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*** We have several news items to bring to your attention this week. We ask that you take the time to read each item carefully, as this is our main source of communication, and many common questions are answered utilizing this medium. Thank you!

All students are invited to dress down this Friday in their **Buffalo Bills gear**!! They made it to the playoffs!

Students may also wear other sports jerseys or St. Pius Tenth School spirit wear if they choose.

Please note that the Reddington Scholarship application for the 2023-24 School Year is now available on the Canandaigua National Bank homepage: <u>www.cnbank.com</u> OR the following link, which will take you directly to the application:

https://www.geneseevalleytrust.com/Community/2023 Reddington Scholarship/

Registration for the 2023-24 school year will be opening on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. This will be for priority registration for those families who currently attend St. Pius Tenth School (for current students and siblings). Registration will open to the public on February 1.

The following link will take you to our website, where registration packets will be posted by next week:

https://www.saintpiustenthschool.org/

If you prefer a hard copy, please let us know, and we will send it home with your student.

Catholic Schools Week is January 30 – February 5.

This year, we will be collecting for SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Services, Inc.). SWEM is in desperate need of boxes of cereal.

In addition to helping our neighbors in need, we will be utilizing this school-wide service project as an opportunity to teach about Math and Physics, as well as mapping, problem solving, planning, spatial skills, and of course empathy, and kindness.

Please consider donating regular sized boxes of cereal to help St. Pius Tenth School with our own **Cereal Box Domino Challenge**. The goal is 500 boxes of cereal to line the hallways of our school. All grade levels will be participating, and our 4th and 5th Graders will be leading the charge and setting up our domino course.

We are accepting donations immediately.

Also, when purchasing cereal, please be sure to scan your store receipts if there is a Box Tops for Education decal on the box. These may be submitted online for St. Pius Tenth School's credit.

Speaking of Box Tops for Education, congratulations to our 4th Grade class who won the Fall Box Tops Challenge! Their dress down day will be announced shortly.

Monday, January 16, 2023, is a scheduled day off from school, as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The end of the 2nd Quarter of the 2022-23 school year is Friday, January 27, 2023. Report Cards are scheduled to be distributed by Friday, February 3, 2023.

Our next **school liturgy** is Friday, February 3, 2023. Please be sure that students are dressed in full uniform, even if they have PE, and please join us if possible. We love to have our families and friends in attendance!

Our next scheduled ½ day for students is Friday, February 17, 2023. Pre-K dismissal is at 11:30 AM, and Grades K – 5 will dismiss at 11:45 AM.

Following is the information that we currently have regarding end of day dismissal transportation: Brockport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days Churchville Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days Gates Chili – Will NOT transport on any remaining ½ days Greece (Ontario Transportation) – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days Hilton – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days LeRoy – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days Spencerport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days Wheatland Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days **St. Pius Tenth School ½ days this school year are November 10, 2022; December 22, 2022; February 17, 2023; March 17, 2023**.

We received a special thank you from Mrs. Ames who sent all of the items collected for our Advent Service Project to our troops overseas. Her family's total collection efforts filled 25 boxes and over 150 pounds! She also shared how much the items were appreciated and how much the troops loved the cards that our students made!





Have a Wonderful and Blessed Rest of the Week!



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2023 Reddington Scholarship

To Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools:

The Reverend John A. Reddington Scholarship Fund was established under the Will of Father Reverend John Reddington to provide for Catholic education at any level and for college education (nondenominational) for residents of the Diocese of Rochester. A scholarship committee exists to review all applications and to select individuals to receive scholarship grants.

There is no limit on the number of times a student may apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are not automatically renewed each year. Students must reapply annually.

The Scholarship Fund is a needs-based fund, but the student must be performing to his/her potential. This past spring we had (94) students apply for the scholarship and were able to assist (94) applicants. Scholarships awarded are in the average range of \$100.00 to \$500.00 per year. The committee will only consider those applications that indicate a family's maximum yearly income of \$60K or LESS and require proof of school registration of student attending.

Please print, complete, and mail the application by April 30, 2023 to:

Molly Rodriguez / Dario Saccente Canandaigua National Bank & Trust/CNB Wealth Management 1150 Pittsford-Victor Road Suite A Pittsford, New York 14534

Application for Colleges

Application for Elementary, Jr. High, and High School

SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Pius Tenth School 585-247-5650

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1st Grade News By: Trevor Freed

It's been an exciting few months in the first grade! Although the holiday season is now behind us, the students' excitement hasn't dwindled in the slightest.

During the last few months, a good portion of the first grade class have turned into some pretty passionate soccer fans! While it is pretty normal for us to have a Disney movie playing during our recess time each day, one day the class asked me if we could watch some of a World Cup game instead. From that day until the end of the tournament, the first graders were practically begging to check in on games during recess and were constantly asking for the scores of games that were played during our learning times. It was certainly an unexpected way for the class to enjoy their time together. I guess that's another explanation for why it's called the beautiful game!



On our last day together before Christmas break, the first grade class had a very fun half-day Christmas party. We started the day off with a little dance party while we listened to some holiday favorites followed up by some Christmas themed games. After that we watched "A Charlie Brown Christmas" while enjoying some treats that the students brought in to share with each other. It was a fantastic, fun-filled day that the class was sad to see end, even with Christmas so close!



Now that we are back together in school it's time to look forward to all that we still have to accomplish this year. In the coming months, the first grade will begin taking on many new challenges in all subject areas. I am grateful to have such a brave group of students this year who are all willing to put forth their best efforts in learning new things, even if they seem impossible in the moment. I'm sure the second half of the school year will be just as great as the first. We're ready for it!



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Kindergarten Updates! By: Anna Wiater

We have been working so hard in Kindergarten! It is hard to believe we are already well into the second quarter. The year is flying by!

It has been so exciting to see the Kindergarteners take a very active role in reading! We know more than 25 sight words and are working on the days of the words week and color We are consistently working on word families, blending sounds. and reading comprehension in our guided reading groups.

In math, we have talked about counting and grouping numbers to ten. Soon, we will start our addition unit. The students are very excited to start adding like the "big kids"!





We have been working hard learning about the religious season of Advent and learning all about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We have talked about what we can do to help others, and what Jesus does to help us. Watching the Christmas season through the eyes of a 5-year-old makes this time of year so magical.

One of my most favorite things that the Kindergarteners learned this year is how to pray the Hail Mary in American Sign Language. Now, they can pray in two different languages. How cool is that? Sometimes it is hard to believe that they are only 5!

It is an exciting time to be in Kindergarten! We hope everyone had a safe and blessed holiday season.