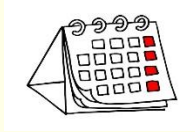


St. Luke the Evangelist
Feast Day – October 18

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!



Saturday, October 28	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Halloween Party – St. Pius Tenth School
Wednesday, November 1	9:30 AM	All Saints Day School Liturgy
Thursday, November 9		Professional Development Day for Teachers ½ Day for Students 11:45 AM Dismissal
Thursday – Sunday November 9 – 12		St. Pius Tenth School Field of Honor® See flyer
Friday, November 10		Veterans Day – No School for Students or Staff
Friday, November 10		End of 1 st Quarter
Friday, November 17		Report Cards to be sent home
Wed – Fri, November 22-24		Thanksgiving Recess

One more note of thanks with regard to the Cornhole Tournament that was held on September 29. I received a letter this week from the **Knights of Columbus Council 17086**, who catered the event. Grand Knight, Thomas Belknap, notified me of the following:

“In appreciation for the mission and purpose of St. Pius Tenth School, the Knights of Council 17086 [are] pleased to advise that the Council will donate the costs of the food to further enhance the school’s proceeds of the fundraiser...”

Many, many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for your partnership and fulfillment of your mission! You are truly a group of servant leaders!

Box Tops Report



THANK YOU for continuing to upload your Box Tops receipts!
Our First Grade class is still leading the way, inching along -
As we did last year, the top class at each check point will receive a dress down day.
Please keep scanning and uploading those receipts!

We are still looking for two or three **Before and After Care** attendants. If you know of anyone who is looking for a few paid hours per week, please ask them to reach out to the school at (585) 247-5650 or to me directly at maria.cahill@dor.org

ROSARY FOR LIFE

From Mrs. Barb Legere:

Every Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. we pray a **Rosary for Life** in church. When school is in session, students will be leading this rosary. If you are going to be sitting in the car line for dismissal, you are very welcome to join us in the Church for the rosary! The timing is set up to make it work for the children to lead so you will be done in plenty of time to get into that car line! When school is not in session, or when there may be other scheduling conflicts, staff members and parish leaders will be leading this rosary. All are welcome to attend.

As always, please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions you may have. If you have a non-classroom question, please call the office or email spxdcs@dor.org for the general school email, maria.cahill@dor.org, or call (585) 247-5650.



St. Pius Tenth School is honored to be hosting a Field of Honor ® this year for the Veterans Day weekend. Purchase a flag and dedicate it to a past or present service member or a first responder. Please see the flyer included in this week's communications.

To sponsor or purchase, please click the link below or scan the QR Code:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/acd9d62a-bbbb-4d04-96bb-cdfc8784a7b9>



Thank you for supporting those who support us every day!

The New York State Department of Education shared with schools across our state the following link for resources that may help discussions with young people.

Though the conflict in the Middle East will not be addressed directly here at school, students may need to be reassured that our school is a place of safety, peace, and stability.

The following is meant to be a resource only, should you be looking for ways to discuss this conflict with your children.

<https://www.nysed.gov/israeli-palestinian-crisis-resources-educators-caregivers-and-school-leaders>

<https://www.newyorkfamily.com/talking-to-kids-about-israeli-palestinian/>

Have a Wonderful Rest of the Week!



St. Pius Tenth School in Chili, NY is pleased to present the First Annual Field of Honor®, where members of the community can honor their heroes with an American Flag. Hundreds of flags will be on display in perfect rows for public viewing 24 hours a day during the event. Flags may be purchased in memory or honor of service members, past and present, as well as the first responders who protect and serve us every day, regardless of where they live. To purchase a flag, sponsor our event, or donate, please visit the following website: <https://www.healingfield.org/event/stpiusrochesterny23/>

NOVEMBER 9 – 12, 2023

**ST. PIUS TENTH
SCHOOL**

3000 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624

St. Pius X Halloween Party



When: Saturday, October 28

1:00-3:00 P.M.

Where: St. Pius X gymnasium

Cost: 1 bag of Halloween candy per family

Wear costumes and prepare for an afternoon of
music, dancing, snacks, and candy!

Name: _____

Number of guests: (including students) _____

*If you have multiple students in the school, please only send one form per family

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday October 25!



**St Pius X Fall Clean-up
Saturday
November 4, 2023
9:00 AM till
(the leaves are gone)**



**We will be gathering to do our annual
Fall clean-up of the Parish grounds
on Saturday November 4.**

**Everyone in the Parish is welcome to help out,
there is always plenty to do. Please bring rakes,
gloves, tarps (blowers if you have them).**

**The Boy Scouts of Troop 178 in conjunction with
the St Pius X Federal Credit Union will provide
lunch.**

**This is a great opportunity for Scouts, High School
students or others needing service hours. This
usually amounts to 3-4 hours of service for the day.**



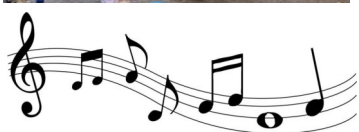
Music is Literacy

By: Anne Sabo

Did you know...

- Children who can keep the beat have improved fluency in language.
- Reading a text more than once is a proven strategy to improve reading fluency - what better way than to learn a song?
- In music, children practice discrimination between pitches, types of voices, inflections, high/low, loud/quiet.
- Decoding symbols, letters, words, and sentences, visual focus, and visual memory are part of music and literacy.
- Choral reading, repeated reading, echo reading and song reading are strategies to develop prosody. (Prosody is the third core element of fluency. It is defined as reading with expression.)
- Learning songs improves fluency in language!!!

- Fingerplays, chants and action songs are important tools to help children develop fluency and rhythm in language. Children learn new vocabulary, comprehension, and fine motor skills as they show with their hands what the words mean.
- Songs teach many concepts: alphabet, counting, cultures, basic skills, and more!



Box Tops Corner

Help our school by:

- Using the QR code below to download the app.
- Use referral code **OOGA5MOB** and earn 25 bonus box tops when you scan your first paper receipt.
- Keep scanning your receipts when you purchase products with the Box Tops symbol.

