



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

### **Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families!**

We are inching ever closer to the end of the school year, and we are looking forward to a few more activities that will resemble a small sense of life before the pandemic. We are so excited that our PAC will be sponsoring a Kona Ice truck on the last day of school for our K – 5 students.

Please note that we will not be changing any of the policies and protocols regarding face coverings, distancing, and disinfecting for the remainder of this school year. We await updated guidance from the CDC, New York State, and the Monroe County DOH for word on next school year.

I would like to thank all of those who sent in flowers for our May Crowning, which took place last week following our Ascension Thursday school liturgy. It was a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother. Please visit (and Like) our Facebook page to get a glimpse of the beautiful Hail Mary that Miss Virgil led in sign language.

Progress Reports are scheduled to be published tomorrow, Friday, May 21. You may access them through the MSP Parent Portal.

A reminder that we have next Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31 off for the Memorial Day Holiday.

There is a “One and Done” opportunity for anyone wishing to help out with some service work this Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 AM. Mrs. Barb Legere is coordinating the effort to help spread mulch that is being delivered for our playground area, and many hands make light work. Please follow the following link for more information:  
<https://www.smores.com/zsrde-one-and-done?ref=email-content#w-7666445959>

Please find the approved 2021-2022 school year calendar in this week’s communication. You will notice the addition of a few ½ days scheduled for staff professional development. Because we serve students from several school districts, please check with your home district regarding transportation.

Finally, it is with a bittersweet sentiment that I wish to share with you the news of two retirements of Saint Pius Tenth School faculty and staff members, effective at the end of this school year.

Mrs. Monica Smith will be starting the next chapter of her life, following just about 20 years of service to our school. She has been a classroom teacher in nearly every grade and has undoubtedly made such a positive impact on the lives of so many young people. She has been such an incredible part of the team at Saint Pius, and we will feel her absence in so many ways.

Mrs. Linda Yanklowski will also be retiring at the end of the year, also following many years of truly dedicated service as our school nurse. Linda has been an instrumental part of the reopening of our school for full-time learning over the last year, and her absence will also leave a gap in our team.

Thank you both for your years of selfless service to our Saint Pius family!

We wish both Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Yanklowski the very best as they begin something new and pray for God’s blessings on both for many, many years to come! You will be missed!

We are in the process of beginning the search for what are certainly huge shoes to fill but are confident that God will lead just the right people to our community.

**Have a wonderful and Blessed rest of the week!**

### Puzzles in Pre-K By: Deanna Halquist

From the very first day of school, I build time for doing puzzles into our daily schedule. Whether the students are working on small puzzles by themselves at their table spots or working on a large floor puzzle with a friend, our preschoolers are getting so many benefits from putting puzzles together.

While doing puzzles, students are practicing critical thinking skills and problem-solving as they search for a solution to complete a puzzle. When deciding where a puzzle piece fits, they are considering several things at the same time: Is the piece the correct shape? Do the colors of the pieces match? Does the piece make sense within the picture (does the grass go at the top, does it make sense to put the clouds at the bottom)? What a great way to develop their spatial relationship skills, not to mention concentration!

Playing with puzzles is not only good exercise for the brain, it also exercises the muscles in our hands to

develop coordination and dexterity. Strengthening the fine motor muscles in the hands and fingers is necessary for students to accomplish everyday tasks such as buttoning, zipping, using scissors, and properly gripping writing utensils like crayons, markers, and pencils. Puzzles are also great tools for improving students' hand-eye coordination as they move the pieces around to find where they fit. Hand-eye coordination is important as children learn to catch a ball and as their handwriting develops.

When our students are able to complete a puzzle with no assistance from an adult, they feel a sense of pride and accomplishment which contributes to a positive social-emotional learning experience.



**Saint Pius Tenth School**  
**2021-2022 Detailed School Calendar**  
(Dates are subject to change as circumstances and guidance may warrant)

**September 2021**

Monday	September 6	Labor Day	
Tuesday	September 7	School Supply drop off	11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Thursday	September 9	School Opens: Full day Grades K – 5	
Wednesday	September 15	School Opens: Pre-K 4	
Wednesday	September 15	Fall Fundraiser begins	
Thursday	September 16	School Opens: Pre-K 3	
Thursday	September 16	Parent Information Night (Format TBD)	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Friday	September 17	Opening School Liturgy	9:30 AM

**October 2021**

Friday	October 1	School Liturgy	9:30 AM
Friday	October 8	Superintendent’s Conference Day -No school for students	
Monday	October 11	Columbus Day -No school	
Friday	October 15	Fundraiser ends	

**November 2021**

Monday	November 1	All Saints Day Liturgy	
Friday	November 12	School Liturgy	
Friday	November 12	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	
Wednesday	November 10	Professional Development Day -½ Day for Students	<b>11:45 AM Dismissal</b>
Thursday	November 11	Veterans Day -No school	
Friday	November 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards	
Thurs.-Fri.	November 25-26	Thanksgiving Recess -No school	
TBD	November	Cookie Dough Pick Up	

**December 2021**

Friday	December 3	School Liturgy	
Monday	December 6	Parent/Teacher Conference Day -No school for students	
Wednesday	December 8	School Liturgy- Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9:30 AM
Wednesday	December 22	Professional Development Day ½ Day for Students	<b>11:45 AM Dismissal</b>
Thurs-Fri	December 23-31	Christmas Recess-No School	

**January 2022**

Monday	January 3	School Reopens	
Friday	January 7	School Liturgy	
Monday	January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School	
Wednesday	January 26	Professional Development Day -1/2 Day for Students	<b>11:45 AM Dismissal</b>
Friday	January 28	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	
Monday	January 31	Catholic Schools Week Begins	

## **February 2022**

Tues – Sun	February 1-6	Catholic Schools Week	
Friday	February 4	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy	
Friday	February 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards	
Wednesday	February 16	Professional Development day	
		<b>-1/2 Day for Students</b>	<b>11:45 AM Dismissal</b>
Monday	February 21	President’s Day-No School	
Tues – Fri	February 22-25	Mid-Winter Recess – No School	

## **March 2022**

Wednesday	March 2	Ash Wednesday Liturgy	9:30 AM
Friday	March 11	Conference Day	
		-No school for students	
Wednesday	March 16	Professional Development Day	
		<b>-1/2 Day for Students</b>	<b>11:45 AM Dismissal</b>
Tues-Thurs	March 29-31	NYS ELA Testing Grades 3-5	

## **April 2022**

Friday	April 1	School Liturgy	
Friday	April 8	Diocese of Rochester Spring Conference Day	
		-No school for students	
Friday	April 8	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	
Thursday	April 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards	
Fri – Fri	April 15 – April 22	Easter/Spring Recess	
Tues-Thurs	April 26-28	NYS Math Testing Grades 3-5	

## **May 2022**

Mon-Fri	May 2 – 6	Teacher Appreciation Week	
Friday	May 6	School Liturgy	
Wednesday	May 11	Professional Development day	
		<b>-1/2 Day for Students</b>	<b>11:45 AM Dismissal</b>
Thursday	May 26	School Liturgy-	
		Ascension Thursday	9:30 AM
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day Holiday	

## **June 2022**

Friday	June 3	School Liturgy	
Thursday	June 16	Last Day of School for Pre-K 3	
Friday	June 17	Last Day of School for Pre-K 4	
Monday	June 20	Juneteenth-No School	
Thursday	June 23	Fifth Grade Commencement	7:00 PM
Friday	June 24	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	
Friday	June 24	Last Day of School for Students Grades K – 5	
Thursday	June 30	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report Cards	



# Saint Pius Tenth School

*A community of faith,  
knowledge, and service.*

## 2021 – 2022 Registration Form

<b>For Office Use Only:</b>	
Date Rec'd:	____/____/____
Check/ Money Order #:	_____
Parish Commitment Form Rec'd:	_____
Birth Certificate:	_____
Student Start Date:	____/____/____
Pre-K Only:	
Total Days: _____	Full    Half

### Parent/Guardian 1:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public School District \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian 2:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address *(if different)* \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are registered members of (Parish) \_\_\_\_\_

Race: A-Asian, AF-African American, C-Caucasian, H- Hispanic, AI- American Indian, MR- Multi Racial, PI- Pacific Islander, O-Other (specify)

**Note:** Race and Religion information is collected for state reporting only and holds no bearing on your child being admitted into the school.

Kindergarten - Grade 5 Registration							
Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	M/F	Race	Date of Birth	Grade in Sept. 2021	Previous School Attended	
Only new families or returning families that have changed parishes within the past year must submit an approved Commitment Form in order to receive the Catholic parishioner tuition rate.							
Preschool Three and Four-Year-Old Program Registration							
Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	M/F	Race	Date of Birth	3 Or 4 Yr. Olds	AM	Full Day
						M / T / W / Th / F	M / T / W / Th / F
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Please check which days of the week your child will attend.						M / T / W / Th / F	M / T / W / Th / F
<b>Please return completed registration form and \$150.00 non-refundable family registration fee to the Saint Pius Tenth School Office.</b>							

**REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL THE \$150.00 REGISTRATION FEE HAS BEEN PAID.**

Online payment available: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/b70bbd31-861d-49bf-a512-5d7bfaaba850>