

From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
January 17, 2024



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Popeye ® The Sailor Man Day

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, January 26		End of 2 nd Quarter
Sunday, January 28		Catholic Schools Week begins
Thursday, February 1	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	Open house and Ice Cream Social
Friday, February 2		Report Cards scheduled to be sent home
Friday, February 2	9:30 AM	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
Wednesday, February 14	9:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Friday, February 16		½ Day for students- Professional Development Day for Teachers
Monday – Friday February 19-23		Presidents Day – Mid-Winter Recess

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

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is now open to all current and prospective families! Before the Christmas Recess, we sent home hard copies of the registration packet to current families. If you need another copy, please let us know, and we will send one home with your student. Please return your completed paperwork as soon as possible to guarantee enrollment.

**Diocese of Rochester Building a Brighter Future Scholarship
2024-2025 School Year**



The application period is now open for the 2024 – 2025 **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Please see the information included in this week's communication for information and application instructions.

This is an eligibility-based scholarship opportunity for registered students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Please note that there is a \$40 scholarship application fee.



Our Cereal Box Challenge is Back!!

Please help us help our neighbors – All boxes will be donated to SWEM

You may send in boxes of cereal with your children to be used for our domino challenge!

Fr. Murphy Scholarship 2024-2025

The window for application for the Fr. Murphy Scholarship is now open. Information is included in this week's communication.

The financial awards of up to \$3,000.00 per scholarship per year are granted for up to 4 years from grades nine through twelve to students attending McQuaid Jesuit, Bishop Kearney, Aquinas Institute or Our Lady of Mercy High Schools.



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 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.

This season there is a fun new twist! The Red Wings are asking for our students to help **design a special jersey!** In this week's communication, there is a template for students to draw/color.

Once the design is complete, simply send it back into school, and we will make sure the Red Wings receive it.

2nd Semester Milk

Orders and payment for milk for the 2nd semester of the school year must be received no later than Friday, January 19, 2024.

The order form is included in this week's communication.

Let's Go, Buffalo!!!

This Friday, January 19, students are invited to dress down in their favorite Buffalo Bills jersey or sweatshirt. If they do not have Bills clothing, they may certainly dress in the team colors. They may also wear another NFL jersey if they choose.

Some students have asked if they can wear hats. They may; however, **they should not wear helmets, pajamas, face paint, hair coloring, or any other clothing that does not fall within the non-uniform dress code.**

Save the Date St Patrick's Day Dance



Please save Sunday, March 3, 2024, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM for the St. Pius Tenth School St. Patrick's Day Dance. We will once again be in the Parish Center, and anyone who was at last year's dance will tell you how much fun it was!!

More information will follow in late January.

Box Tops for Education



Kindergarten and Grade 2 are in a heated competition, with Kindergarten ahead by a slim 21 box tops! We have just over one week left in this challenge period!

Great job everyone! Keep them coming.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



Please see the flyer from the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held on January 21 and open to all boys and girls ages 9 – 14!

Boy Scout Troop 178 Pancake Breakfast



Please see the flyer from Boy Scout Troop 178 for this year's Pancake Breakfast-sponsored by SPXFCU!

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

It's BAAAAACK!!!

The 2nd Annual Saint Pius Tenth Cereal Box Challenge!

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. Receipts may be submitted online for St. Pius Tenth School’s credit.



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SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL
 3000 Chili Avenue
 Rochester, New York 14624-4598
 Telephone: (585) 247-5650 Fax: (585) 247-7409



Lunch Milk Order Form
2nd Semester 2023-2024

Student Name	Grade	Number of Cartons Per Day	Indicate Choice 1% White Milk (X)	Indicate Choice Low Fat Chocolate Milk (X)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Milk for the Second Semester will be available at lunchtime beginning **Monday, January 29, 2024.**

The cost of milk will be *\$25.00 (for one ½ pint carton per day) per student for the 2nd Semester. No refunds will be given for absences. If you would like your child to have two cartons per day, please double the cost.

****Orders must be either all White Milk OR all Chocolate Milk. We cannot split orders.**

*The cost for those students in our 2 or 3-Full Day, Pre-K Program is \$15.00 for the 2nd Semester.

No milk for half-day students in Pre-K.

Please send in order form **and** payment, made by cash or check (payable to St. Pius Tenth School), **no later than Friday, January 19, 2024. We will not be able to accept late orders.** Payment must be submitted with order.



Application Instructions

1. Go to online.factsmgt.com/aid.
2. If **new parent** to the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools network, create an account by setting up a username and password with your information. If **existing parent** at one of our Diocesan schools, use your current FACTS credentials.
3. Select the **2024-2025 term**.
4. Review the FACTS platform information. **As with all financial aid applications, there is a \$40 fee to apply. This is not covered by the Diocese of Rochester Department of Catholic Schools. All applicants must pay this fee in order to apply for the scholarship.**
5. Select **Begin Application**.
6. Click **Add School / Organization**.
7. Type in the search box **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Select the checkbox and click **Add**.
8. Click **Save & Continue** to proceed with completing the application.

Under the STUDENT section of the application:

- Enter students **grade level for 2024/2025 School Year**
 - Enter **\$1** in the box for: Tuition
 - Enter **\$1** in the box for: How much of this child's tuition can you and/or the co-applicant pay?
 - Enter **\$1** in the box for: Annual tuition support required from this child's non-custodial parent as a result of legal separation, etc.
9. Continue completing all application sections.
 10. Finalize the application by uploading your tax documents and reviewing your submission.
 11. A Department of Catholic Schools representative will be in contact with you regarding your Building A Brighter Future Scholarship application and next steps with the school at which your current student(s) is enrolled at, or new student(s) may be enrolled.



Eligibility

The **Building A Brighter Future Scholarship** provides a tuition assistance scholarship opportunity for eligible students, K-8th grade, across our Diocesan schools for the 2024-2025 academic year. The scholarship supports the Department of Catholic Schools' mission to educate, inspire, and develop children into future leaders of the Church and community.

An online application process will assist in determining eligibility based on the National Standards for Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch. The Department of Catholic Schools will assist **new** families with selecting and enrolling in a school location throughout the application process.

To qualify, you must meet the income standards for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch below:

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Scholarship Program

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
2	\$36,482
3	\$45,991
4	\$55,500
5	\$65,009
6	\$74,518
7	\$84,027
8	\$93,536

**For each additional family member, add \$9,509*

Applications will be submitted online through the **FACTS Tuition Management** website. Please download the **"How to Apply" application instructions guide** at dorschools.org/scholarship

All materials will be reviewed by the Department of Catholic Schools in the order they are received. Additional documentation may be requested. After review, the Superintendent will notify the Principals of the selected Catholic schools and inform the families of awards.

Scholarship recipients are required to be in good academic standing and are expected to follow the rules and procedures outlined in the school's Code of Conduct. They should contribute to a positive learning environment and show respect to other people and to property. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be eligible for a scholarship regardless of their financial needs.

This scholarship is for one full school year. Families who have received this scholarship in the past must reapply each year.

Health Office Updates

By: Audrey McLendon, School Nurse, RN-BSN

Happy New Year to all of our St. Pius Tenth families! I can hardly believe we are already in 2024; The fall and Christmas season flew by.

This is my second full year at St. Pius Tenth, and I thank all of you for giving me the privilege to work with and care for your children as their school nurse. It is truly such a loving and tight-knit community here, and I am very blessed to be part of it. There is not a single day that goes by that the students don't make me smile, and even though I see them when they might not feel their best, all of the students, without exception, have always been extremely polite and kind to me which is a true testament to their families and to the school as well.

There are a few health reminders as we are deep in the midst of flu season now. Yearly flu vaccines are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for all children without contraindications starting at 6 months of age. Influenza can cause hospitalization and even death, and vaccination is an important and helpful strategy to protect children and other vulnerable community members, such as the elderly, from

courses of the offices are able vaccination which are much easier to obtain, administer any your child



the flu or severe flu. Pediatrician to schedule appointments, shorter and in order to vaccinations might need.

Since the flu season generally runs until March, it is definitely still helpful to get your child's flu vaccine this winter if you have not already done so. Preventative strategies at home against the flu and other common cold viruses include a healthy diet, good hydration especially with water, restful sleep through the night, and frequent handwashing. Most of our students are vigilant about handwashing, but they may not do so thoroughly. It is helpful for young

children to practice handwashing with soap at home to be reminded that they need to really scrub the soap on all of the fingers and nail beds, for a full 20 seconds (which seems unbearably long to some of our youngest friends!) A good test to make sure children are washing for an adequate duration is to have them sing "Happy Birthday" twice in a row while washing their hands. This ensures that infectious germs will be removed from the skin.

The other timely message to relate is that health screenings will be starting this month. If your student has not had a physical done and on record in the health office within the past year—for grades Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th—it is state law that they be screened by the health office. We complete vision and hearing screenings

first. If there is any concern about a student's results on a vision or hearing screening, a note and report

will be sent home to parents. Also, in January and February, those students without physicals on record will begin brief physical examinations with the medical director of Gates-Chili Central Schools, Jackie Dennison, DNP, in order to check for cardiovascular and respiratory health as well as to be screened for height and weight and scoliosis. These physicals are not as comprehensive as those done by your pediatrician which include a full review of systems, so it is strongly recommended if possible to maintain a once yearly routine exam with your family doctor. They do, however, help us to catch any red flags for student health that may have previously gone undetected.

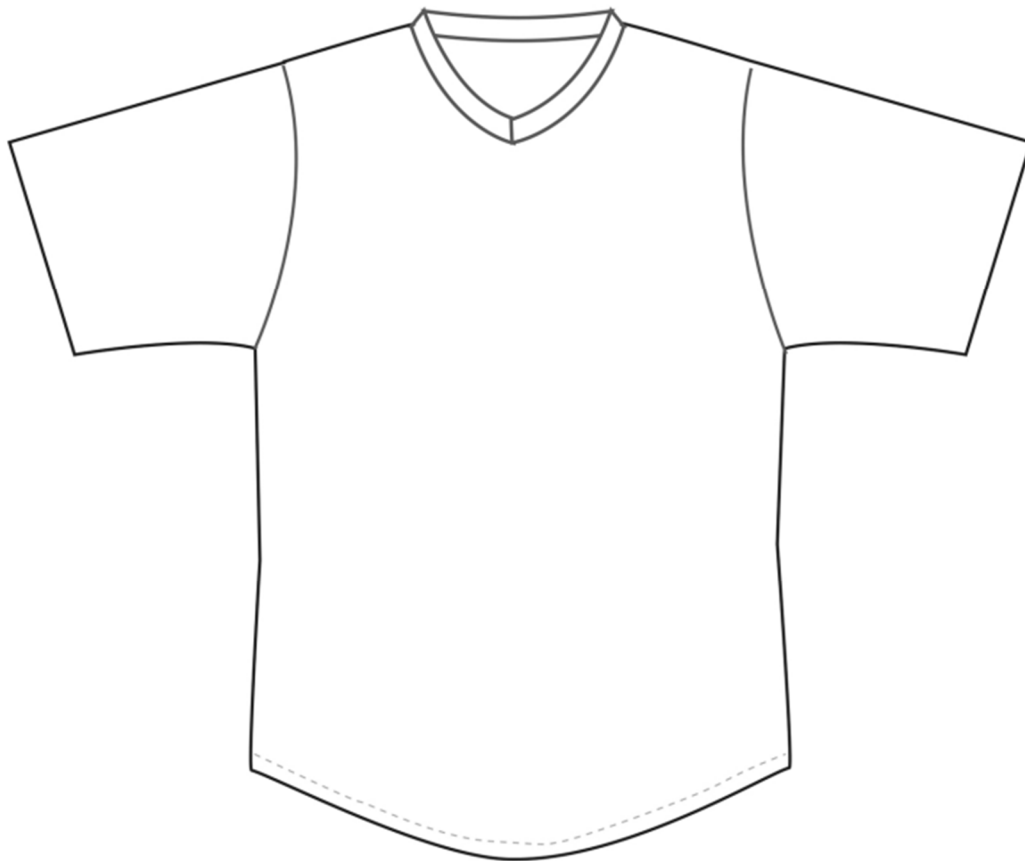
Thank you and best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead!

**HEALTH
SCREENINGS**

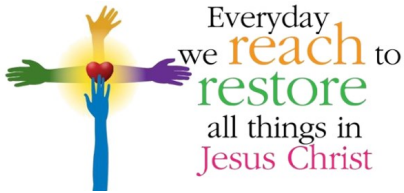


Student's Name _____ School _____

DESIGN A RED WINGS JERSEY CONTEST!



Winning jersey will be worn by the Rochester Red Wings on Catholic Schools Day - June 2, 2024



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH
Spring 2024



**GENERAL SACRAMENTAL
READINESS CRITERIA**

Primary criteria for sacramental preparation is to **celebrate Mass weekly** at St. Pius X. Secondly, that this is **at least the second, consecutive year** that you are enrolled in a Catholic School or a Parish Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Program .

SPECIFIC SACRAMENTAL READINESS CRITERIA



First Reconciliation—Baptized Roman-Catholic, at least 7 years old, able to understand he/she can sin, have desire to be forgiven and ability to ask for it.

First Eucharist—Baptized Roman-Catholic, who is at least 7 years old, and has prepared and celebrated First Reconciliation, knows the Eucharist is Jesus and wants to be one with Jesus and Church by receiving Communion.



REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Reconciliation

Open Online Until January 31, 2024



<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/7ba0ad1f-93d2-47be-980e-41acb406fef5>



Parent Meetings Sun, Jan 28 11:45 am, Parish Center OR Tue, Jan 30, 6:20 pm Church.
Celebration Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm

First Eucharist—

Spring registration Online Feb 26 -Mar 27, 2024

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/e813c93d-44ad-4817-a47a-bab78748b1a8>



Parent Meetings Sat, Mar 23, 5:30 pm Parish Center OR Tue, Mar 26, 6:20 pm Church
Celebrations Planned for May 5; May 11; and May 12.



Knights of Columbus

Free Throw

Championship

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____



Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

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BISHOP KEARNEY



DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

BISHOP KEARNEY VS AQUINAS

**Bishop Kearney High School - Ed Nietopski Gymnasium
125 Kings Highway South**

JV @ 4:30 PM

VARSITY @ 6:00 PM

GRADES 3-8 WELCOME!

FREE HOT DOG & DRINK

EMAIL [VSTEED@BKHS.ORG](mailto:vsteed@bkhs.org) TO

RESERVE FAMILY TICKETS BY 1/31

Boy Scout Troop 178

Sponsored by St Pius X Federal Credit Union

Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser

Sunday, January 21, 2024

\$6 tickets



Dine-in

Or

Take-out

7:30-11:00 AM

St. Pius Church

3010 Chili Ave.

Includes:

2 pancakes, 2 Sausage, Syrup

For more information email us at chilitroop178@gmail.com