



**May peace, hope, love, and joy fill your homes and hearts!  
Wishing you a Blessed Advent Season!**

**Greetings in this fourth week of Advent**

Just a few notes for this final week before our break:

Many of you likely know that we were blessed a couple of weeks ago to have Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Mr. James Tauzel, come in to read a Christmas story to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class. This video has been posted to the beautiful Advent Calendar on the Catholic Courier web site.

It is on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

We were also blessed to have one of our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students read the Gospel reading on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (December 11). Adrianna did an incredible job!

Please follow the link below to watch both videos:

<https://catholiccourier.com/adventcalendar2022/>

The order form for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Milk is included in this week's communication. **PLEASE NOTE THE DUE DATE, Friday, January 6, 2023.** We may not be able to accept late orders.

Order forms for the optional lunches will be sent home when we return to school in January.

**Order your St. Pius Tenth School Spirit Wear!**

\*\*\*New this year, "SPX Grandparent" or "SPX Parent" can be added to any spirit wear. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. If you have not yet sent in your order, please do so as soon as possible.

**December 22, 2022 is a scheduled ½ day for students. 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.**

Our Christmas Recess is from Friday, December 23 through, and including, January 2, 2023. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Progress Reports will no longer be printed out and sent home with students. All student grades are recorded and posted in our FACTS Student Information System. If you are still having difficulty logging into or creating a Family Portal account, please call the school office. If we can't help you, we will connect with our tech specialists at FACTS.

The mid-point for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter was December 16.

Enclosed in this week's communication are the ranking forms for **After School Clubs**, which we are thrilled to offer. Please note that there are clubs for Grades K – 2 and for Grades 3 – 5 beginning in January 2023. The ranking forms do not guarantee placement in a club, but we will do everything possible to make sure that students have their top choice. Club chairpersons will reach out to students prior to the start date listed on the form.

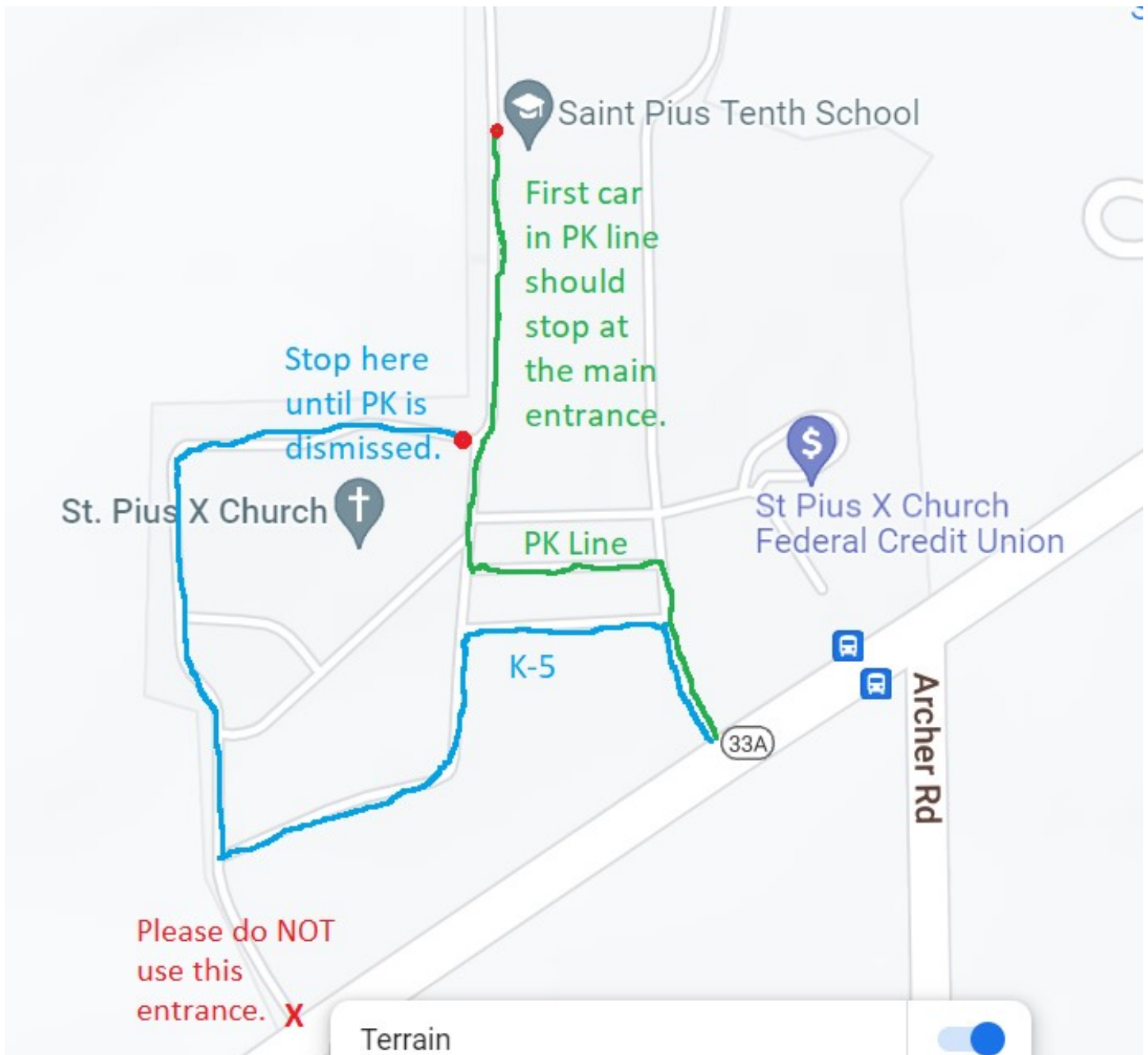
We sent home hard copies of the forms last week. If you have not yet returned the form, please do so as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Finally, on behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Pius Tenth School, we would like to wish you and your families and loved ones a most Blessed, Safe, and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We are truly Blessed to be part of such a wonderful community of families!



*Merry Christmas!*

# Carline Map



Tomorrow's carline will be extra long due to our half day dismissal. Please refer to the carline map above. All cars should enter at the east entrance (near the credit union). PK cars will pass between the school building and the church. The first car should stop at the main entrance to the school. K-5 cars should use the outer loop around the back of the church. First car should wait at the stop sign until motioned forward by school staff. PK dismissal begins at 11:30. K-5 dismissal begins at 11:45.

# SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL - APPAREL ORDER FORM

All orders and payment must be submitted no later than **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Send in your order form and payment in an envelope with your child and label it **"PAC Apparel Order"**

\*Cash or Check (Made out to **Saint Pius Tenth School**) Accepted\*

Questions? Email Annie Miraglia: [anniemiraglia@gmail.com](mailto:anniemiraglia@gmail.com)

**\*\*Please indicate quantity and color (example: (1)-Grey- Youth L)**

**\*\*New this year: "SPX Grandparent" or "SPX Parent" (near Logo) can be added to any order for extra \$5.00 each item.**

**Please indicate what garment you'd like it added too and we will make it happen. Thank you!**

## Saint Pius Tenth T-Shirt - \$10.00 (Black, Navy, Gray, Purple, Green)

_____ Youth S	_____ Youth M	_____ Youth L
_____ Adult S	_____ Adult M	_____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL	_____ Adult XXL (add \$2.00)	_____ Adult XXXL (add \$3.00)



## Saint Pius Tenth T-Shirt - \$14 Tie-Dye T-Shirt

_____ Youth S	_____ Youth M	_____ Youth L
_____ Adult S	_____ Adult M	_____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL	_____ Adult XXL (add \$2.00)	_____ Adult XXXL (add \$3.00)

## Saint Pius Tenth Sweatshirt (no hood) - \$20.00 (Black, Navy, or Gray)

_____ Youth S	_____ Youth M	_____ Youth L
_____ Adult S	_____ Adult M	_____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL	_____ Adult XXL (add \$2.00)	_____ Adult XXXL (add \$3.00)



## Saint Pius Tenth Hoodie Sweatshirt - \$30.00 (Black, Navy, or Gray)

_____ Youth S	_____ Youth M	_____ Youth L
_____ Adult S	_____ Adult M	_____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL	_____ Adult XXL (add \$2.00)	_____ Adult XXXL (add \$3.00)



## Saint Pius Tenth Fleece Zip Jacket (Full Zip) - \$35.00 (Black, Navy, or Gray)

_____ Youth S	_____ Youth M	_____ Youth L
_____ Adult S	_____ Adult M	_____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL	_____ Adult XXL (add \$2.00)	_____ Adult XXXL (add \$3.00)



Total Number of Items Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Dollar Amount of Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name and Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

# After School Club Registration

## Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

We are happy to announce the return of our after-school clubs starting January 2023. Below are the clubs available to your child. If interested in participating, please have your child rank the clubs below from 1 to 3 with 1 being his/her first choice. Please only rank the clubs in which your child is interested in participating. **Space in clubs is limited. We will make every effort to place students in their top club choice.** All clubs will take place from 3:30-4:30 on the assigned dates and students report to the club directly from their classrooms. **You will receive an email from the club's organizer to confirm your child's enrollment in the club prior to the start date.**

Ranking	Club
	<b>Art Club:</b> Students will engage in a variety of art activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dates: Fridays 1/27, 2/17, 3/24, 4/14</li></ul>
	<b>Lego Club:</b> Students will engage in a variety of activities using Legos <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dates: Wednesdays 1/25, 3/1, 3/29, 4/26, 5/24</li></ul>
	<b>Run Club:</b> Students will engage in a variety of physical activities to train for a race at the conclusion of the club <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This club will meet on Fridays in the spring. Additional information and sign-ups will be available as we get closer.</li></ul>

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering to help with a club? \* \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what club(s) are you available to help with? \_\_\_\_\_

\*CASE training is required to volunteer. If you are unsure of the status of your CASE training, please contact the main office.

Please return this form to your child's teacher by **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.



# After School Club Registration

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

We are happy to announce the return of our after-school clubs starting January 2023. Below are the clubs available to your child. If interested in participating, please have your child rank the clubs below from 1 to 3 with 1 being his/her first choice. Please only rank the clubs in which your child is interested in participating. **Space in clubs is limited. We will make every effort to place students in their top club choice.** All clubs will take place from 3:30-4:30 on the assigned dates and students report to the club directly from their classrooms. **You will receive an email from the club's organizer to confirm your child's enrollment in the club prior to the start date.**

Ranking	Club
	<b>Service Club (4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> grades ONLY):</b> Students will participate in a variety of service projects and learn about local organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dates: Tuesdays 1/17, 2/14, 3/21, 4/18, 5/9</li></ul>
	<b>Robotics Club:</b> Students will engage in a variety of early learning robotics activities using the WeDo 2.0 Lego Robotics curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dates: Mondays, 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22</li></ul>
	<b>Run Club:</b> Students will engage in a variety of physical activities to train for a 5K race at the conclusion of the club This club will meet on Fridays in the spring. Additional information and sign-ups will be available as we get closer.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering to help with a club? \* \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what club(s) are you available to help with? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Lunch Milk Order Form**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2022-2023**

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 30, 2023.

The cost of milk will be \*\$20.00 (for one ½ pint carton per day) per student for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. **No refunds can 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.**

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 6, 2023. We may not be able to accept late orders.** Payment must be submitted with order.

\*The cost for those students in our 2 or 3-Full Day Program is \$10.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.

## SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL NEWS

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### Pre-K 3 News

By: Holly Brennan

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Holly Brennan and I am truly enjoying teaching in the Pre-K3 program at St. Pius X school. My educational background includes both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Nazareth College in Education. Prior to becoming a teacher, I worked as a chemical dependency counselor at Park Ridge Hospital. It was there that I truly came to realize how critical the early years are in the development of a happy and productive life. I soon knew that teaching was what I wanted to pursue for the rest of my career.

After my experience at Park Ridge, I returned to school and earned an MS. Ed and permanent certification in Elementary Education. I am certified in grades Pre-K through 6. I must admit, this was one of the best decisions I have made throughout my life. I truly love teaching, especially the youngest of children. Their curiosity, eagerness and energy is so refreshing and often times contagious.

Our Pre-K3 class has had an amazing beginning to the school year. All of the children adapted so well to their first school experience and quickly settled into the routines and rules within our classroom. Each day, we continually reinforce the most fundamental of these rules such as being kind to each other, sharing and using language to express feelings and resolve challenges. I have seen growth in all of these areas. At this stage, social development is key and just playing together provides invaluable opportunities to develop these skills.

Each day, the children also have a period of time for just play. They can choose what they would like to play and with whom. There are many toys and games in our room that stimulate growth in the process of socialization.

The other aspect of our program is academic. Children have caught on quickly to many of the concepts we are working on.

Each day, we begin with morning work, which may consist of puzzles or coloring to further develop fine motor skills. Then we move on to do our calendar, with which we focus on the month, days of the week and the weather. Next would be center time which consists of students rotating between different areas that focus on math, ELA, sensory, and creative or art centers. Our academic curriculum consists of name recognition, letter and number recognition, along with beginning sounds and number amounts. They also have time for PE, Art, and Music, which they love!

The most important is saved for last. Our program is completely faith based. Religion is a core part of our day. We begin and end each day with prayer. Faith and our principles are interwoven into every aspect of our time together. Whether this may be social interaction or struggles experienced, we look to God for His guidance and support. Christmastime is a wonderful opportunity to teach about God, Jesus and the concept of unconditional love.

I wish you all a very joyous and peaceful Holiday.

