



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

Welcome Back!

It is so hard to believe that a new school year is upon us, but here we are! Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year – we have so many exciting opportunities planned for this year, and we can't wait to get started!

First, I would like to emphasize that this weekly communication tool is our **main source of 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!

On this first day of school, there will be a great deal of information coming home to you. **All forms and orders do have due dates.** Please be mindful of returning paperwork on time, to avoid missing out on events.

Important forms and information:

- Intramurals - letter from Mr. Davis and registration form
- Acceptable Use Policy sign off
- Family and Student Handbook sign off
- Lunch forms and payment (our lunch partner this year is Bill Gray's)
- Emergency Contact Information
- Milk order forms and payment

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Friday, September 8 9:30 AM **Opening School Liturgy** Grades K-5
-All are welcome!

Monday, September 11 6:15 PM **PAC Meeting** in Room 20
OR - If you are unable to join us in person, following is the Zoom link:

Topic: PAC Meeting
Time: Sep 11, 2023, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81966406421?pwd=S0NCNmlqeEtVTmJlVjltVm0wajZaZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 6640 6421
Passcode: y7fPru

Wednesday, September 13

Fall Fundraiser Kick Off–Grades K - 5

Thursday, September 14

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Parent Information Night

-Please enter through the gym entrance, as we will begin our meeting there and then move on to classrooms

Sunday, September 17

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Tailgate Party/

Welcome Back Picnic

-Come decked out in your favorite Bills gear (or other favorite football team)

Monday, September 18

Fall Fundraiser Kick Off – Pre-K

Please be sure to review the **Dress Code/Uniform Policy** for Grade K – 5 students. A visual copy was sent to all families in the July mailing.

We will be STRICTLY enforcing this policy this year, which has been updated, with only slight changes.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Have a Wonderful Rest of the Week!



September 2023

Dear Catholic School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. As we return to the classroom, our Catholic school teachers, administrators, and support staff are so excited to continue to lead, inspire, and motivate our students to grow spiritually, achieve academically, and serve others in need.

Spiritual growth will continue to be a major focus at all of our schools, as Catholic teachings are infused throughout all subject areas. Each day starts and ends with prayer, and praying is connected to all that we do. As we move through the school year, I look forward to seeing our students grow in their faith and strengthen their own personal relationships with God.

Our schools will continue to utilize I-Ready to assess, instruct, and progress-monitor our students in both reading and mathematics. The data collected this past school year continues to show our students making regular achievements, and it has become clear that our willingness to implement in-person instruction during the pandemic has resulted in a positive impact on our overall academic success.

During the upcoming school year, our schools will continue to participate in numerous service activities to help those in need in our communities, such as collecting food, clothing, and other items, as well as donating their time and talents to help others. These acts of service are vital to helping our students understand the importance of giving back to others in our communities and living a life as Jesus lived.

This year, all of our schools will be participating in our Middle States Association Reaccreditation. Each of our schools has a team of school leaders, faculty, staff, and parents who will work together on this reaccreditation process to demonstrate that we are continuing to meet high educational standards diocesan-wide. We look forward to completing this reaccreditation in the spring of 2024.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools, thank you for your continued commitment to Catholic education. I am so excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year as your new superintendent, and I pray that you all have a safe, peaceful, and joyous school year!

God bless,

Frank Arvizzigno
Superintendent of Schools
Diocese of Rochester



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BUFFALO BILLS TAILGATE PARTY!!**



**Sunday September 17 1-4 PM
Cost: \$5 Per Family
Pizza and cookies will be provided.
The game will be projected for
Bills Mafia viewing pleasure!**

Please bring blankets and chairs for seating

**Please return this portion and your payment by
Wednesday September 13! Any checks can be made
payable to St. Pius X School**

Name: _____

Student Grade Level: _____

Number of Guests: _____

***If you have more than one child, please be sure to note we only need one form per family!**

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

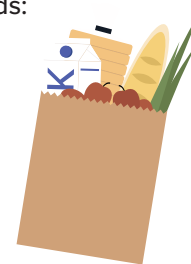
The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Participates in the Free and reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - WIC
 - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
 - or Lifeline;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on Qualifying Tribal lands:
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - Tribal TANF
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Tribal Head Start (income based)



Check out [fcc.gov/ACP](https://www.fcc.gov/ACP) for a Consumer FAQ and other program resources.

TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

Step 1: Go to [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://www.AffordableConnectivity.gov) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.

Step 2: Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.



Call 877-384-2575 or find more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program at:

FCC.GOV/ACP



Register for St. Pius CYO Soccer & Basketball

Soccer

Grades 3 - 6

\$80

Practices begin in late-August.
Games begin mid-September.

Basketball

Grades 3 - 12

\$200

After Sept. 17, registration is **\$250**.
Practices begin in November.
Games begin in December.

All children can play regardless of a family's ability to pay. Complete the registration form to apply for financial assistance.

Questions? Go to the registration form to see the FAQ sections.

Scan to register or go to <https://bit.ly/3ppTEjk>

