



March 2020
ZONE 4

St. Patrick School News



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

The month of March reminds us that the wondrous season of Spring will soon be upon us! Soon we will be able to shed our winter coats and winter boots and wear our spring jackets and open toed shoes! It is a time of rebirth, rejuvenation, and jubilation! Who cannot wait for Spring to arrive?

Christians commemorate the season of Lent as a preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian Church - Easter. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, last month, and officially ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, the Last Supper. We prepare with fasting and denial before the celebration of the paschal mystery of Easter. Traditionally, the Christian churches promoted fasting from meat for the period. This practice is fading and recognition given to the need to avoid sinful or hurtful thoughts or deeds, as well as deny ourselves of something. It need not always be in denial and fasting but in a change of mind and heart. Sometimes it is easier to give up on things, but more difficult to forgive. Lent is about altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting, with prayer, care for our neighbour and repentance for our sinfulness.

PRAYER FOR LENT:

Gracious Saviour, you have given us this season of Lent so that we might open ourselves more fully to your saving grace and new life. By our fasting, prayer and almsgiving, may we realize anew that we rely on you in all things.

Your gift of grace makes all good things possible, including our desire to reject sin and return to you. Grant your people a spirit of reconciliation this Lent so that we may forgive one another as you have forgiven us. Amen.

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Fire

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WE CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD



with KINDNESS

On-time Arrival at School

The instructional school day begins at **8:45 a.m.**

We are experiencing high numbers of students arriving late to school. When students arrive late they are missing key announcements, missing the beginning of classroom instruction and disrupting the classroom schedule.



We are asking for parent/guardian support to ensure that students arrive to school prior to the 8:45 bell so that all students can be in the classroom before the morning announcements begin.



HEAD LICE can be a common occurrence in schools. If head lice or nits are discovered, all children in the affected classroom will have their heads checked. If the child who has head lice has siblings, all children in the siblings' classrooms will also be checked.

What happens if my child has head lice or nits?

If a child is discovered, at school, to have head lice or nits, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be called to pick the child up. If you find that your child has lice or nits, please notify the school so that we may complete the classroom checks.

After treating your child at home, it will be necessary for a parent or guardian to return to school with the child. His/her head will be checked to ensure he/she is free of lice or nits before the child will be readmitted to school. For more information check out our school website for the Head Lice information sheet.

Volunteering and Police Checks

If you plan to chaperone or volunteer with a class you must have a current police check on file. **If there has been a break in service of more than one year, a new criminal background check must be provided.**

If your application is "in process" at the time of a class trip, you will not be able to chaperone. If you are not sure of your status please contact the office. Don't delay, submit your form today!

School Cash Online

Don't forget to pay for items before the due dates! Once items are expired they are no longer available to purchase. Be sure to follow through the process and get your receipt.

Message Sender

Periodically we send out automatic messages to remind you of upcoming events, items due through School Cash Online and other various announcements. These messages are sent as a courtesy to our school community. It is important that you listen to the message to the end.

Girls and Boys Basketball

Congratulations to both teams for coming first in their tournaments and for bringing home the 1st Place Banners! We are so proud of your skills and sportsmanship.



Way to Go!

A Message from St. Pius X Church...

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Masses

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. During the season of Lent, consider joining us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00pm in the church. In addition to our regularly scheduled 8:00am weekday masses, we will also be offering an evening mass on Thursdays during Lent at 6:00pm in the Chapel, with confessions available from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. All are welcome!

Lenten Penance Celebration

Mark your calendars now - there will be a communal celebration of Reconciliation held at St Pius X Parish on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend and prepare themselves for our celebration of Easter.

Communal celebrations of confession will also take place at St Mary's and St Basil during the Lenten season.

Youth Ministry: Raptors 905 Trip

For the first time ever, our Youth Ministry program has scheduled a trip to see the Raptors 905 team play the Westchester Knicks on Saturday, March 21st. The cost is \$10 for anyone 17 or younger and \$20 for those 18 or over and includes a ticket to the game as well as transportation. Please contact Andrew Beach at pastoralassociatesp@gmail.com for more info.

Upcoming Youth Programming

April 3: Stations of the Cross. The young people of St Pius X Parish will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. We would love to have your help if you'd be interested in sharing your gift as a reader, actor, or just to help lead prayer.

June 13th: C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf Youth Day. There will be an incredible "Youth Day" offered at C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf for the first time this year. The day will include a variety of games and activities including archery, high ropes, and more. We are currently seeing if there is sufficient interest to take a group. If you'd like to learn more or think you might like to come, please contact Andrew Beach at St Pius X Parish.

Easter Schedule at St Pius X Church

Holy Thursday (April 9th) - Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer to follow.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Family Liturgy @ 11:00am
This Liturgy will include a more youth/child-friendly format and participation.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Solemn Liturgy @ 3:00pm
This Liturgy is slightly longer than the Family Liturgy and is more similar to weekly mass.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Stations of the Cross @ 7:00pm
A prayer walk through Jesus' final journey to the cross.

Holy Saturday (April 11th) - Eater Vigil @ 8:00pm
The Easter Vigil includes a number of additional readings, and the Baptism and Confirmation of a number of adults entering the church. Incense will be used. This mass will likely be around 2 hours long.

Easter Sunday (April 12th) - Masses @ 7:30am; 9:00am; 11:00am

Please note that there are no late afternoon or evening masses in the Diocese on Easter.

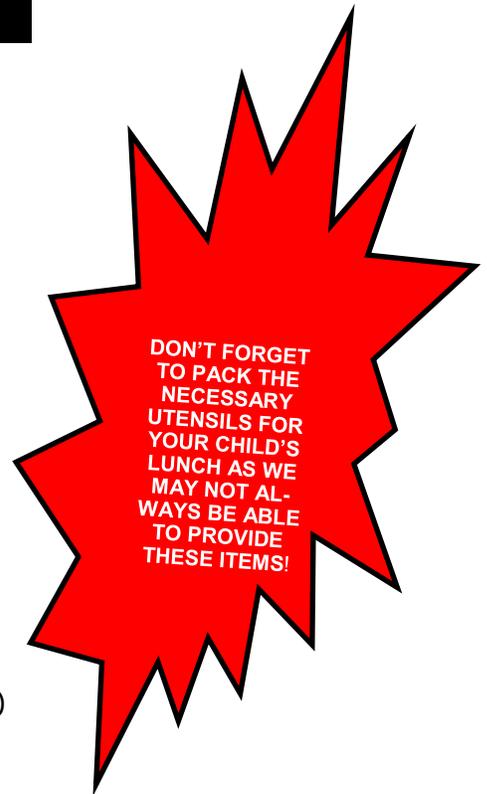
Vacation Bible School

Our extremely popular summer Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 10th to 14th this year. Registrations for children ages five to eleven will open on Tuesday, April 7th. Leadership Applications for those aged twelve and above will also open on April 7th. Please contact Andrew Beach at pastoralassociatesp@gmail.com for more info.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

March Break - March 16-20

- April 10 - GOOD FRIDAY—no school
- April 13 - EASTER MONDAY—no school
- April 22 - Spring Mass @ St. Pius, 10:00 am
- April 24 - PA Day
- May 4-8 - Catholic Education Week & Children's Mental Health Week
- May 18 - VICTORIA DAY—no school
- May 22-25 - Gr. 8—Camp Celtic Trip
- June 5 - P. A. Day
- June 10 - Closing Liturgy, @ 10:00 am, school
- June 18 - Gr. 8 Graduation Mass @ St. Pius Church, 10:00 am
- June 19 - Gr. 8 Grad Dance (tentative)
- June 22 - Grade 8 Graduation @ 6:30 pm
- June 23 - Final Report Card goes home (Please return signed portion)
- June 25 Last school day for students**



COMING SOON!

Parent Council, members of our school community and local businesses have generously donated prizes and their time in planning for a successful May Calendar Draw fundraiser.

With their efforts we have received many great prizes for the upcoming calendar draw.

We hope to have the calendars available for sale before April 1st at a cost of \$10 each.

We are grateful for our Parents' and Staff's continued support and dedication to our kids, school and fundraising efforts.

Thank you,
Parent Council



TUESDAY'S LUNCH BOX ORDERS

- ⇒ Sign up anytime
- ⇒ Healthy meals
- ⇒ Easy as 1-2-3

Register at
www.lunchboxorders.com

★ 52 RESPONSES TO I'M BORED ★

PLAY HOPSCOTCH
DRAW WITH CHALK
BOTTLE FLIP
WRITE A STORY
DO A PUZZLE
PLAY DRESS UP
BLOW BUBBLES
WALK THE DOG
READ A BOOK
SEARCH FOR COOL ROCKS
HAVE A PICNIC
MAKE A PAINTING
BOARD GAMES
LOOK AT OLD PICTURES
HAVE A LEMONADE STAND
MAKE A TIME CAPSULE
MAKE FOIL JEWELRY
PLAY CHARADES
HAVE A STARING CONTEST
BAKE A TREAT
PAPER AIRPLANE RACE
WATCH A MOVIE
LEARN A MAGIC TRICK
CREATE A SUPERHERO
FIND TOYS TO DONATE
FIND TOYS FOR GARAGE SALE

PLAY TAG
WASH THE CAR
BUILD WITH BLOCKS
MAKE UP A DANCE
RIDE YOUR BIKE
TAKE PICTURES
WASH THE DOG
PLAY FREEZE DANCE
HAVE A TEA PARTY
WATER PLANTS
MAKE A CRAFT
LISTEN TO MUSIC
LOOK FOR LADYBUGS
PICK FLOWERS
WRITE A LETTER
PRACTICE A SPORT
DIG IN THE DIRT
PLAY GO FISH
TAKE A BUBBLE BATH
BE HELPFUL
MAKE SOCK PUPPETS
PUPPET SHOW
DRAW YOURSELF
FASHION SHOW
FACETIME GRANDMA
JUMP ROPE

