

From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
October 26, 2022



<https://www.wincalendar.com/All-Saints-Day>

Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families

Happy almost November!
Some important notes for this last week of October:

Just a uniform reminder that as of November 1, sweatpants must be worn over shorts outside of PE class. Also as of November 1, shorts may no longer be worn with the dress uniform. Please also make sure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, as we may still be going outside for recess, PE classes, and fire drills.

Weather related school information:

If school will be closed due to inclement weather or other uncontrollable conditions, information will be given over local television stations (by 7:00 AM whenever possible). We follow the GATES-CHILI Public School District. We will also send a text message blast as early as possible through our FACTS Student Information System platform.

Box Tops for Education Update:

With 56 days left in our Box Tops for Education Fall Leaderboard Challenge, our fourth grade is off to a great start and leading the charge! Keep them coming everyone!

Our next school liturgy is Tuesday, November 1, 2022 – All Saint's Day. All students should be in full uniform, even if they have PE.

Our regular November School Liturgy is Friday, November 18. Please be sure that students are in full uniform even if they have PE that day.

Please note that November 10, 2022 is a scheduled ½ day for students. Dismissal is at **11:45 AM**.

Following is the information that we currently have regarding end of day dismissal transportation:

Brockport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Churchville Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days

Gates Chili – Will transport on ONE of our ½ days (this will be on November 10)

Greece (Ontario Transportation) – TBD We have not heard back from them though we have reached out several times

Hilton – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Spencerport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Wheatland Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days

St. Pius Tenth School ½ days this school year are November 10, 2022; December 22, 2022; February 17, 2023; March 17, 2023.

November 10 is also our scheduled pick up day for fundraiser items. Pick up will be from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM, using the same carline format as is used for arrival and dismissal. Please pull through the carline down to the North end of the school building where volunteers will be waiting to load items into cars. If you know that you will be unable to come during the designated pick-up times, please let the office know, and we can make alternate arrangements.

November 11 is a scheduled day off as we recognize and remember our Veterans.

Please see the PAC information included this week. The Halloween flyer explains our celebration to take place on Monday, October 31, and there is a follow-up letter with information about volunteering and after-school clubs.

Any classroom celebrations for Halloween will be directly communicated by your child's classroom teacher. Just a reminder that any treats sent to school **MUST BE STORE BOUGHT AND INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED BY THE VENDOR**. Treats that come in unwrapped will be held until the end of the school day and sent home with your child. Thank you for your cooperation!

The end of the first quarter of is Friday, November 11, 2022. Report Cards are scheduled to be distributed on November 18.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The Zoom information is below.

Maria Cahill is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

Topic: PAC Meeting

Time: **Nov 14, 2022, 6:30 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206421760?pwd=YTU2WStNeDgwVUs1c3ErUGRuVVNSQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 0642 1760

Passcode: zW1sqK

Please look for upcoming information about our December PAC meeting that will be an in-person meet and greet. This will be a great opportunity for community-building, as it will provide opportunity to meet other parents, ask questions and gather more information about what the committee does for our school.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

Hi SPX Families,

I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you who have sent back the PAC form for volunteering this year for different clubs/events! We have had a wonderful response from parents/guardians. I want to keep you all informed and communicate where we are in the process of volunteers.

1. PAC has collected the flyers.
2. We put everything in the database.
3. If you have signed up to Chair an event/club or volunteer for an event/club...We will be emailing the Chairs of the event/club and they will be contacting you soon.
4. We ask that if you have signed up to volunteer **but haven't** completed the CASE training yet...please do so asap. This will ensure that you will be able to volunteer and we can still hold the club/event that has been planned.

Events that we still need help with:

1. Splatters painting (December date TBD): we are still looking for volunteers.
2. Shamrock and Roll (March date TBD): We still need a Chair and volunteers.
3. Art Club (1x a month, 3:30-4:30pm. Start date TBD): We need a Chair. We have a CO-Chair and one volunteer.
4. Robotics (1x a month, 3:30-4:30pm. Start date TBD): We need a Co-Chair and 2-3 more volunteers.
5. Lego Club (1x a month, 3:30-4:30pm. Start date TBD): We need a Chair and Co-Chair and 1-2 more volunteers.
6. Service Club 3rd-5th grade only (1x a month, 3:30-4:30pm. Start date December 2022): We need a Co-Chair and 4-5 volunteers.

Stay tuned! Thank you for signing up to volunteer and giving back to the kids. Questions: please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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St. Pius Tenth PAC presents...

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating

October 31st

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 28th.





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.

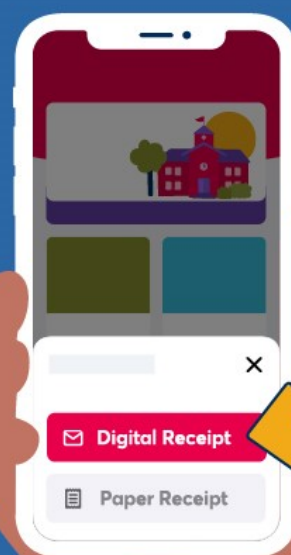
One week only! Use the Box Tops app to refer a friend to sign up for Box Tops between 10/25 and 10/31 and you'll both earn 40 Bonus Box Tops for your school when they scan their first receipt.

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!**





**St Pius X Fall Clean-up
Saturday
November 5, 2022
9:00 AM till
(the leaves are gone)**



**We will be gathering to do our annual
Fall clean-up of the Parish grounds
on Saturday November 5.**

**Everyone in the Parish is welcome to help out,
there is always plenty to do. Please bring rakes,
gloves, tarps (blowers if you have them).**

**Back again by popular demand, the Boy Scouts of
Troop 178 in conjunction with the St Pius X Federal
Credit Union will provide lunch.**

**This is a great opportunity for Scouts, High School
students or others needing service hours. This
usually amounts to 3-4 hours of service for the day.**



Another New Role, Another New Challenge, Another Opportunity for Growth

By: Anne Sabo

In my tenure at Saint Pius Tenth School, I have taught in many different classrooms wearing many different hats, as a classroom teacher from preschool through sixth grade. Moving into the “specials” realm over 20 years ago, I continued to have new assignments added throughout the years. This year has brought another new role. In addition to being our computer technology coordinator, this year I am also wearing the music teacher hat.



I come from a long line of musicians. Both my mom and my grandmother were organists for their parishes. My mom recently retired after over 65 years of service. Music was always a part of our family’s life. Some of my fondest childhood memories are of our family gathered around the piano singing. Mom also taught piano lessons at our home so there were many afternoons with students coming and going.



I am excited to be in this new position. I have large shoes to fill as Anne Virgil, my predecessor, taught in our schools for over 40 years. Music is a passion of mine, and I am excited to share that passion with our students at Saint Pius Tenth School. Just look at the benefits music brings us...



Benefits of Listening to Music

- *Strengthens listening skills
- *Increases attention span
- *Encourages motor skills
- *Helps boost language skills
- *Practice social skills
- *Calms and focuses the mind
- *Reduces depression
- *Makes a commute less stressful, more enjoyable
- *Improves memory
- *Supports bonding with whomever is sharing the listening experience
- *Can accelerate brain development
- *Provides joy
- *Decreases stress
- *Increases and improves sleep
- *Can alleviate pain
- *Uses energy
- *Brings out personality

What's happening in Pre-K4?

By: Deanna Halquist

Our Pre-K4 class has had a great start to the 2022-2023 school year. We have been busy learning how to follow the rules and routines in our classroom, such as how to line up and walk in the halls quietly; how to gather on our circle carpet and be ready to learn; and how to stay at our tables and eat our lunches neatly! Our class has also been learning a lot about how to treat each other with kindness in our actions and in our words. Knowing how to be a good friend is an important part of building a positive classroom environment.

Our Pre-K4 students have also been learning about letters, letter sounds, and concepts of print. Concepts of print is the awareness of how print works. This includes the knowledge that written language conveys a message. During our morning message time, we have been learning that the words we say can be written down on paper. The students watch as I write our daily message: "Good morning! Today is Monday. So-and-so is the helper of the day." As I write, I ask the children about which letter to write or what sound a certain letter makes. They are also observing that we read and write from left to right. They are quickly developing these pre-reading skills that will be so important as they enter kindergarten next year.

We have recently completed a unit on apples, which included learning about the parts of an apple, the life cycle of an apple, and how apples get from the farm to the stores. We will soon begin learning about the season of fall, pumpkins, and fire safety. Before you know it, it will be Thanksgiving!

Our class will soon be learning about our Creation Story. We will make projects showing that on the first day, God separated the light from the dark, and He called the light "day" and the dark "night." We will continue throughout the year to make different projects depicting what God created on each day.

We are having a lot of fun in Pre-K4!

