



## Happy May!

Spring is here... At least I would like to think that it is!

Just a few notes for this week:

First, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our AMAZING faculty and staff during this Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. It is because of their passion and dedication that we continue to do what we do as a school. This team of individuals is a true blessing to the community of Saint Pius Tenth! The Catholic Courier put together a special video to celebrate all of the wonderful teachers in the Diocese of Rochester. Please click on the link below to hear what some of our students say about their teachers: <https://catholiccourier.com/videos/catholic-school-students-share-appreciation-for-their-teachers>

We also celebrate Nurse's Day this week, and we thank Mrs. Linda Yanklowski for her service and dedication to our school, as well as Judy O'Brien who volunteers in the building on the days that Mrs. Yanklowski is not here. I don't know what we would do without these two incredibly special people!

On Thursday, May 13, we will be honoring Mary with a May Crowning service following our Ascension Thursday liturgy. If anyone would like to send in flowers for this service, please have your child bring them to school Thursday morning. We will be placing them around the statue of Mary during our service. Though they can be, flowers do not have to be store bought. Home grown flowers are a beautiful tribute.

Finally, I would like to ask your help in resolving some issues that have been occurring in the school restrooms. Please remind your students that appropriate behavior is expected for the safety, hygiene, and well-being of all of our students and out of respect for the school building. We have had several incidents of students making poor choices when they are out of sight of their teachers. While the majority of students are behaving as they should, we are working diligently to correct the behaviors of a few and instill the importance of physical safety. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

As always, thank YOU! for the support of Saint Pius Tenth School – Have a blessed rest of the week!

## First Grade News

By Mrs. Cathy Graves

How wonderful it feels to be well into the Spring season and enjoying outdoor walks and recess times on a more consistent basis! It seems our walk to look for signs of Fall was not so long ago and now we're seeing tulips, geese, and green, green grass.



In the classroom, we have been working hard during Phonics as we learn long vowel rules, proper nouns, and inflectional endings. While reading we are learning about author's purpose, venn-diagrams for comparing and contrasting characters, and proving answers to comprehension questions by finding text evidence. Stuck on a word strategies we're using include reading past an unknown word, finding little words within longer words, and using our phonetic skills to sound out unknown words.

In Math we have tackled addition and subtraction strategies. We've also been comparing numbers to determine greater than and less than by looking in the tens place and then the ones place when necessary.



Favorite activities each day are Brain Breaks, stories online, and socializing with classmates. The first graders also enjoy listening to Value Tale books about famous men and women who led interesting lives and made great accomplishments during their life times. Reading about Louis Pasteur taught us the value of believing in ourselves. Reading about Helen Keller taught us the value of determination.

A recent inquiry in Science class had us determining how we could move a small toy using force and then changing the motion. Straws, popsicle sticks and pieces of yarn were used in different ways to move the toy. It was a fun, engaging investigation helping students learn about force, motion, and gravity.

The seasons of Lent and Easter have kept us busy learning about God and Jesus. We read the story of Noah's Ark which taught us the message God sent when He set the beautiful rainbow in the sky after the great flood. Next we learned the connection between Noah's Ark and the Easter story, including the events of Holy Week.



A lot happens each day in first grade. It's hard to believe there are only 2 months left before first graders become second graders.



St. Pius Tenth School - PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Our Next Meeting is on:

Monday, May 10th - 6:30-7:30 pm via ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://E2CCB->

[GST.zoom.us/j/95286277748](https://E2CCB-GST.zoom.us/j/95286277748)

Meeting ID: 952 8627 7748

Passcode: SPXPAC2021

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!**

If you are interested in a Leadership Position on PAC or would like more information, please email Melissa Canarvis ([mcanarvis@gmail.com](mailto:mcanarvis@gmail.com)) by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

*PAC sends many special thanks to...*

*~The Teachers and Staff at St. Pius Tenth School! We appreciate you!!!*

*~ Jackie Coccia and Meredith Mortimer for coordinating  
the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!*

*~Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor for organizing the Family Bingo Night!*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Nothing This Month, Go Outside and Enjoy the Spring Weather!**

Any questions regarding PAC, please contact:

Annie Miraglia (Co-Chair) at [anniemiraglia@gmail.com](mailto:anniemiraglia@gmail.com)

Erin DiCesare (Co-Chair) at [edicesare5@yahoo.com](mailto:edicesare5@yahoo.com)

Melissa Canarvis (Secretary) at [mcanarvis@gmail.com](mailto:mcanarvis@gmail.com)

**\*Check out the St. Pius School website for PAC meeting minutes\***



# Saint Pius X School

## YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE

Ordering available until: **May 7, 2021**

Full-Color Yearbook.....**\$20.00**

To order visit: **[www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook)** and enter this code: **54596N**

Or return envelope with cash or check payable to:

**Saint Pius Tenth School**

Tear At Perforation Above, Moisten Flap, Fold To Seal.

Enclose correct payment and return this envelope to school. Save top portion of this flyer for your reference.

**Saint Pius X School** (NY6897)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

Use one envelope for each child – please do not fold currency.



# 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>