



**From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
October 20, 2021**

Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families!

I would like to begin this week with a huge THANK YOU to our 4th and 5th Grade families and our PAC Committee for the wonderful faculty and staff treats sent in this past Friday! What a great way to wrap up the week. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

All parents/caregivers are automatically members of our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). PAC meets monthly (via Zoom) to discuss upcoming events and other school related items. Please be on the lookout for meeting dates and times and join if you are able.

School Pictures are scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2021. This will be a **DRESS UP** picture day. Students who have PE on Friday will have a low impact class, since they will not be in their PE uniforms. Re-take / Make-Up Day (including our Pre-K 3 class) will be Thursday, December 2, 2021.

Please see the flyer in this week's communications regarding Halloween. We will be celebrating on Friday, October 29th.

We have scheduled two school liturgies in the month of November.

Monday, November 1 is our All Saints Day liturgy, and Friday, November 12 is our monthly school liturgy. Please be sure that Grades K – 5 students are in full uniform on those days.

For your planning, please note that Wednesday, November 10, 2021 is a scheduled ½ day for students. We are unable to provide after school care on our ½ days.

Thursday, November 11, 2021 is the Veterans Day holiday.

Beginning on November 1, students must wear their Saint Pius Tenth School sweatpants over their gym shorts at all times outside of PE class.

Also, please have your students wear outerwear that is appropriate for the outside temperature. We will be going outside for PE and recess whenever weather permits.

We ask that if your student is absent from school, you enter a "Plan Change" on the PickUp Patrol app.

And finally, an ask for help...New York State requires all schools to have a special licensure to be able to perform COVID testing within the building. This Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) is issued by the state, and allows trained professionals to conduct testing.

Though we are not conducting testing at this time, we are in search of a medical professional that would be willing to provide oversight of the program in the event that we are required to begin testing. This individual would not be responsible for conducting or reporting the testing. If you are a licensed healthcare provider, or know someone who might be willing to help us, please contact me either by phone or email. Thank you!

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Rest of the Week!

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Hello Again Saint Pius Tenth!

By: Trevor Freed



Hello Saint Pius Tenth family! My name is Trevor Freed, and I am the new first grade teacher at Saint Pius Tenth School this year. I am so thrilled to be a part of this amazing community once again. As a child, I was lucky enough to attend Saint Pius Tenth School as a student from fourth grade through sixth grade. The school building is exactly like I remember it, although it seems quite a bit smaller now. When I came in for my first interview, I was very happy to recognize some friendly faces from my time here as a student. Mrs. Russell was my fourth grade math teacher, Mrs. Sabo taught my computer class, Ms. Virgil taught my music class, Ms. Veitch taught my art class, and Mrs. Fusilli was my younger brother's kindergarten teacher. Getting the chance to work with them all again as a colleague has been a fantastic experience, and I feel very blessed to have this opportunity.

I earned my bachelor's degree at Robert's Wesleyan College for Childhood / Special Education in December of 2019. As you can imagine, it was not the greatest time to try getting myself a stable job in early 2020. However, I was lucky enough to land myself a substitute teaching position at my old middle / high school, Bishop Kearney, during the 2020-2021 school year. My time spent there allowed me to gain very valuable classroom experience that I was able to carry over and use here at Saint Pius Tenth. While I enjoyed working there every day, it definitely helped me to realize that an elementary school environment is where I want to be.

Catholic schools have always been an important part of my life. Attending them from kindergarten all the way through high school has allowed me to make many lifelong friends. I am still very close with several friends that I met all the way back in kindergarten, and I attend annual summer vacation trips with a group of about 20 friends that I met in middle and high school at Bishop Kearney. This last year, we all rented and shared a large Airbnb in the Poconos and spent a week catching up and having fun with each other.

I am very happy to say that one of those 20 high school friends ended up being the best friend that I ever could have hoped for, my wife, Giuliana. We first got together way back in 2012, early in our junior year at Bishop Kearney. We stayed together all through college and got married in July of 2019. One year shy of a decade together, we are still growing to love each other more and more every day. We are currently in the middle of a hunt for our first home together. Although it has only been a few short months since our hunt began, we cannot wait for the search to be over so we can settle down into a new place that we can call home.



Get Ready For...

HALLOWEEN



Trick-or-Treating

On Friday, October 29th, students will be participating in a Trick-or-Treating event sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

Students may wear their Halloween costume to school on this day. Please note that Halloween masks may not be worn, and protective face masks are still required as per our school plan.

For safety reasons, no props are allowed, and costumes must not be restraining (movement may not be hindered in any way).

Please ensure that costumes are appropriate for our school setting – no horror or offensive dress.

Thank you for your cooperation!

