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From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
March 13, 2024

St. Patrick March 17

Greetings St. Pius Tenth School Families!

There is a great deal of information in this week’s communication, which is our **main tool for sharing information** with families. Therefore, we ask that you take the time to read it, in its entirety, to keep up with what is happening in our school. We will do our best to send text reminders for certain events, though that may not always be possible. Thank you in advance for your time and attention!



Please note the following important **calendar dates**:

Friday, March 15

½ Day for Students

Professional Development
Day for Teachers;

11:30 Dismissal for Pre-K

11:45 Dismissal for K – 5

Please update PickUp Patrol with your alternate dismissal plan for the ½ day

Friday, March 29

Good Friday – No School

Monday – Monday
April 1 – 8

Easter Recess
School Reopens on **April 9**

Friday, April 12

End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 19

9:30 AM

School Liturgy

Friday, April 19

Report Cards scheduled to be
distributed

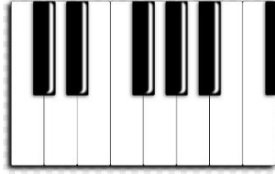
Friday, April 26

Superintendent’s Conference
Day – **No School For Students**

***** Wednesday, June 12**

6:30 PM

Spring Concert



FREE PIANO TO A GOOD HOME – IN EXCELLENT CONDITION!

Please see the enclosed flyer (and pictures) in this week’s communication.



Students are invited to dress down **this Friday, March 15** to celebrate **St. Patrick’s Day**. Please dress in colors that commemorate St. Patrick, the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and the celebration of the Irish culture!



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Reminder

Transportation forms for the 2024-2025 School Year are due to transportation departments in your home school district by April 1, 2024. Forms can be found online on your district’s website.



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Online ordering for this year’s school yearbook is now available. PK-5th grade are included!

Cost: \$27.50

Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2024

Link: <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry>

School Code: 83770X



Save the Date for our Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the school gymnasium. Please save the date, as our students will display what they have been working on this year in both band and music.



Catholic Schools Day at the Ballpark!

This year, Catholic Schools Day at Innovative Field is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 2024, when the Red Wings will take on the St. Paul Saints at 1:05 PM. Tickets will be on sale for \$10. We will be sharing the link to purchase tickets as soon as it is made available to us.



Don't forget...you can earn 40 Bonus Box Tops at Target from now until the end of March when you buy any four Annie's products in a single transaction.

Our \$1,000 goal for this school year is in sight! With less than 4 months to go, we're already at \$690!

Right now, our **Kindergarten** class has a commanding lead, with almost 600 more box tops than Grade 2!

***** REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR *****

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is open to all current and prospective families!

Please let us know if you need another hard copy of the registration packet, and we will send one home with your student and please return completed paperwork as soon as possible to guarantee enrollment.

“May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need the most.” Irish Blessing 🍀

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

Reflections from AIS

By: Mrs. Emily Santos

As the AIS (Academic Intervention Services) teacher at St. Pius Tenth School, I get to work with students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Sometimes I pull small groups for focused work in my classroom, and other times I push in to support students in their classrooms. No matter what the setting, exciting things are happening at every grade level!

Kindergarten and first grade literacy groups are working hard to develop foundational reading skills. The students are mastering phonics patterns and applying those patterns as they read texts. We continue to practice breaking words apart into their individual sounds (segmenting) and putting sounds together to make words (blending). It is rewarding to watch the students grow in confidence as readers.

The second graders have made wonderful progress in their reading fluency, and are now focusing on answering higher-level questions about what they read. We recently read an article about the season of Lent, and the students highlighted details to support the main idea: "During Lent, we can do many things to prepare our hearts for Easter." In third and fourth grades, students have also been working on answering text-dependent questions by restating the question, answering the question with an inference, and using text details to support their response.

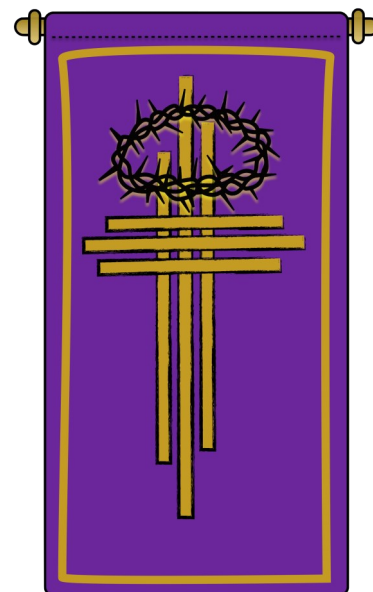
I have enjoyed pushing into the fifth grade classroom as students dive into morphology, or the study of the structure of words. We break words apart into their root words, prefixes, and suffixes and use the meanings of those individual parts to determine the meaning of the entire word. Studying morphology has helped the students to become more aware of language and to make meaning of unknown words they come across in their reading.

In math, our younger students are working to build number sense. They use cubes and counters to model addition and subtraction equations, and talk about "more than" and "less than." We also practice one-to-one correspondence by pointing to only one object at a time as we count.

In first grade and up, students are thinking critically with math word problems. They are learning to read, reread, and visualize what a problem is telling them. Then, they work to gather important information before deciding on a solution method. The fourth and fifth graders in particular are presented with multi-step word problems that challenge them to be critical readers and thinkers. We talk about reasonability, and whether a solution makes sense for a given problem.

As we approach the spring and start thinking about the end of the school year, I find myself so grateful for a wonderful first year teaching at St. Pius Tenth School. In addition to my daily interactions with students, I have loved getting to know the families; I look forward to each morning and afternoon that I have car line duty because of all the friendly faces I get to see!

Above all, going to Mass as a school community is the highlight of each month. Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy was a beautiful start to the Lenten season, and it was great to see so many school families and St. Pius Tenth parishioners worshipping together. To our parish family, Thank You for praying with and for our students. It means so much!



March



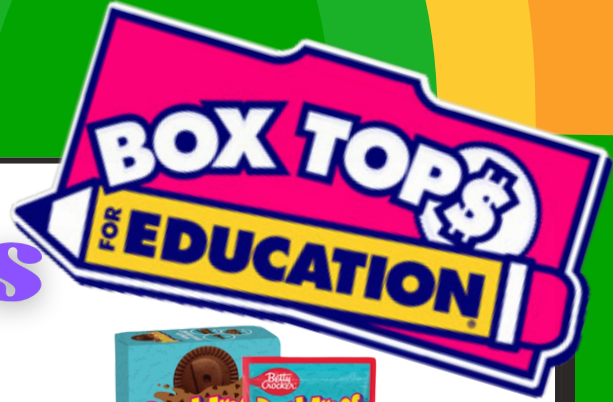
2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

BOX TOP EARNINGS

\$696.40

THIRD QUARTER LEADERBOARD

KINDERGARTEN - 924
SECOND GRADE - 364



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