



*From the Desk of
Maria Cahill,
Principal
November 30, 2022*

**May peace, hope, love, and joy fill your homes and hearts!
Wishing you a Blessed Advent Season!**

I would like to begin my notes this week with a sincere THANK YOU to all who donated to the collection of items to be sent to our troops overseas. As I understand, they were deployed earlier this week. All of our students also made cards to be sent in their packages.

While they will be away from all familiarity for this holiday season, we pray that God watch over and protect them, until they safely return home. I would also like to thank Mrs. Ames for asking us to be a part of this project!

Please see the enclosed letter from our Superintendent, Mr. James Tauzel, which contains important information about report cards and our new Student Information System (FACTS).

A much overdue CONGRATULATIONS to our two top sellers for our Fall Fundraiser:

Our 1st Prize seller (for the second year in a row) is Billy Dieffenbacher – Grade 1

2nd Prize goes to Ariana Gerber in Grade 4

Billy and Ariana will receive Amazon Gift Cards in the amount of \$100 and \$75 respectively.

Thank you for your hard work!!! We couldn't have done it without you!

Box Tops for Education Update:

Last call to submit your box tops for the Box Tops for Education Fall Challenge. Our 4th Grade class is in the lead, and the winning grade gets a dress down day!

***** Amanda Varrone and Jim Tauzel will be assembling a children's choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

Rehearsals will be planned for Thursdays Dec 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Amanda Varrone: Amanda.varrone@yahoo.com

Beginning on Monday, November 28, our Grade 5 class "opened" their school supply cart, as we have done in years past. They have for purchase notebooks, pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, glue sticks, etc. at a nominal price for student purchase.

The cart will be brought to classrooms on Mondays for Grades 1 and 2; Fridays for Grades 3 and 4; and will be in the main hallway on Wednesdays for all to purchase.

Proceeds from the supply cart sales will go toward a Grade 5 end of school year/commencement event. Last year's Grade 5 class took a trip to the Seneca Park Zoo, and the funds from the supply cart were used to cover the cost of renting a bus.

Friday, December 2, 2022, is School Picture retake day. This will also be the day that our Monday, Wednesday, Friday Pre-K students will have their school pictures taken.

PLEASE NOTE that if you are having pictures **RE-taken**, the original package **MUST** be returned.

Our December school liturgy is on Friday, December 2 at 9:30 AM.

We also have Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 9:30 AM to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please be sure that students are dressed in full uniform on both Mass days, even if they have PE, and please join us if you are able. It is so wonderful to have family and friends join us!

If students are having their picture taken or retaken on December 2, they may **DRESS UP**, as they will be excused from wearing their uniform that day. They **MAY NOT**, however, dress down (no jeans, shorts, sweatshirts, etc.)

Monday, December 5, 2022 is a scheduled day off for students. This is our Parent/Teacher Conference Day.

If you do not have a conference scheduled, please reach out to your child's teacher for an appointment time. This is one of the best ways to facilitate ongoing communication of progress and partnership with the school.

Students are not expected to attend conferences, which will be held in the child's classroom.

Please mark your calendar for our December PAC get-together (flyer enclosed), which will be in person. It will be on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 PM. 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.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to either Sheri McGee or Annie Miraglia.

This year, St. Pius School's PAC Committee is so happy to announce the return of Santa's Secret Shop – an opportunity for students to do their own Christmas shopping. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

The order form for 2nd Semester Milk is included in this week's communication. **PLEASE NOTE THE DUE DATE, Friday, January 6, 2023.** We may not be able to accept late orders.

December 22, 2022 is a scheduled ½ day for students. Pre-K dismissal is at 11:30 AM, and Grades K – 5 will dismiss 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 NOT transport on any remaining ½ days

Greece (Ontario Transportation) – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

Hilton – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days

LeRoy – 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.

****Please see the carline dismissal map in this week's communication.**

Our Christmas Recess is from Friday, December 23 through, and including, January 2, 2023. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

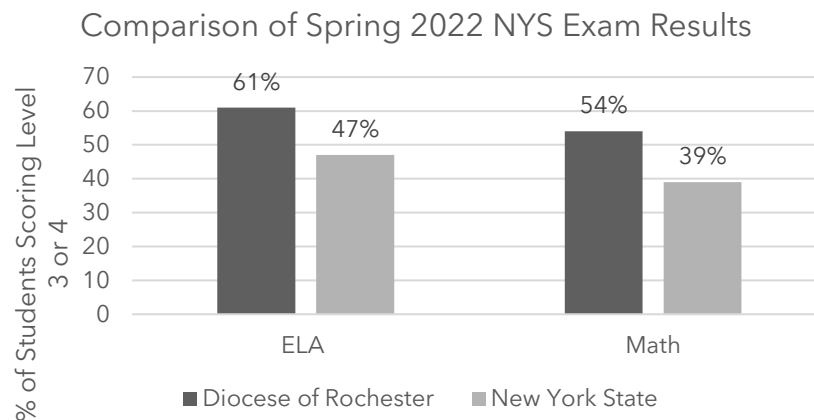


November 17, 2022

Dear Catholic School Families,

As we enter the second quarter of our 2022-2023 school year, we are writing to share several key updates regarding the academic programs and reporting in our Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools.

First, after a delayed release, New York State has shared the performance on the Spring 2022 Grades 3-8 Math and ELA exams. We are pleased to share that overall, our DOR students outpaced NYS performance levels by 14% in English Language Arts and 15% in Mathematics. As data becomes available by district, we will continue to share more detailed access to these results.



Next, our schools have adopted a new Student Information System (SIS) called FACTS. With this change comes necessary updates to our Diocesan Report Cards, which have been updated to include changes in the current learning standards. In addition, the comment sections of these report cards include space for every quarter which will allow you to see cumulative notes on your child's progress throughout the year so you can readily assess their growth quarter by quarter. Details on these changes are included on the following page.

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic schools and for entrusting us with the blessing of serving your children. Together, we will continue to build on our successes to ensure our schools remain faith-filled communities of joy, service, and excellence.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving,

James Tauzel
Superintendent of Schools



Report Card Updates

School Year 2022- 2023

All changes in our report card structure have been reviewed and edited based on grade-level teacher input.

Grades PK – 2 Report Cards:

Students in Grades PK – 2 receive a skills-based report card focused on their overall development of the skills necessary for mastery in each subject area. Teachers use the assignments and projects submitted throughout each quarter to assign a rubric grade to each skill based on their performance criteria.

Rubric Grading Scale:

- E – Exceed Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- M – Meets Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- W – Working Toward Meeting Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- N – Not Yet Meeting Diocesan Grade-Level Expectations
- X – Not Evaluated at this Time

Comments are recorded each quarter and comments from every quarter will show on each subsequent report card, ending with a full comment section in Quarter 4. Learner Behaviors (graded on an E – exceeds, S – satisfactory, I – improving, and N – needs improvement scale) are included each quarter.

Special areas (Physical Education, Music, Art, Health, Technology) are graded by semester using the rubric grading scale and will be included on the Quarter 2 and Quarter 4 report cards. Each course is graded using subject specific rubrics created by the special area teachers.

Grades 3-8 Report Cards

Students in Grades 3-8 receive a numeric grade (0-100) in each course with a passing grade of 65%. Teachers use the weighting below to generate the course average based on the assignments and projects submitted throughout each quarter.

Course Weighting:

- 50% - Projects, Tests, and Quizzes
- 35% - Classwork
- 15% - Homework

Overall comments are recorded each quarter and comments from every quarter will show on each subsequent report card, ending with a full comment section in Quarter 4. Beginning in Grade 4, quarterly comments by subject area are also included.

Learner Behaviors (graded on an E – exceeds, S – satisfactory, I – improving, and N – needs improvement scale) are included each quarter. Beginning in Grade 4, learner behaviors are included by subject.

Special areas (Physical Education, Music, Art, Health, Technology) are graded by semester using the rubric grading scale (see above in PK-2 section) and will be included on the Quarter 2 and Quarter 4 report cards. Each course is graded using subject specific rubrics created by the special area teachers. Comments are included each semester by course.



Retake Picture Day is 12/2/22! If you're satisfied with your child's picture, no further action is required.

If you purchased and were unhappy with your Picture Package, please send your Picture Package to school with your student on Retake Day. Your Retake Picture Package will be produced and shipped to the school four weeks after Retake Day. *Please note, if your child is photographed on the original **and** Retake Picture Days, the Retake picture will replace the original picture in certain products, like the yearbook.*

Students who were absent for Picture Day should come to school prepared to have their picture taken. If you have not preordered, please use the Retake Order Code 70726JF to place your order at <https://inter-state.com/Order>. To see your Order History, check your [Inter-State Account](#).

Find answers to Retake Day questions [here](#).



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Lunch Milk Order Form
2nd Semester 2022-2023

Student Name	Grade	Number of Cartons Per Day	Indicate Choice 1% White Milk (X)	Indicate Choice Low Fat Chocolate Milk (X)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Milk for the Second Semester will be available at lunchtime beginning Monday, January 30, 2023.

The cost of milk will be *\$20.00 (for one ½ pint carton per day) per student for the 2nd Semester. **No refunds can be given for absences.** If you would like your child to have two cartons per day, please double the cost.

****Orders must be either all White Milk OR all Chocolate Milk. We cannot split orders.**

No milk for half-day students in Pre-K.

Please send in order form **and** payment, made by cash or check (payable to St. Pius Tenth School), **no later than Friday, January 6, 2023. We may not be able to accept late orders.** Payment must be submitted with order.

*The cost for those students in our 2 or 3-Full Day Program is \$10.00 for the 2nd Semester.



PAC Monthly Meeting
December 12th at 6pm
(Room to be determined)

Join Us...
IN PERSON!

- Learn more about what we do
- Learn about how to get involved
- Bring your OWN ideas of what we could be doing
- Grab a cookie and a cup of coffee and meet some SPX parents you may not have had a chance to meet

RSVPs are not required but **very much appreciated**, to make sure we have enough space (and Cookies 😊)

Annie Miraglia - anniemiraglia@gmail.com

Sheri McGee – Sheri.McGee@wegmans.com



Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are happy to share that your child will have the opportunity to participate in the upcoming "Santa's Secret Shop" at our school. This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends.

The "Santa's Secret Shop" will be set up at school and run by volunteers from the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). We believe this program will create wonderful memories for the students, while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. Imagine the fun they will have surprising a loved one with a gift they bought...all by themselves!

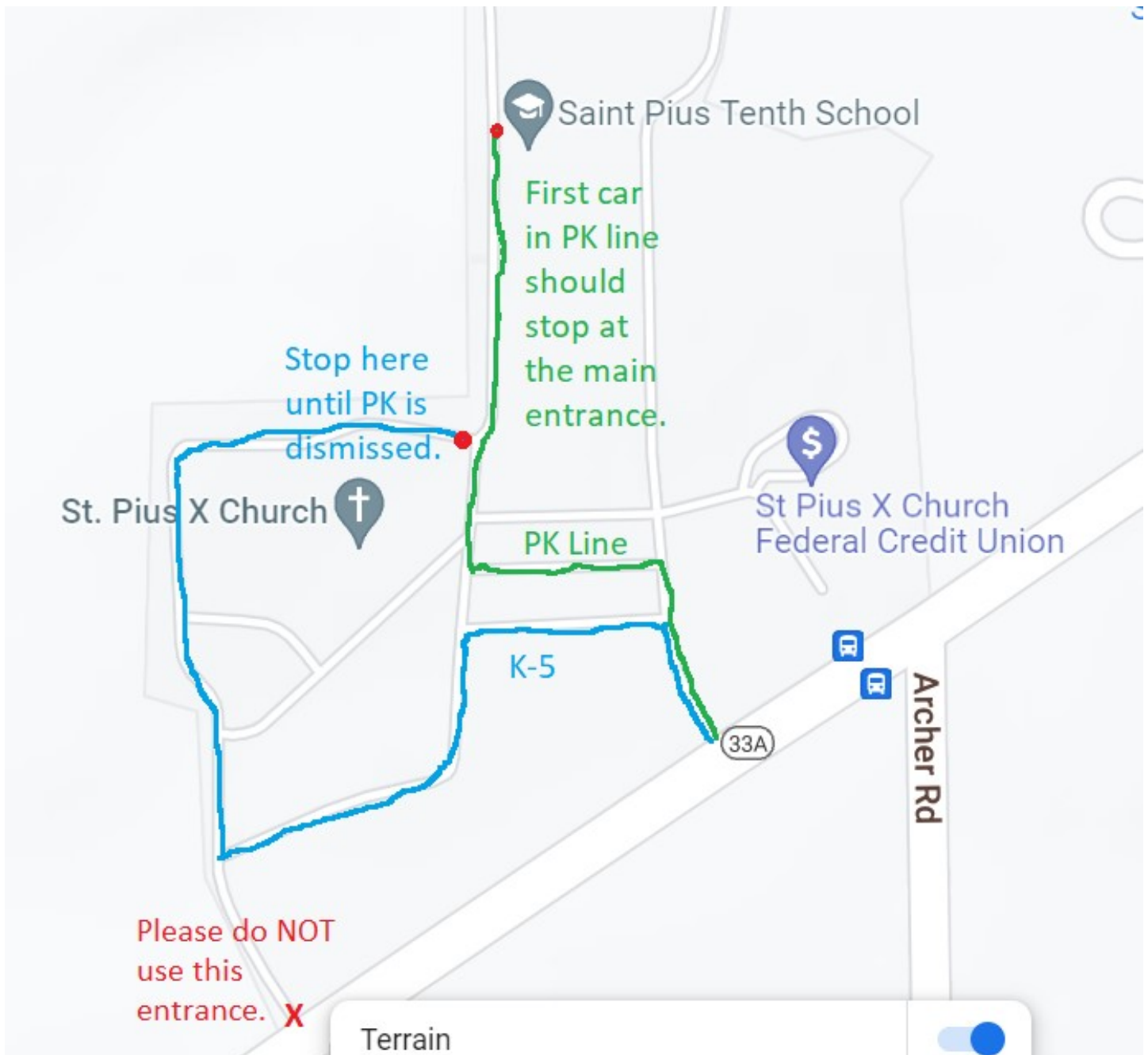
On Monday, December 12th, students will visit the sale for a preview day. On this day, they will bring home an envelope with their gift ideas and costs so you can help them decide who they should buy gifts for and how much they should spend.

On Wednesday and Thursday, December 14th and 15th, students will visit the sale with their classroom to make their purchases. Your student's specific shopping day will be sent home next week. The payment envelope will need to be sent in with your child on their shopping day. Cash, check and credit cards (Master Card & Visa) will be accepted for payment. Additional payment information will be sent home with the preview envelopes.

We look forward to making this a fun and memorable experience for your child!

If you are interested in volunteering to support this event, please email Erin DiCesare at edicesare5@yahoo.com. All volunteers will need to be CASE trained prior to the event. Thank you for your support!

Carline Map



Tomorrow's carline will be extra long due to our half day dismissal. Please refer to the carline map above. All cars should enter at the east entrance (near the credit union). PK cars will pass between the school building and the church. The first car should stop at the main entrance to the school. K-5 cars should use the outer loop around the back of the church. First car should wait at the stop sign until motioned forward by school staff. PK dismissal begins at 11:30. K-5 dismissal begins at 11:45.

Family Camp at Camp Koinonia

Camp Koinonia near Naples, NY is the home of Family Camp. Family Camp is a unique opportunity to enjoy all the fun of summer camp - and an enriching Catholic Faith based spiritual retreat – together with your family! Our staff make it easy for parents and families to relax and have fun! During this weeklong Catholic family camp, we provide three meals a day, lodging, help with the kids, pool time and family-friendly activities! Best of all, you will meet new friends that share your love of family, Catholic faith, and fun! Four weeks of camp are offered between July 9- and August 4, 2023. For more information and availability: <https://www.campkoinoniany.org/>.