



April 12, 2017

Dear Families,

Fr. George has served the parish and our school for almost eleven years. The SPXS community has flourished under his leadership, as he has championed Catholic education not just in our parish, but across the diocese. Fr. George has decided that it is time to retire...though we are saddened by this news, the SPXS school family is grateful for his time, energy, and commitment which have impacted our school, the school community, and each student of SPXS. This impact extends well beyond our campus, and well into the future!

A recent discussion of “**Study Skills**” among middle school parents, has recently been brought to my attention.

There is a perception that study skills are not taught at SPXS, and this is a *misleading and incorrect perception*. Lower School teachers integrate and weave age-level study skills into their teaching. The Gr. 5 class has study skills classes at the start of the year with Ms. Dwyer, our guidance counselor. Mrs. Guzman assists the Gr. 5 students with organization right from the start. For example, she implements tools such as a chart that details what items students need to enter the classroom, and the homework chart in the hallway that can be referred to as students pack their bags at the end of the day. All teachers assign homework verbally, and post assignments on the board, as well as online.

All teachers weave study and organizational skills throughout the curriculum, though they might not be *explicitly* pointed out. For example, when students take notes, complete a graphic organizer, pre-write, create a draft, revise and edit, these skills are integrated. Whenever a long-term project is assigned, the teacher breaks down the work into smaller components identifying dates when each piece is due. Teacher check-ins are designed to evaluate student progress along the way. This is an example of teaching students time management.

In Math, problems are broken down, to ensure student understanding of each part of the process. In another class, a teacher may have a class pre-read a section in an informational text, modeling how the student should attack the reading. She will have the students look at the chapter title, discuss what the chapter is about, look at the headings for the sections, any graphics components, etc. These are all study skills, but the teacher doesn't always say "We are using our pre-reading *study skills* to look at this section."

In a Social Studies or Science class, pertinent vocabulary may be introduced prior to reading. Students discover the vocabulary meaning, utilizing varying strategies. Students then use new knowledge of these words to access the content of the written material. Again, an important study skill.

In Science class, Gr. 8 students are asked to find and read an informational article related to science, looking up vocabulary that is unfamiliar, utilizing other sources (if necessary) to help them understand the information sufficiently. They present and discuss the topic to, and with, their classmates, answering questions which arise. This is an example of how study skills, including research skills, and ELA skills are woven into Science, and the acquisition of knowledge from informational text.

The implementation of Google Classroom, is a huge assist to those students with organizational skills- eliminating the chance that work will be left behind at home, or lost.

In addition, Study Hall is offered Monday-Thursday, creating an environment for study- a specific time, place, and students modeling positive work habits. Teachers offer extra help to students who seek it out.

Student homework and projects are posted online, so the student and family can work on time management and study at home.

I could go on with examples, but will stop...

To supplement all that is already done, we are undertaking several initiatives to help us reach even those students who, despite additional supports provided by the teachers, might still struggle. One is **Responsive Classroom**, an approach to providing a positive social-emotional environment where students feel academically safe to take risks, and where there is a true sense of community and empathy. A second, is training in **SEI (Sheltered English Immersion)** to better address the learning needs of our students whose home language is not English. Third, is training from **Landmark**, known for its work with students with dyslexia and learning disabilities. They are widely-recognized for the work they do that provides supports for organization and study skills. At least three staff members will attend that training this summer.

As you can see, SPXS is currently working hard on newer initiatives to meet the needs of all our students; I hope this information helps clarify the misperceptions around “study skills”. If you have questions, please contact me.

For those lucky enough to score a ticket to the Lion King last Friday, you were part of a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Congratulations to Ms. Perrault, Mrs. Johnson, the cast of thousands (really, *only* 53), Mrs. O’Brien, Mrs. Kilty, the wranglers, Mr. Sozanski, and all the helpers- the production was the culmination of all your efforts!



We will have a nursing position available next year. If you might be interested, or know someone who might be- please contact me at adailey@spxschool.org.

Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.*

Easter Blessings to all,
Mrs. Dailey



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REMINDER
TUITION PAYMENT

If you have elected to pay your child's tuition in full and would like to take advantage of the \$50.00 discount, payment is due by Friday, April 28th. Otherwise, payment is due by June 1, 2017. Cash, check and credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Am/Ex, Discover) are accepted. If you have any questions about the amount due, please contact Mrs. Gogan at 508-398-6112 x306 or mgogan@spxschool.org. Thank you.

SUMMER UNIFORMS

Please note that effective **Monday, April 24th**, students are now able to wear the Summer Uniform in addition to the Standard Uniform. The listing of the Summer Uniform can be found below.

Please note: The Standard Uniform is worn on days we attend Mass.

GRADE 5-8		
Boys	Short	Uniform company khaki walking short
	Shirt	Navy polo with school logo
		Tan or navy crew sock
Girls	Skort	Uniform company khaki skort
	Shirt	Navy polo with school logo
		Navy knee sock
GRADES PK-4		
Boys	Short	Uniform company navy walking short
	Shirt	White or light blue polo with school logo
		Navy crew sock
Girls	Skort	Uniform company navy skort
	Shirt	White or light blue polo with school logo
		Navy knee sock or white ankle sock



St. Pius X School

May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 IOWA Testing begins LS Soccer(K - Gr. 1) 2:30—3:30	2 LS Golf 2:30-3:30pm Flag Football 2:30-3:30pm Faculty Mtg. 2:30pm No Study Hall	3 Girls Lacrosse Gr. 1-5 2:30—3:30pm Interim Period Ends	4 Lacrosse 2:30- 3:30 Mad Science 2:30-3:30	5	6
7 St. Pius X Parish Brunch hosted by our Kindergarten and Gr. 5 families	8 Gr. 8 to attend Mass at the Cathedral (Full Dress Uniform) Gr. 5 To NEED Academy LS Soccer(K - Gr. 1) 2:30—3:30	9 LS Golf 2:30-3:30pm Flag Football 2:30-3:30pm	10 Advisory Board Mtg. 3:30 Interim Reports Issued	11 Lacrosse 2:30- 3:30 Mad Science 2:30-3:30	12 IOWA Testing Ends Gr. 5 returns from NEED Academy Barn Babies Visiting	13
14 Mother's Day	15 LS Soccer(K - Gr. 1) 2:30—3:30	16 LS Golf 2:30-3:30pm Flag Football 2:30-3:30pm	17	18 Monthly Tour 10am Lacrosse 2:30- 3:30 Mad Science 2:30-3:30	19 School Auction Oyster Harbors 6:00pm	20 Middle School Play 2:00 & 7:00pm Parish Life Center
21 First Communion St. Pius X Parish 12:00	22 LS Soccer(K - Gr. 1) 2:30—3:30	23 LS Golf 2:30-3:30pm Flag Football 2:30-3:30pm	24	25 Ascension Thursday Mass 9:00am (Full Dress Uniforms) JB Edward Uniforms 2:00—4:00 Grade 8 Class Trip to NYC	26 Grade 8 returns from NYC—11:00pm	27
28	29 Students <u>Not</u> in Session 	30	31	1 Lacrosse 2:30- 3:30 Mad Science 2:30-3:30	2 Field Day Gr. PK—Gr. 4	3

Last day of school - PK and K June 20th, Grades 1—7 June 22nd



St. Pius X School Gala & Auction

Friday, May 19, 2017
Oyster Harbors Club
Osterville, MA

Ticket Holder's Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Tickets are \$65 per person if purchased on or before April 19, 2017

Tickets will be \$75.00 per person after April 19, 2017

You will be placed on the guest list for the event. Please check-in at the front entrance.

Number of tickets _____ Total Ticket Purchase Price _____

I would like to underwrite the cost of a ticket for a SPXS staff member to enjoy the evening.

Donated Amount: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return this form with a check made payable to "The Friends of St. Pius X School"

To purchase tickets online go to spxschool.ejoinme.org/spxs gala2017

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Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp date: _____

For further information, please contact:

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St. Pius X School Gala & Auction 2017 Auction Sponsorship Form

Title Sponsorship - \$1,200

- ★ Company Name/Logo on all promotional materials for the Gala & Auction
- ★ Four (4) tickets to Gala & Auction (or sponsor tickets for teachers)
- ★ Full-page color ad with a prime location in the auction program (Ad Size: 5 1/2" x 8 1/2")
- ★ Company Name/Logo hot-linked on St. Pius X School website
- ★ Title Sponsorship recognition on St. Pius X School and Friends of St. Pius X School Facebook pages
- ★ Sponsor-provided "leave behind" company promotional material on registration table
- ★ Reserved Title Sponsorship table at Gala & Auction and a 2' x 4' banner with company logo displayed at Gala & Auction
- ★ Verbal recognition at Gala & Auction

Gold Sponsorship - \$500

- ★ Full-page Ad in the Auction Program (Ad Size: 5 1/2" x 8 1/2")
- ★ Two (2) tickets to Gala & Auction (or sponsor tickets for teachers)

Platinum Sponsorship - \$900

- ★ Full-page Ad in the auction program (Ad Size: 5 1/2" x 8 1/2")
- ★ Company Name/Logo hot-linked on St. Pius X School website
- ★ Platinum Sponsorship recognition on St. Pius X School and Friends of St. Pius X School Facebook pages
- ★ Sponsor-provided "leave behind" company promotional material on registration table
- ★ Two (2) tickets to Gala & Auction (or sponsor tickets for teachers)
- ★ Reserved Platinum Sponsorship table at Gala & Auction
- ★ Verbal recognition at Gala & Auction

Silver Sponsorship - \$250

- ★ Half-page ad in the Auction Program (Ad Size: 5 1/2" x 4 1/4")

Family Sponsorship - \$150

- ★ Family and/or Child's Name listed in Auction Program

Sponsorship Level (Please X) Title Platinum Gold Silver Family

Company Name: _____

Company Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please return this form with a check made payable to "The Friends of St. Pius X School"

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St. Pius X School Gala & Auction

Friday, May 19, 2017
Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, MA

Thank you for participating in our annual Gala & Auction. This is the school's largest fund-raiser and proceeds will benefit education and enrichment programs. These include: athletics, arts, field trips, after-school enrichment programs, technology updates, and maintaining playground, classroom and science equipment.

DONATION FORM

INFORMATION

Business or Individual's Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Business Website: _____

All donations are tax-deductible. Submission deadline for donations is April 19, 2017.

ITEMS & SERVICES

Name & Description: _____

Estimated / Market Value: _____

Please check all that apply:

Item/gift certificate accompanies form (Kindly ensure all gift cards/ certificates are effective no earlier than the day of the auction (May 19, 2017) and valid through May 2019.)

Item/gift certificate to be delivered or picked up by auction committee member.

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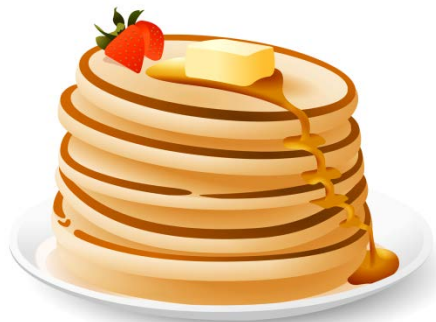
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May Parish Brunch

Join us at the May Parish Brunch on Sunday, May 7th! Kindergarten and Fifth grade families are hosting this month, however help from other grades is always welcome. There are slots available on Saturday evening and throughout the morning on Sunday. Shifts go by quickly and are so much fun for both kids and adults. Remember, as all proceeds from the brunch directly support our school, every family is expected to volunteer during at least one brunch each school year.

Have you worked a brunch yet? We hope to see you there! Click the link below to sign-up for a time slot.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aeae29a6fb6-mayparish>



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SPXS FALL SOCCER PROGRAM for K & Gr. 1 **at the St. Pius X School Field**

The Kindergarten - Grade 1 soccer program will begin **Monday, May 1st** and run for 6 sessions through (and including) **Monday, June 12th** (no soccer Monday, May 29th).

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Day of WK</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<i>K - Gr. 1</i>	<i>Monday</i> <i>(5/01-6/12)</i>	<i>2:30-3:30</i>	<i>\$50</i>

- Please return the application below to SPXS by Wednesday, April 26th with payment payable to the Friends of SPXS. **Space is limited to 25 students!**
- Each player should bring a water bottle and if possible, a soccer ball. Some balls will be available at the field.

APPLICATION (By Wednesday, April 26th)

Players 1) _____ Age/Grade _____

2) _____ Age/Grade _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

****Also, please note the attached School Code of Conduct and Release Forms must be signed and returned to school with this application and the fee before a child can participate in the program.

Thank You!
Friends of St. Pius X School

Your family could win the next Box Tops for Education Contest!



Save your Box Tops and send them to school by ***Friday, May 19th***!

The top collecting family will win a prize for the whole family to enjoy!
Be sure to write your name on the collection sheet and make copies to
bring in the most Box Tops.

Thank you for supporting St. Pius X School!

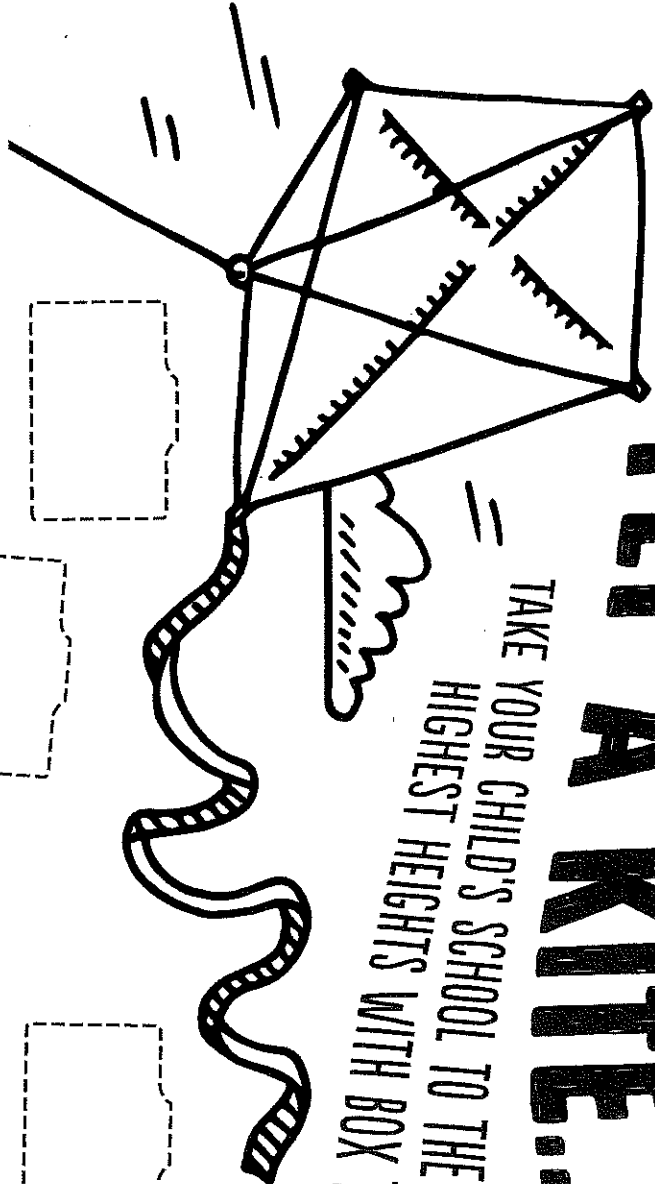
Your Box Tops make a difference!

Please visit www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes each day to enter SPXS in the Box Tops
Sweepstakes!

FAMILY NAME _____

LET'S GO FLY A KITE...

TAKE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO THE
HIGHEST HEIGHTS WITH BOX TOPS!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com. See more collection sheets at BTFE.com/collectionsheets.



Come sing with the St. Pius X Church children's choir!

*All children in grades 1 through 8 are welcome to sing
with the choir at the 9:00 children's Mass on*

Sunday mornings.

*Please join Mr. Depin, children's choir director, in the
choir area at 8:30 this Sunday to see what it is all
about. This is a great way for children to be involved*

in the Mass.

We have all your First Communion needs!



Gowns
Headpieces
Gloves
Tights

Suits
Blazers
Ties
Shoes

Kid & Kaboodle
115 Route 6A, Orleans
(508) 240-0460
Open Daily 9:30-5:30