

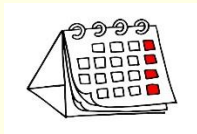


*From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
January 3, 2024*

**Feast of the most Holy Name of Jesus
January 3, 2024**

Greetings St. Pius Tenth School Families and Happy New Year!

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 5	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Monday, January 15		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School
Friday, January 26		End of 2 nd Quarter
Sunday, January 28		Catholic Schools Week begins
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 break, we sent home hard copies 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.

**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



The new year is starting off with our Kindergarten class leading our Box Top Challenge – with a whopping 439 box tops submitted.

Their closest challenger is Grade 2 with a total of 264!

Great job everyone! Keep them coming.

**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.

Boy Scout Troop 178 Pancake Breakfast



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

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!

Have a Wonderful and Blessed 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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Being Prepared

By: Mr. Nicholas C Warner

As we came into December, we, as Christians, prepared for the arrival of Jesus. Here at Saint Pius Tenth School it was no different.

In Religion class there is a section that we cover during Advent that makes sure we understand the importance of the preparation and journey that Mary and Joseph took while awaiting Jesus' birth. They needed to travel a distance and make sure they had everything they needed for the long trip. In our preparation, we need to make sure that we pray to God the Father as we are waiting for God the Son to arrive.

This year we are also carrying on with a service project that we started last year. Our Third Grade community has been able to create cards of hope and love. These cards are made and collected over the course of the school year.

During the Advent season, it is always amazing to see how excited the boys and girls are to make cards for individuals who need us most in their time of struggle.

These cards are then collected by Barb Legere, the Director of Youth Ministry, and with volunteers, the cards are distributed along with food and daily essentials to homeless men and women in the Rochester area.



In our preparation for the birth of God the son, this is one way that we wait, prepare, and pray.

May we always continue to use the talents You gave us to help all of those in need as we prepare to welcome You into our lives and into our hearts during the Advent Season. Amen.

God Bless



BOX TOPS

WINTER EDITION

Easy ways to make a difference for your school.



SHOP, SNAP & GIVE BACK



Enter for a chance to win \$20,000 in Box Tops for your school.



When you buy any of our 350+ participating products and scan the qualifying receipt from your purchase, you'll be entered into our spectacular Shop, Snap & Give Back Sweeps.

Every qualifying scan is another entry, so make it your New Year's mantra to "shop, scan, earn and repeat!"

5 WINNERS!

Sweepstakes runs 01/01 through 02/29.

One entry per person per day

Get all the details at BTFE.COM/GIVEBACK



GET THE BOX TOPS APP & START EARNING FOR YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!

LEADERBOARD ALERT!

Leaderboards are set up by Coordinators at your school and they keep track of the highest earning classes and grades. Check the app to see if your school has a leaderboard for the new year, then go out and buy participating products and scan the qualifying receipt from your purchase. You'll start helping your designated class reach the top of the leaderboard!



WINTER ESSENTIALS

January is the perfect time to stock up on winter essentials like Progresso™ soups, Airborne® immune support supplements, Lysol® disinfectants and more. Just don't forget to scan the qualifying receipt from your purchase to earn cash for your school!





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.



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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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