rkbrunot@fuse.net or 341-0478.

8th Grade Yearbook Contest - All 8th graders are invited to design an original cover for the 2011-2012 Yearbook. Your design can be a drawing, photo or photo collage, or a digital creation. After completing your entry, please write your name and homeroom in **pencil** on the **back** of your paper, and turn it in to Mrs. Brunot by **Thursday, January 12**. If you have any questions about the contest, please email Mrs. Bosch (yearbook coordinator) at djbosch@fuse.net. The winner will be chosen by a whole school vote, and the winning entry will receive a free yearbook! Be creative and have some fun! Entry Specifications: Use the submission sheet found on the St. Pius website. Use markers to complete drawings (**NOT** pen, pencil, colored pencil or crayons). If your entry is a drawing, make sure the images are large and clear and any wording is not bunched together. If your entry is a photo or digital creation, be sure to have a high dpi and clear/bright images. These entries must be submitted in a jpg format.

Talent Showcase - Student Council is hosting a talent showcase on Friday, February 3rd at 12:30-1:45 in the gym. Grades 5-8 are eligible to participate in the showcase. This is not a competition; it is just to show the talents of St. Pius students. All acts must be under 3 minutes and must showcase an appropriate and true

talent (no lip syncing.) You must bring a copy of the song that you are using in your performance to your audition. Tryouts are on **Tuesday, January 17th**, after school in the gym from 2:00-3:00. Only those trying out may stay for the auditions. Permission slips to stay after school can be printed off of the website and returned to Mrs. Brunot by **Friday, January 13th**. You may not stay after school if you have not turned in a permission slip. Ten or twelve acts will be chosen to perform in the show and those chosen will be notified the following day. Signups will be outside the library after Christmas break.

NDA Girl's Basketball Grade School Night will be held on Saturday, January 28th. Click [here](#) for a flyer about the event.

Magazine Orders can still be placed on line. Please go to QSP.COM and our school code is 1073599. St. Pius will still receive 40% of your purchase.

SPX is Collecting Pop Tabs - St. Pius X School is now collecting pop tabs for Care Net. Care Net is an organization that supports women with unplanned pregnancies and provides supplies for newborns. The pop tops are turned in for cash which is used to purchase diapers, car seats and other baby supplies. St. Pius will have several collection areas: in the school office, the cafeteria, and the church. Look for the Care Net containers. We encourage you to save your pop tops for this worthy cause.

Teacher Contacts for Extra Curricular Clubs and other school/parish activities and contacts can be found under the extracurricular tab on our website. Every student club is sponsored by a teacher. We thank them for this extra commitment!

Parish Debt Reduction Campaign - Please remember to return your response card to the parish office as soon as possible. Please review the debt reduction campaign strategy on the parish website. Together as a parish we can achieve our goals!

Ky Colonels Wrestling Club will provide a terrific opportunity for your son to participate in and enjoy "the world's oldest sport". There are two divisions: ages 5-12 and ages 12-14. Wrestling excels at building self-esteem, instilling confidence, and develops discipline and physical fitness in a way that is fun and challenging. Click [here](#) for additional information.

NKAPC's "Direction 2030 - Your Voice, Your Choice" campaign is a community planning initiative centered on public input – citizens ideas and citizens opinions. It will help create a new comprehensive plan for Kenton County for the next 20 years, and is aimed at making Kenton County the perfect place to live. All residents of Kenton County are encouraged to participate. Click [here](#) for more information.

Lunch Menu - Click [here](#) for the lunch menu for 12/12/11 to 12/21/11.

Looking Ahead:

Dec. 15	Christmas Choral Concert – 7 pm
Dec. 19 – 21	Private Transportation
Dec. 21	All-School Mass
	Last Day before Christmas Break
Jan. 3	Return from Christmas Break

I hope you have a great week! Mrs. Gerwe