

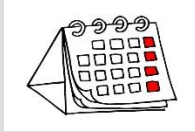
From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
December 6, 2023



**The Feast of St. Nicholas
December 6**

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, December 8	9:30 AM	School Liturgy The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 11	6:15 PM	PAC Meeting School – Room 20
Friday – Friday,		Christmas Recess December 22 – 29
Monday, January 1, 2024		New Year's Day No School
Tuesday, January 2		School Reopens
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



Santa's Secret Shop is back again this year!

Please see the enclosed flyer for more information and the preview and shopping schedule.



The **school supply cart** is open for business.

Items include pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, paper, glue sticks, etc. Prices range from 10¢ to \$1.00.

The school supply cart is a way for the 5th Grade Class to raise some funds to help offset the cost of their end of year field trip.

Box Tops Report



Our Kindergarten Class has taken a huge lead for the 2nd Quarter with **437** box tops. Their closest competition is Grade 2 with 176. Keep scanning!

Thank you all who help with this effort!!

Please see the flyers in this week's communications for information on some wonderful opportunities:

Santa's Secret Shop

St. Pius X Advent Babysitting Service

St. Pius X Welcome the Child Concert flyer

Diocesan Youth Night

The Origin of St. Nicholas

Have a Wonderful Rest of the Week!

SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL NEWS

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Second Grade News
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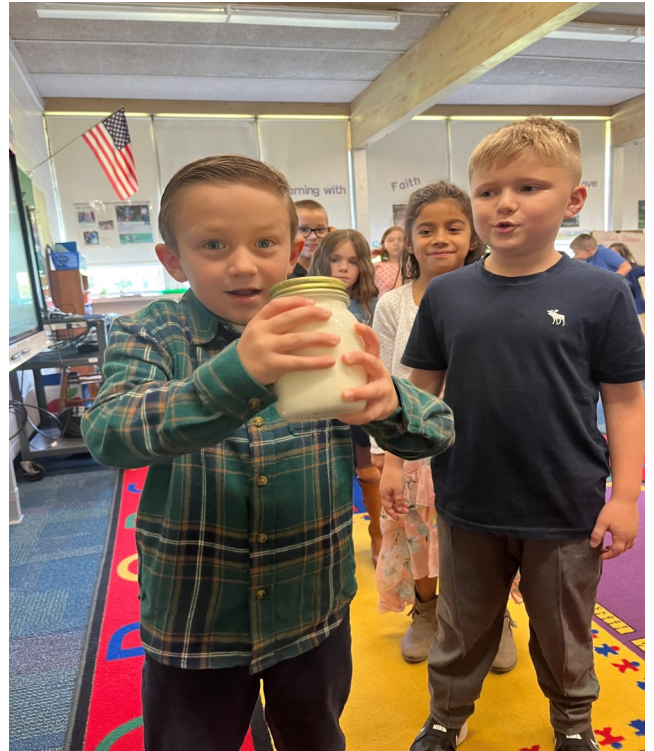
Second grade has been busy putting their learning to the test! In science we have been learning all about matter: properties of matter and the different states of matter. To see this in action, the second graders poured heavy cream into a jar and shook it until it became butter! We watched it change from a liquid state to a solid! We also got to taste test our butter on some biscuits!

This year second grade has partnered up with the pre-k 3 class as their classroom buddies! We get to visit their classroom a few times a month and read to our buddies or help them on crafts and projects. Both classes really enjoy their buddy time!

In our religion and social studies classes we have been learning all about communities and the importance of helping others in our communities. We have gotten pretty good at coming up with ways we can help others! One of our favorite activities during the school day is when we get to practice our prayers with a buddy! We have also been working very hard on our writing and are currently working on writing our own scary Halloween stories! We can't wait to share our finished work with everyone.

With all the learning we have been doing, we like to squeeze in a brain break now and then. The kiddos have really been into doing mindfulness activities these past few weeks as our go-to brain break choice.

I can't wait to see what the next few weeks will bring!





Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are happy to share that your child will have the opportunity to participate in the upcoming "Santa's Secret Shop" at our school. This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. The "Santa's Secret Shop" will be set up at school and run by volunteers from the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). We believe this program will create wonderful memories for the students while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. Imagine the fun they will have surprising a loved one with a gift they bought...all by themselves!

On Monday, December 11th, students will visit the sale for a preview day. On this day, they will bring home an envelope with their gift ideas and costs so you can help them decide who they should buy gifts for and how much they should spend.

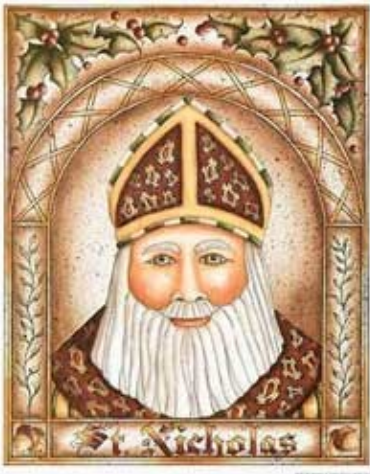
On Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 14th, students will visit the sale with their class to make purchases. Below is the classroom shopping schedule:

- Wednesday, 12/13: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades
- Thursday, 12/14: 3rd, 4th & 5th grades
- Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4 families are welcome to stop into the sale with your child between 11:30 – 12:00 on Wednesday or Thursday

The payment envelope that your child brings home on Monday, December 11th will need to be sent in with your child on their shopping day. Cash and check will be accepted for payment. Checks should be made out to St. Pius Tenth School.

We look forward to making this a fun and memorable experience for your child!

If you are interested in volunteering to support this event, please email Erin DiCesare at edicesare5@yahoo.com. All volunteers will need to be CASE trained. Thank you for your support!



St. Nicholas

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Saint Nicholas, born during the third century in the village of Patara, which is now on the southern coast of Turkey.



Saint Nicholas became Bishop of Myra. Old legends tell us that one of the reasons Saint Nicholas became patron saint for children was that a poor man had three daughters but could not afford a proper dowry for them. This meant that they would remain unmarried and may have to be sold.

Saint Nicholas decided to help them, and went to their house three times under the cover of night and threw three purses (one for each daughter) filled with gold coins through the window opening into the house.



The Feast Day of Saint Nicholas, December 6, became a gift giving holiday. In Holland children would put out their shoes and Sinterklaas, the Dutch name for St. Nicholas, would come by on and leave gifts in their shoes.

The American Santa Claus has its origin in these legends. The name "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch "*Sinterklaas*". When people heard Dutch immigrants talk about Sinterklaas, the English version became "Santa Claus". The tradition to hang Christmas stockings is connected to the story that one of the purses of gold coins was tossed down through the chimney and landed in a sock that was hung to dry.



St Pius X Advent Babysitting Service 2023

Mondays, **December 4, 11, and 18** (6:00 pm-7:30 pm) St Pius X Youth Ministry is delighted to offer free babysitting to your child(ren).

Who: child(ren) ages 2 to 12 (must be potty trained to take part)

What: children will make crafts, read Christmas stories, and maybe sing carols food, just 3 weeknights of faith & fun! Ideally, the children attend all three weeks to build community with each other but registering for one night is fine too. The bonus is meeting other members of the SPX community!



Where: St Pius X Parish Center

When: December 4, 11, and 18 (6:00 pm-7:30 pm)

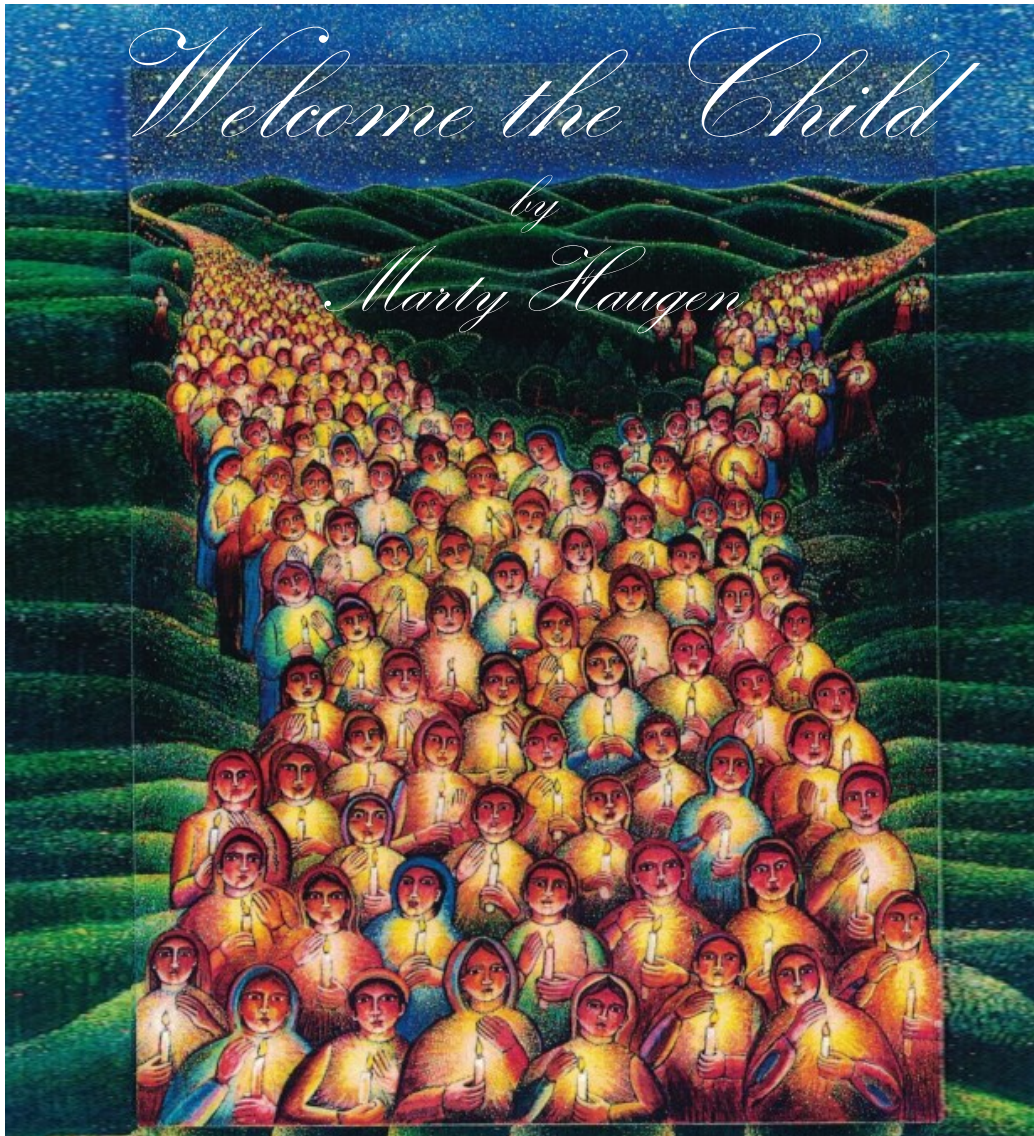
Why: so you can have a few moments to prepare for Jesus' Birthday. Whether these moments are to pray, shop, eat, sleep, or whatever you want to do it is a gift of peace and time for a few moments in preparation for the hope and joy of the Christmas Season.

How: Register at least a day in advance at:



Registering in advance is needed to ensure our adult-to-student ratio stays safe. Also, if anyone has any symptoms of any illness, we'd ask they wait until the next session. The one thing we don't want to share at Christmas is germs. :-)

Saint Pius X Church Presents:



This classic Christmas collection by renowned liturgical composer Marty Haugen is truly one of a kind, and a unique musical experience for the whole family.

3010 Chili Avenue, Rochester

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

3:00PM (Doors open 2:30)

Adult Choir—Children's Choir—Instrumental Ensemble

A reception will follow in our parish center.

THE AQUINAS INSTITUTE PRESENTS



FRIDAY, DEC 22

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▣ YOUTH NIGHT ▣

AQUINAS **VS** MCQUAID

Aquinas Institute - Wegman Napier Gym

1127 Dewey Ave

JV @ 5:00 PM • Varsity @ 6:30 PM

Grades 3-8 • Family admission free

Complimentary hot dog & drink

T-shirts for the first 100 kids!