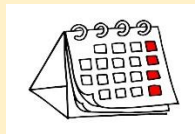


*From the Desk of  
Maria Cahill, Principal  
March 20, 2024*

**Solemnity of St. Joseph  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
March 19**

**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. Thank you in advance for your time and attention!



Please note the following important **calendar dates**:

Friday, March 29		Good Friday – No School
Monday – Monday April 1 – 8		Easter Recess School Reopens on <b>April 9</b>
Friday, April 12		End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Friday, April 19	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Friday, April 19		Report Cards scheduled to be distributed
Friday, April 26		Superintendent’s Conference Day – <b>No School for Students</b>
<b>*** Wednesday, June 12</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>



The following students were recipients of the 2024 CYO Faith Through Sports Award and received recognition at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Matano this past Thursday, March 14, at St. Lawrence Church.

**Congratulations to:**

Emily DiCesare  
Julia Geer  
Caitlin McGee  
Adriana Miraglia

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students entered an essay contest late last fall sponsored by the Elks Lodge. The essay topic was "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me." As announced previously, three of our students' essays were selected to move through from the local to the regional competition – Grace Allen, Ariana Gerber, and Auggie Jacobsen. We just learned that two of those three have been selected to go on from the regional competition to the New York State competition.

**Congratulations to:**

Ariana Gerber  
Auggie Jacobsen

Job well done to all!



**What the Eucharist Means to Me**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an opportunity for our students in Grades 1 through 5 to creatively express their personalized meaning of the Eucharist. Please see the flyer included in this week's communication and consider participating in this very spiritual event. What a beautiful way to express our belief in the very real presence of the Body of Christ in our lives!



**Run Club Correction**

Please note that when the sign-up sheets went home for Run Club, there was an error listing the first day for the club. We are NOT in session on April 26, as it is Superintendents Conference Day. The correct dates will be sent with confirmation from the club chairpersons.



**Reminder**

**Transportation forms for the 2024-2025 School Year are due to transportation departments in your home school district by April 1, 2024.** Forms can be found online on your district's website.



Online ordering for this year's school yearbook is now available. PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade are included!

Cost: \$27.50

Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2024

Link: <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry>

School Code: 83770X



### Save the Date for our Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the school gymnasium. Please save the date, as our students will display what they have been working on this year in both band and music.

**If you have not already done so, please send in the indication of whether your student(s) will be participating in the concert so we may plan appropriately. Forms are due by this Friday, March 22.**



Don't forget...you can earn 40 Bonus Box Tops at Target from now until the end of March when you buy any four Annie's products in a single transaction.

Box tops are due this Friday, March 22.

Our \$1,000 goal for this school year is in sight! With just over 3 months to go, we are at \$697.10!

**Kindergarten** is still in the lead with almost 600 more box tops than Grade 2!



### 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.

**\*\*\* REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR \*\*\***

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is open to all current and prospective families!

Please let us know if you need another hard copy of the registration packet, and we will send one home with your student and please return completed paperwork as soon as possible to guarantee enrollment.

**"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."**

**-St. Catherine of Siena**

## PreK - 3 News

By: Jacqueline Sloan

Hello... Allow me to formally introduce myself. My name is Jacqueline Sloan, and I am the newest Prek-3 teacher at St. Pius Tenth School. Having joined the team in December, I am not completely new to the school, as I did complete my student teaching here in the Fall/Winter of 2021. I live in Hilton with my son. We are a very active family with year around sports and enjoy spending as much time outside as possible enjoying all God has graced us with in nature's beauty.

Having written my Master's thesis on nature based learning, it is something I am very passionate about and strive to include in my instruction and lessons. About a month ago we started a unit I'm calling, "How Things Grow." This is something that we will continuously discuss in a variety of ways. We started out with a lesson on the differences between living and non-living things. Explaining that we as humans are living beings that require certain things in order to sustain life, grow, and thrive; that being water, food, fresh air, and of course God's Love. I then took a measurement of each student on the wall and will check their heights at the end of the year to show them how much they themselves have grown!

We then moved into how plants grow—starting with a seed and what the seed needs to grow big and tall. Although we started this lesson with just a worksheet explanation, we have since moved into growing our own actual seeds.

Prior to my arrival, the kids had unknowingly started the unit with "Pumpkin Jack!" Pumpkin Jack is a pumpkin they had in the classroom around Halloween time. As the time passed, P. J. started to rot and decompose. Mrs. V already had the plan in place, so, when the time was right, they put him in a large empty plastic container, sealed him up, and we've waited.

All winter he sat between the desk, the bookshelf, and the windowsill slowly transforming into a moldy gross mess!

About three weeks ago, we took his top off to allow him some fresh air and a very amazing thing happened... he started to regrow! The kiddos have been very excited

coming in everyday to a very noticeable transformation of growth. He is now bright green and standing tall out of the top of the container. Our next step will be to transplant him outside, out of the container, growing in all of God's greatness to see how many new pumpkins we will get. This has been such a cool activity for all of us! Thank you SO much Mrs. V!!

In addition to P. J., the kids have also planted their own individual green bean seeds, and, fingers crossed, they will each be going home with a plant that is strong and fruitful. Most recently the kids each planted something else.... This to remain a secret from parents for the time-being.

All of this on top of making our way through our ABC's, learning that numbers aren't just numbers, but they are a way of counting. We are also going to start a lesson on "What is a community?" this week. We've enjoyed doing a variety of art and craft projects with more to come, and hopefully the weather continues to head in the direction of warmth so we can get outside to witness Winter turn to Spring, and then to Summer!

It's been a great start to my journey with St. Pius, and I am looking forward to seeing just how much their amazing little minds can absorb by the end of the year!





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March 13, 2024

To: Parents/Guardians

From: Anne Sabo

Re: Spring Concert

Mrs. Cahill has included a “Save the Date” for our spring concert in her weekly notes. I hope you’ve added it to your family calendar! This year’s concert will take place on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 PM in our school gym. This will be a K-5 event. As we plan and prepare pieces and speaking parts, it would be extremely helpful to know which students will be participating. Therefore, I am asking for a commitment from you. Please indicate below whether your child(ren) will be in attendance that evening.

_____	_____
Student Name(s)	Grade(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ will participate in the Spring Concert on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ will not be present for the evening Spring Concert on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

**Please return to your child’s homeroom teacher by**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024.**

## **“What the Eucharistic Means to Me”**



### **Invitation from The Knights of Columbus**

To our students in Grades 1-5

**Please Share a Creative Expression  
of What the Eucharist Means to You**

*in one of many formats:*

**Written** – an essay or a poem.

**Visual** – drawing; painting; sculpting; clay;

LEGO creations; Diorama; CAD; movie

**Audio-** verbal; music with or without words

**Return Your Creative Expression by Friday, April 16, 2024**

to Mrs. Cahill

It will be **shared with our parish** on

**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**

**June 1/2, 2024**