



**Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families**

## **TOMORROW IS PICTURE DAY!**

Order before Picture Day to receive free shipping to the school. Ordering online is easy, visit <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/70725ZF>.

Students are not required to wear school uniforms on this day; however, they must **DRESS UP** for pictures. Make up day for students who are not present on October 13 is scheduled for Friday, December 2.

Our next school liturgy is Friday, October 14 at 9:30 AM. Families are welcome to join us, and we ask that all students dress in their school uniform for all liturgies, even if it is a PE day for them.

Our Optional Lunch Program is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 17. Please note that orders may no longer be accepted for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester begins in January, at which time the ordering process will begin again.

Please note that November 10, 2022 is a scheduled ½ day for students. Dismissal is at 11:45 AM. We will communicate information regarding those districts who will be providing bus service at dismissal on that day as soon as we have contacted all districts.

**If you know of anyone who may be interested in filling an upcoming vacancy in our After Care program, please ask them to reach out to me. It is Monday through Friday from 3:30 PM to approximately 5:30 PM. This is a paid position – not volunteer.**

Please see the flyer included this week for our upcoming Halloween Trick or Treat event. This will take place on Monday, October 31, during the school day.

Don't forget to send in your box tops for the Box Tops for Education program. See the flyer in this week's communication. The class with the highest turn in will earn a dress down day!

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meet once a month – usually on the second Monday – via Zoom. All St. Pius Tenth School parents are a part of PAC. Please consider joining us at 6:30 PM for these meetings to join in the planning of activities and discussing the school overall. I will be sending the Zoom link out, via this communication, prior to the meetings. We would love to see you there. Because of the scheduled day off, our next meeting will be on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 PM. The Zoom link is:

Topic: PAC

Time: Oct 17, 2022, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82956892628?pwd=ZC9Rd1pibVFieVpURENlamNBNUs2QT09>

Meeting ID: 829 5689 2628

Passcode: y1enmp

Finally, we realized that we have been forgetting to add the articles that our teachers write each week for the parish bulletin. We will be playing catch up until all have been included in our weekly communications. Please take a few moments to read what has been happening in our classrooms.

**Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!**



**St. Pius Tenth PAC presents...**

# **HALLOWEEN**

## **Trick or Treating**

### **October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Students may wear their Halloween costume to school on this day. Please note that Halloween masks may not be worn. For safety reasons, no props are allowed and costumes must not restrict movement in any way. Please ensure that costumes are appropriate for our school setting – no horror or offensive dress. Thank you for your cooperation!**

**If you would like to donate a bag of candy to be distributed during this event, please send it in with your child by Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.**





# BOX TOPICS

OCTOBER  
2022

*Easy ways to make a difference for your school.*

## MONSTERS™ CEREAL MADNESS SWEEPSTAKES



## 5 SCHOOLS WILL WIN 5,000 BONUS BOX TOPS!

They're ba-ack! Celebrate the return of these classic Halloween characters with a chance to earn \$500 for your school this month. Scan your receipt to enter.

Sweepstakes ends October 31, 2022.

### PLUS!

Earn an extra 5 Bonus Box Tops for your school when you buy any box of Monsters™ Cereal from 9/28 through 10/31.

See app for complete offer details and limitations. Limit 3 claims per receipt.



## HALLOWEEN REFERRAL BOO-NUS



### BOX TOPS FOR YOU... AND THEM.

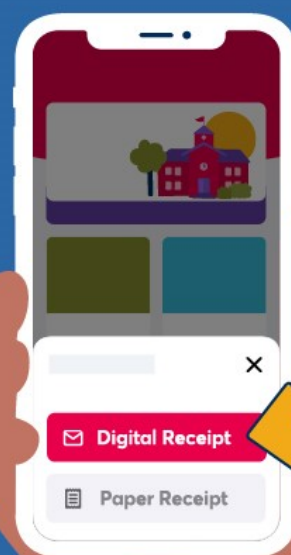
One week only! Use the Box Tops app to refer a friend to sign up for Box Tops between 10/25 and 10/31 and you'll both earn 40 Bonus Box Tops for your school when they scan their first receipt.

See app for complete offer details and limitations.

## DIGITAL RECEIPTS JUST GOT EASIER!

### ATTENTION ONLINE SHOPPERS:

Now you can use the Box Tops app to submit digital receipts, too. Tap "scan" on the home screen to choose between scanning a paper or digital receipt. Make sure you're on a compatible iOS 14+ or Android 7+ device to try it out!



**GET THE BOX TOPS APP  
AND START EARNING FOR  
YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!**





### What's New in 2nd Grade

By Wendy Briggs



As a group, we have been working very hard transitioning into Second Grade. Routines are falling into place and we are building our academic skills along the way.

Lately, we have been discussing ways to build friendships and follow in Jesus' footsteps. It is so rewarding to witness the kindness the children show to each other on a daily basis!

The students also seem to be enjoying our Reading A-Z program that we are using. They have the opportunity to enjoy text appropriate to their individual reading level in small groups, individually, and during whole group time. We are discussing the author's purpose for writing the book (to entertain, to persuade, to inform),

as well as overall comprehension of the specific text.

We are learning how to write sentences using more detail, and cannot wait to start writing in cursive! However, though that is a ways off in the distance...

What an wonderful age group to be working with!



### To Recharge and Stay Charged By: Mr. Nicholas Warner

We are back! What a summer I had filled with family, camping, and friends. Now it is time to take a deep breath, get a hair cut (Done) and be ready for the new school year to start. With the Covid-19 Pandemic, our school life changed. Some things were difficult, but others sparked new ideas and ways to connect with students in a greater capacity. Now, with regulations scaled back, we welcome group work and desk clusters, which we could not enjoy due to social distancing.

Our first two weeks at Saint Pius

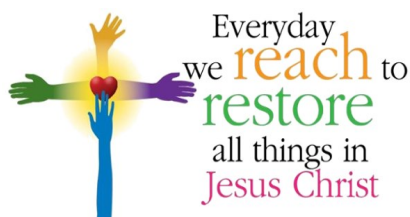


Tenth School included lots of hard work to get ready for the new year. It feels like we are Santa's magical elves preparing for the Christmas season. We have been preparing our classrooms in new ways, learning, through professional development, to continue to spark the creative juices of not only ourselves but the students who fill our classrooms.

This has been a time of great reflection for the start of this new school year. As this school year has just started and I sit here writing this article, I reflect on the first day with students. They rolled into school with smiles and an a magical energy that could have powered Santa's sleigh.

As I watched my new class of Third graders work together on tasks that were intended to introduce them to one another, they moved around the room and interacted as if they were coming back from February break. The class seemed at ease with one another and ready for this school year adventure.

Excitement will continue. God Bless.



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
**AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH**  
**2022-2023**  
**GENERAL SACRAMENTAL**  
**READINESS CRITERIA**



Primary criteria for sacramental preparation is to **celebrate Mass weekly** at St. Pius X. Secondly, that this is **at least the second, consecutive year** that you are enrolled in a Catholic School or a Parish Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Program .

**SPECIFIC SACRAMENTAL READINESS CRITERIA**



**First Reconciliation**—Baptized Roman-Catholic, at least 7 years old, able to understand he/she can sin, have desire to be forgiven and ability to ask for it.

**First Eucharist**—Baptized Roman-Catholic, who is at least 7 years old, and has prepared and celebrated First Reconciliation, knows the Eucharist is Jesus and wants to be one with Jesus and Church by receiving Communion.



**Confirmation**—Baptized Roman-Catholic who is **at least in 8th grade**, and have celebrated First Eucharist and First Reconciliation and have a desire for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, received in Baptism, to be strengthened to help him/her live a Holy life, can register for the 1st of 2 years of Confirmation Prerequisite Process. After that is registration for the Immediate Preparation Program.

**REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP**

Now Open Online ...

**First Reconciliation**— Open Until September 20, 2022

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/35b0a25e-7ecc-455c-b0fa-3cfa0693441f>

**Parent Meetings** September 18, 12:30 pm in Parish Center OR  
September 20, 6:25 pm in Church.

Registration for the next session will be January 3 —January 31, 2023

**Confirmation Prerequisite Program**— Open Until October 8, 2022

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/267b3bc1-861c-40c9-87fb-a5823bf697f8>

\* Information Meetings for *Parent & Candidate*\*

Sun, Oct 2, 2022 6:00 pm OR Sat, Oct 8, 2022 5:30 pm in Parish Center

**Coming Soon Online ... First Eucharist**— Fall registration October 3—30, 2022  
Spring registration will be February 13—March 14, 2023.

Contact Dcn. Johan Engström, 585-247-2566 x112 or [johan.engstrom@dor.org](mailto:johan.engstrom@dor.org) for more info







*October 29<sup>th</sup>*

*1:00 – 3:00 pm*

*A Safe and Fun Trick-or-Treating environment for the  
children of the Gates and Chili Communities.*

*Our friends from local businesses, the Gates Fire & Police departments,  
& the Gates-Chili Rotary Club, St. Pius X Knights of Columbus and  
others will be gathered in our parking lot to hand out goodies.*

*Come in costume for Cider, Candy & Community*

*Chef's Food Truck will be here as well!!*



***ALVAH HALLORAN & SON  
FUNERAL HOME***

*2125 Chili Ave  
585-247-7590*

**PRESENTS**



**TRUNK**

**or**

**TREAT**