

St. Pius X School

Weekly Update

September 2, 2011



This Week at Saint Pius X School

Monday, September 5...	Labor Day, No School for Students and Staff
Tuesday, September 6...	8:30AM Mass, prepared by Grade 4
Thursday, September 8...	Meet the Teacher Night, 7:00PM in the gym
Friday, September 9...	Band Demonstration Assembly, Grades 4 and 5, 9:30AM
	September 11 Prayer Service, 1:45PM in the Church

Coming Soon...

Monday, September 12...	School Photo Day
Tuesday, September 13...	8 th Grade Students visit Bishop Hartley High School
Wednesday, September 14...	8 th Grade Outdoor Education Camp Begins
Wed. Sep. 14, Th. Sep. 15...	7 th Grade visits Shepherd's Corner
Friday, September 16...	Candy Sale Ends
Monday, September 19...	La Fogata Fundraiser to benefit SPX Home and School

We now have the first full week of school behind us! We welcomed 551 students as we began the 2011-12 school year. Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Winkel, Monsignor Funk and I enjoyed getting to know the many new students in our school in grades 1-8 at a pizza lunch on Thursday in the PAC Room. I hope our many new families are enjoying a smooth transition to Saint Pius and are feeling a part of our SPX School Family.

I look forward to seeing all of our school families at our annual "Meet the Teacher Night" on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 in the gym. The evening will begin with introductions and a presentation from myself as well as several organization representatives. Following the presentation, you will have the opportunity to visit with your child(ren)'s teachers and learn about classroom routines, expectations, goals etc. We hope to see all of our parents at this important evening!



NO SCHOOL



There is no school for students and staff on Monday, September 5 in honor of Labor Day. Enjoy the final long summer weekend!

September 11 Prayer Service



We will remember the victims of September 11, 2001 with a prayer service on Friday, September 9 at 1:45PM in the Church. Mrs. Canfield has coordinated this effort using guidelines provided by the National Catholic Educators Association. Please join us as we remember those who lost their lives and ask God's blessings on our country.

Band Demonstration



Mr. Wes Miller from Columbus Music Academy is back at SPX to lead our instrumental band for the 2011-12 school year! Mr. Miller will hold an assembly for all 4th and 5th graders on Friday, September 9 to introduce them to the program and share how they can get involved.

School Pictures



Lifetouch will visit SPX for our annual school picture day on Monday, September 12. Flyers will be sent home and orders must be returned on picture day to order your photos. Retakes will be scheduled for November. Picture day will be an out of uniform day. Students are permitted to dress according to the out of uniform guidelines in the school handbook. Please contact the office with any questions.

Home and School Golf Outing



Saint Pius X Home and School Association is sponsoring a Golf Outing on Saturday, September 24 at St. Alban's Golf Course in Alexandria, Ohio. All proceeds from this event will be used for Tuition Assistance at Saint Pius X School. For more information, follow the link on our home page or contact Mr. Mike Berger at mberger@insight.rr.com.

La Fogata Fundraiser



Join SPX Home and School at La Fogata Restaurant in Pickerington on Monday, September 19. Take the flyer from the last newsletter to the restaurant and 30% of your check will be donated to our Home and School Association. From 7-9PM, the band "Outside the Box" will perform. Please plan to join us!

Protecting God's Children Workshop



A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be held at Saint Pius X on Wednesday, September 21 beginning at 6:30PM in the PAC Room. All volunteers and staff in any capacity must take the Protecting God's Children workshop. To register visit www.virtus.org and follow the links from the registration tab. This session is open only to parishioners of Saint Pius X and/or parents of SPX students.

Beanie Baby/Matchbox Car Collection



A box has been placed in the north lobby of the school building to collect Beanie Babies and Matchbox car to support Senator and Mrs. Mike DeWine's efforts to provide a Christmas present to each child who attends the Christmas party at the Becky DeWine School in the Diocese of Gonaives, Haiti. Collections are taking place at the parish as well as the school. For information, please contact Mrs. Julie Gallagher at 614/353-1266.

Handbell Choir at Seton Parish



I would like to personally invite the students from 5th to 8th grade in joining the "handbell ringers" at Seton. Many ask, do we need to read music? The answer is no, but a basic understanding of notes is helpful.

Bell ringing is basically a percussive instrument. We use mallets, we damper on the tables and much more. The handbells are relatively a new instrument that is used in Catholic liturgy. The Methodist and the Presbyterians have had these bells a lot longer than we have in the Catholic Church. One may ask, when do you use them and why? We play the bells during mass at the Offertory, Communion Meditation and mass parts when the music is available. The bells enhance the liturgy with their beautiful sound. During the Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons the bells enhance the choirs and liturgy. Here at Seton the Adult and Youth Ringers have performed at the Short North, retirement homes and Culver's Restaurant during the holiday seasons. This is part of our community service.

Our rehearsal schedule is every Wednesday at 5:20-6:10PM...this is for set up, rehearsal and tear down time. The ringers play once a month at Seton on the 2nd Sunday at the 9:30AM mass.

Interested students and perhaps their parents may contact me at: pporcase@setonparish.com.

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