

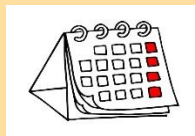


*From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
February 7, 2024*

Happy National Fettuccine Alfredo 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**:

Wednesday, February 14	9:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Friday, February 16		½ Day for students- Professional Development Day for Teachers
***Hilton, Spencerport, and Greece are the only districts that will be providing busing at the <u>end</u> of school on our ½ day - all districts should be providing transportation <u>to</u> school that day.		
Monday – Friday	Recess	Presidents Day – Mid-Winter February 19-23
Friday, March 1	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Sunday, March 3	1:00 – 3:00 PM	St. Patrick’s Day Dance
Friday, March 8		Conference Day-No School
Friday, March 15		½ Day for Students Professional Development Day for Teachers
Friday, March 29		Good Friday – No School

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Carol Fusilli !!



Congratulations to Mrs. Carol Fusilli who was awarded the WROC TV Channel 8 Golden Apple Award yesterday! Nominated by Adriana Miraglia, who has been incredibly blessed to have Mrs. Fusilli as a teacher in Kindergarten, Grade 4, and now again for Grade 5 Science, Adriana felt strongly enough about the impact of Mrs. Fusilli's influence to want her to be recognized for the dedication, commitment, and compassion she has shared with St. Pius Tenth School for the last 23 years.

We are all truly blessed that Mrs. Fusilli is part of our St. Pius Tenth Family!

PLEASE NOTE: Pokémon cards have become a **major** issue both here at school and on the school bus, especially with students "trading." Because of this, I am asking that the cards and books are kept at home.

Please remind your students that if I or a teacher see cards out during the school day, they will be collected and kept in the office until a parent or caregiver can pick them up.



Our Cereal Box Challenge!!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Because of the extreme generosity of our school families and parishioners, we are thrilled to announce that we collected an amazing 565 boxes of cereal to be donated to SWEM!

We hope you were able to either watch live on Facebook or catch the recording. Our 4th and 5th Graders did an incredible job setting up our Domino course!



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 will 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 Catholic School 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.

***** 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.

Our Pre-K 4 Class has only three available spots.

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.

Fr. Murphy Scholarship 2024-2025

The window for application for the Fr. Murphy Scholarship is now open. If you would like more information, please contact the school office at (585) 247-5650.

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

Reddington Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Reverend John A Reddington Scholarship Fund. This is a needs-based scholarship offered to students in good standing in Elementary, Middle, and High School. Please see the information included in this week's communication. The application may also be found on the DOR Financial Aid page at:

<https://www.dorschools.org/financial-aid>

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 is coming soon.

Box Tops for Education



Our 2nd Grade class will be enjoying their dress down day for winning the last challenge this Friday, February 9! Our new leaderboard challenge is already underway! Kindergarten is in the very early lead with 310 box tops and our defending winners come in with 125.

Can another class dethrone the defending title holders?

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

Physical Education Update

By: Mr. Timothy Davis

Greetings from the gymnasium at our great school, Saint Pius Tenth. We have had a lot of fun things going on in school and in the gymnasium. We just finished up Catholic Schools week and the students really seemed to embrace the themes of each day.

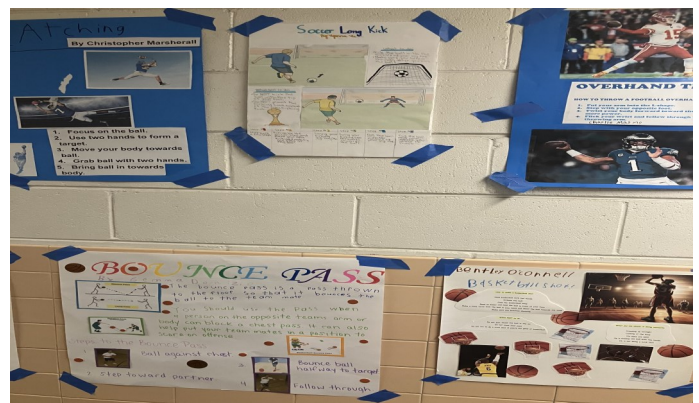
In the gym that week we also had a cereal box domino challenge which was successful, as well as an assembly. Each student completed a potato sack race and we had a kickball game between the teachers and the fifth graders. The teachers were lucky enough to win the game and it was a fun atmosphere overall.

Being a Miami Dolphins fan, I certainly enjoy the friendly banter between myself and the teachers as well as the students about the Buffalo Bills and football season in general. I feel like I'm teaching science at times with how often I need to tell students that dolphins are in fact mammals, and not fish! It's always disappointing to see football season end but there is always next year (A common Bills fan saying)!

Physical Education at St. Pius continues to go well this year. With our younger kids right now, we are working on a lot of hand-eye coordination and striking. We have been striking with different implements and our first and second graders have gotten into hockey most recently. We have practiced the proper way to hold a stick as well as passing and shooting.

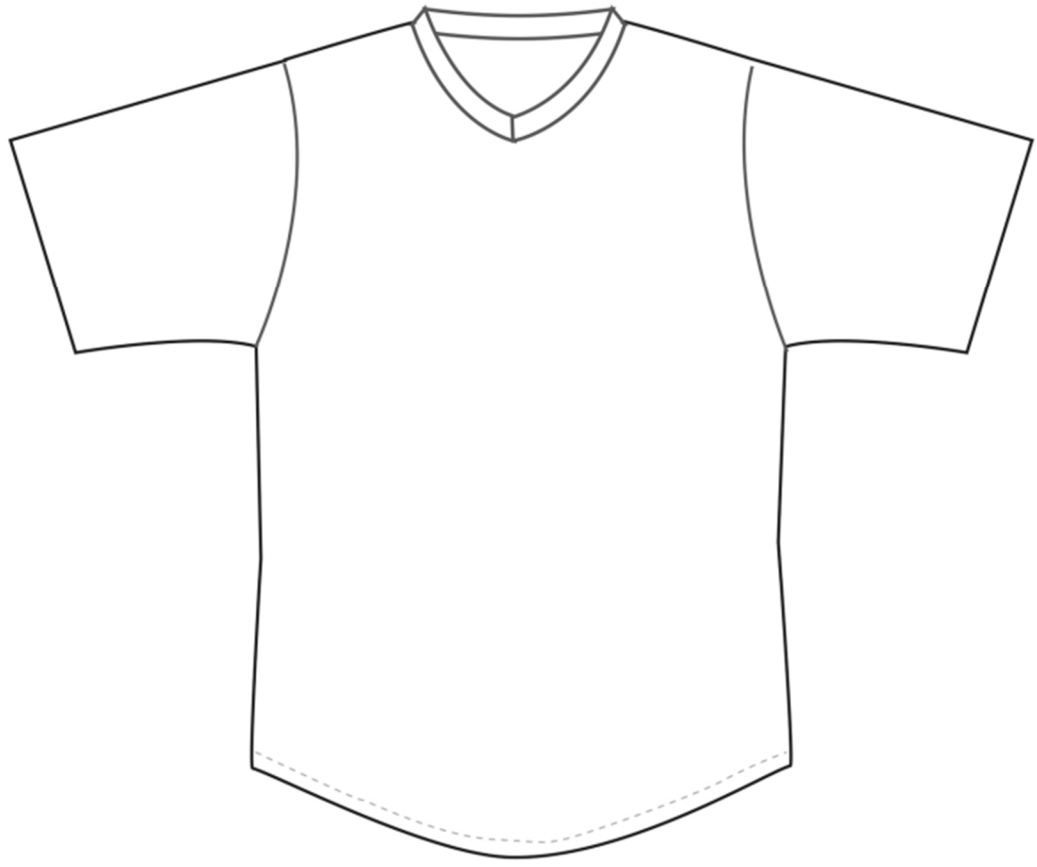
Pre school and kindergarteners have been working on kicking a ball. We do our best lately to try and move the ball around the gym with our feet and not use our hands.

Our 3rd-5th graders just finished up a project. They were assigned a skill we have done and completed a poster and demonstrated the skill to the class. They did pretty well with these and hopefully learned something new about a skill.



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



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.

REVEREND JOHN A REDDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This Scholarship Fund was established under the Will of Reverend John A. Reddington. Under the terms of the Will, **scholarship grants are to be based upon financial need to students in good standing.**

Instructions for application for a Elementary, Middle, or High School scholarships
(2024-2025 School Year)

Student's parent/guardian completes the 4 page application and forwards it to:

Bowee Clark / Dario Saccente
Canandaigua National Bank & Trust/CNB Wealth Management
1150 Pittsford-Victor Road Suite A
Pittsford, New York 14534

Attach to the application supporting documentation for income (copy of prior year US Federal Income Tax Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ or a current Budget Worksheet provided the County Department of Social Services), and expenses, and form FAFSA (for graduating High School Seniors).

The pending recipient must provide CNB Wealth Management proof of school enrollment before payment is made, to be attached to application. Upon receipt of proof, payment will be made directly to the attending school.

Guidance counselor or dean completes the recommendation/comment form for graduating high school seniors or college students and forwards it directly to:

Bowee Clark / Dario Saccente
Canandaigua National Bank & Trust/CNB Wealth Management
1150 Pittsford-Victor Road Suite A
Pittsford, New York 14534

Deadline for POSTMARK/receipt of all forms is April 30, 2024 and incomplete applications will not be considered - NO EXCEPTIONS.

The scholarship committee will only consider those applications for families with a maximum yearly income of \$60K or less.

There is no limit on the number of times a student may apply for a scholarship as long as the financial need still exists and the student remains in good standing.

Notification of scholarships awarded will be made to the school and/or student by the end of June or July.

Checks for ½ of the total scholarship award will be mailed directly to each school on **August 15, 2024**, prior to the beginning of the first term, along with copies of the award letters indicating the scholarship winners. Checks for the remaining ½ balance of the scholarship award will be mailed directly to each school on **February 15, 2025**.

Application
REVEREND JOHN A REDDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Student Applying for Assistance

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	School Year	School	Incoming Grade
Address:		City	State/Zip	Social Security #	Date of Birth

Any relationship to Father John A Reddington? No Yes If yes, please specify relationship _____

Family Information

Father / Male Guardian Information

Last	First	Occupation
Address: # & Street		Home Phone ()
City/State		Work Phone ()
Zip		
Place of Work		
Marital Status (give full name of spouse if remarried)		
Relationship to Student		

Mother / Female Guardian Information

Last	First	Occupation
Address: # & Street		Home Phone ()
City/State		Work Phone ()
Zip		
Place of Work		
Marital Status (give full name of spouse if remarried)		
Relationship to Student		

Dependents for Income Tax Purposes

Name	Age	School Attending in Fall

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Other dependents and their ages cont'd (attach additional sheet if needed)

Tuition and Expense Information

Tuition for upcoming school year	\$
Less scholarships & other assistance	\$
Books (estimate)	\$
Room & Board	\$
Travel Expense (estimate)	\$
Total	\$

Financial Information
 Attach copy of prior year US Federal Income Tax Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ or a current Budget Worksheet provided the County Department of Social Services

Family Gross Income for Prior Year (before deductions or taxes)	
Earned income for father/male guardian	\$
Earned income for mother/female guardian	\$
Earned income for applicant	\$
Other Non-Taxable Income	
Worker's Comp	
Unemployment Benefits	
Disability Benefits	
Social Security	\$

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Financial Information Cont'd

Other Non-Taxable Income cont'd	
Child Support	\$
Alimony	
Welfare ADV	\$
Rent Subsidy	\$
Etc.	
Other Sources of Tuition Assistance	
Scholarships	\$
Gifts	\$
Total Income	\$
Other Liquid Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$
Stocks	\$
Bonds	\$
Etc	\$
Total Other Assets	\$

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Family Medical/Dental Expenses Not Covered By Insurance
Please supply supporting documentation

List and describe	Do you anticipate the same level of expenses for the up coming year Yes or No If no please give estimate

Special or Unusual Circumstances for Consideration
List and describe

I declare that the information on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete. I agree, if necessary, to send additional information to support statements on the form.

Male Head of Household Signature

Female Head of Household Signature

REVEREND JOHN A REDDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Guidance Counselor:

_____ (student) has applied for the John A. Reddington Scholarship, administered by CNB Wealth Management. Please supply your recommendation/comments for this Scholarship directly to:

Bowee Clark / Dario Saccente
CNB Wealth Management
1150 Pittsford Victor Rd Suite A
Pittsford, NY 14534

Recommendation/Comments:

Is this individual working at or toward his/her potential?

Signed: Guidance Counselor

School

Date