### Saint Pius X School

## Weekly Update

#### AT A Glance

#### This week at Saint Pius X School...

Tuesday, October 14... Students attend 8:30AM Mass

First Eucharist/Penance Meeting for SPX Parishioners, 7PM, PAC

Thursday, October 16... 8<sup>th</sup> grade visits Bishop Hartley High School Friday, October 17... 2<sup>nd</sup> grade visits Franklin Park Conservatory

Coming Soon...

Mon. Oct. 20-Fri. Oct. 24 Terra Nova Testing, grades 2-8 Thursday, October 23 End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Report Period

Friday, October 24 Trunk or Treat sponsored by SPX Home and School, 6:30PM

Thursday, October 30... 1st Report Period Progress Reports issued

Friday, October 31... Halloween Parade, 8:30AM; Classroom Parties, PM

Friday, November 7... No School, Teacher In-service

Th. Nov. 13/Tu. Nov. 18... Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30PM



Oct. 10, 2014

## Special points of interest:

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- ✓ 2nd Grade—Field
  - Trip
- ✓ Sacrament Meeting
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#### From the Principal ...

We all have heard the phrase practice makes perfect. Whether it is a student practicing their spelling words or multiplication tables or an athlete perfecting the perfect jump shot, there is no doubt practice can come in handy when the test or game arrives.

From time to time we also practice for events that will hopefully never take place. Many families practice evacuation and emergency plans at home in the event they will be needed. We do the same at school. In recent weeks, we have had a variety of drills that are part of our overall school safety plan so that our students and staff are prepared in the event they are ever needed.

Each month, we evacuate the building for a fire drill. Our students are keenly aware of the procedures for this drill. A reverse evacuation drill followed our most recent fire drill. This drill is practice in the event the students are outside of the building and rapidly need to re-enter. We have used this reverse evacuation method when rain would suddenly arrive during recess.

We also practice our school lockdown procedures. As you know, our school building is always in a state of lockdown; all doors to the building are secured and locked. Our teachers and students understand what we would need to do in the event that our building needs secured. This drill is practiced minimally three times each school year.

Finally, we also practice in the event of a tornado warning. The state requires tornado drills if the school building is open during the months of April, May and June. We also generally participate in the statewide tornado drill in March and add a drill during the first weeks of the school year.

I encourage you to ask your children about these drills and please do not hesitate to contact any of us at school with any questions as we work together to keep all children safe.

Mr. J. Cuniak

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#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs. Barbara Schwab, one of our Junior High teachers, and her husband Michael, on the birth of their son, Jacob Robert! Jacob was born September 29, weighing in at just under 8lbs! Both mom and baby are doing well!

Mrs. Schwab will be on maternity leave through Christmas break. We welcome Mrs. Joy Bair to our school. Mrs. Bair will step in for Mrs. Schwab over the next few months.



#### **Terra Nova Testing**

Terra Nova testing for students in grades 2-8 begins on Monday, October 20 and continues through Friday, October 24. A portion of the test will be administered each day. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or early dismissals the week of Terra Nova testing. Students should eat breakfast and come to school well rested. Make up testing for students who are absent will take place the following week, October 27 through October 31.

## End of the Report Period/ Parent Teacher Conferences

The 1<sup>st</sup> report period draws to a close on Thursday, October 23 and progress reports will be sent home with students K-8 on Thursday, October 30. Forms for Parent Teacher Conferences were sent home with the youngest in each family this week. Please return the forms to the school office at your earliest convenience as conferences are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. An additional copy of the form can be located on the school website under the office forms on the office tab. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Kolb in the office at 614/866-6050 ext. 221.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade SPX Sacrament Meeting

An important meeting for all parents of Saint Pius X Parish 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will take place this Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00PM in the PAC Room.

De Bukowski, Coordinator of Religious Education at Saint Pius X Parish will explain the Sacraments of First Communication and First Reconciliation as well as the requirements and calendar of dates. This required meeting is for parishioners of Saint Pius X only. Any questions can be directed to De Bukowski at 614/864-3505.

### Those busy second graders...

Our second graders have another field trip on the horizon! The students will visit Franklin Park Conservatory next Friday, October 17. Students will make observations during their visit as part of their Science curriculum. Enjoy the day!



### **Saint Pius X Ministry Fair**

Saint Pius X Parish will host a ministry fair this weekend following all Masses. Representatives from a variety of parish ministries will be available in the gym to answer any questions and welcome new members to their ministry. Various school organizations will be present at the ministry fair as well.

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#### **Box Tops Contest**

The wait is over! It is time for another, the Saint Pius X box top classroom challenge! We will be having our annual box top contest October 13-24. Students can bring in unexpired Box Tops for Education to count towards their classroom totals. The three classrooms with the highest totals will be rewarded. It is truly amazing how these little box tops add up to money for our school! Thank you!

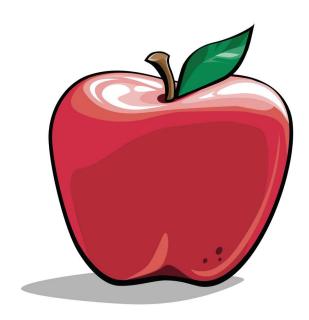
## Girl Scouts Coat Drive for Joseph's Coat

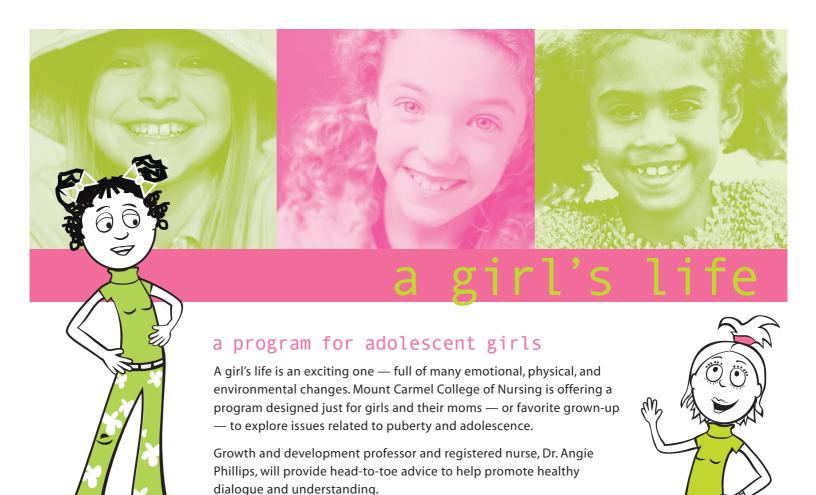
Beginning Monday, Oct 13 and through Thursday, Oct 23, donate your new or clean gently used men's, women's and kid's coats to Joseph's Coat, a ministry of Saint Pius X Parish, in cooperation with other Churches in the Reynoldsburg area, dedicated to providing clothing, furniture and household items to those in need in the local community. The Girl Scouts of Saint Pius X School and Parish will be collecting the coats and ensure their delivery to Joseph's Coat.

Simply drop your coat donations into the marked box just inside the School lobby. At this time of year, we all have an outgrown or unused coat in our closet. Please donate to Joseph's Coat. The need is great and your support is very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

# Giant Eagle Apple for Students program

The Giant Eagle program started Oct 1 and will run through March 17, 2015. All purchases earn points that can be used to order supplies for our school. In the past we have ordered things such as cameras, DVD players, presentation remote controls, butterfly gardens and projection screens. Enroll your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® and earn points for FREE educational awards with every shopping trip. Go to ww.gianteagle.com/Save/Supporting-Our-Schools/ or call 1-800-474-4777. Our school ID is 4884. You do not have to register yearly. However, you may wish to log on to the website to be sure your card preferences are accurate. After you register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® for Apples for the Students, remember to enroll in BoxTops for Education (http:// tiny.cc/BoxTops) and start earning rewards from both programs today





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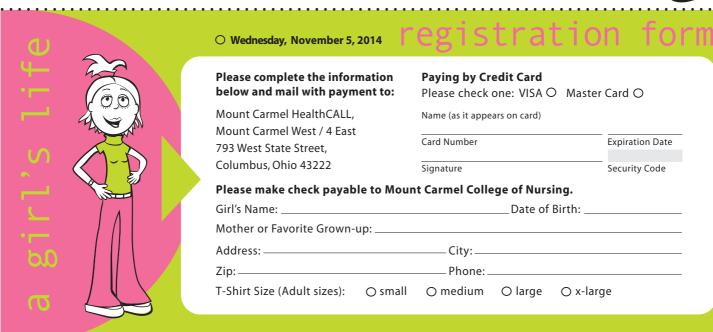
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Mount Carmel St. Ann's Conference Room \$25 per girl

Each girl will receive a t-shirt, tote bag and a copy of *The Care and Keeping of You: The Body Book for Girls*, from the American Girl library.



Call 234-LIFE to register.



#### **INTERESTED IN SKI/SNOW BOARD CLUB?**

#### PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

Here is some basic information to help you decide if you want your child to participate in this great activity for **all** ages! To enroll in ski club this year go to **SNOWTRAILS.COM/ADP** 

Once there, the price sheets will explain the cost of the Selected Ski Club Package. You can enroll and pay by credit card only using the link above with our Group Code Name F22-St Pius to register.

Deadline for early registration (which is the cheapest rate 30\$ off) is by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. If you register by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> rates are \$20 off. Regular rates are thereafter. Prices range from ski pass, rental lift ticket & rental equipment, and lessons at \$205.00 by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to \$180 if you have your ski/snow board equipment. If enrolling you must also email me jennifer4708@gmail.com so I can enroll you as a St Pius Ski/Snow Board Member.

**Basic info:** Ski Packages you purchase through Snow Trails (Mansfield) are good throughout the whole ski season there. You can register at SNOWTRAILS.COM/ADP and join the St.Pius Ski Club F-22 and can travel on your own to use your ski membership. These St. Pius rates are open to parents as well but will need to assume their own responsibility while at Snow Trails. The St. Pius Ski Club will also provide 6 trips to Snow Trails every Friday directly after school beginning Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for both parents and kids. We have chartered a school bus to take us there. It will leave St. Pius at 3:00pm and will arrive back at St. Pius around 10:45pm.

We will be allowing children to join the Ski/SnowClub starting with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade if accompanied by parent via the school bus trips. Grades 7-8 do not need to have an accompanied parent attend. We welcome any volunteer parents to chaperone any trips although myself (Jennifer Chamberlain and husband Jonathan Chamberlain) will be attending all 6 Friday trips. Chaperones do not need to ski. All children will ski or snow board in groups. No one skis alone! At least one Chaperone will always be at the lodge if a child needs anything. At least one Chaperone will be on the slopes. If your child has never skied/snow boarded before, and has no equipment, lessons can be provided. Please see Ski Club Rates.

If interested please email Jennifer Chamberlain at <a href="mailto:jennifer4708@gmail.com">jennifer4708@gmail.com</a> for more information about info on clothing, first time single promotional visits, tubing prices, and physics classes at snow trails or any other incidental questions.

If choosing to use St. Pius Ski Club transportation on Fridays, via chartered school bus, traveling on the 6 Fridays of Jan and Feb, we will total the number of participants and equally divide our transportation cost. I am estimating the cost to be between \$75-100 for all 6 trips. We will ask for this fee by December 5th so we can pay the bus company. We will also provide 3 meals for the kids every other week while up there. Otherwise the lodge has a variety of available food for a fee. In the past we usually have 30-40 kids participate. I would love to increase this and show how much fun this program is! We also ask if possible for parents to donate snacks/drinks for the students that they can munch on, as we travel the hour on the way to Snow Trails. We will be holding an information meeting before October 15th. I need to arrange a room and time and can send out in an email to those interested, provided I have your email.

Our information is as follows: