



## Events to Remember

### September

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- 8/24 PK3 & PK4 Open House 9-11am
- 8/25 PK3 & PK4 Open House 9-11am
- 8/26 2:10 dismissal  
School begins for PK3 & PK4
- 8/28 School Mass 9:30am
- 9/2 2:10 dismissal  
*Back to School Night grades 1-5  
7pm in Parish Hall (mandatory  
meeting - babysitting available)*
- 9/4 Noon Dismissal
- 9/7 Labor Day - No School
- 9/9 2:10 dismissal  
*Back to School Night grades 6-8  
7pm in Parish Hall (mandatory  
meeting - babysitting available)*
- 9/10 Individual Student Pictures 8am
- 9/16 2:10 Dismissal
- 9/18 Mass 9:30am
- 9/19 Home & School Adult Social 8pm
- 9/23 2:10 Dismissal
- 9/26 St. Pius X Parish Picnic

## Points of Interest

St. Pius X School Website:  
[www.stpiusxschoolva.org](http://www.stpiusxschoolva.org)

Parish Website:  
[www.piusxparish.org/church](http://www.piusxparish.org/church)

Virtus Website:  
[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

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St. Pius X School collects  
the following:

*General Mills Box Tops for  
Education  
Campbell's Soup Labels  
Farm Fresh Receipts  
Used Ink/Toner Cartridges  
Old Cell Phones*

Send your donations to the  
school office. Thank You!

## A Message from Our Principal, Sr. Linda...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! Thank you for selecting St. Pius X School for your child. We are honored to partner with you in education and are delighted to welcome our faculty, staff and students back to school! We welcome new faculty members as well as the new students to the St. Pius X School family. Sr. Mary Jane O'Donnell, IHM will assist with our grant endeavors, Sr. Mary Theresa Pierce, IHM will joins us for third grade and Mrs. Theresa Ritter joins us for second grade. Our opening enrollment is 308. We have 31 new families and 47 new students.

One of the many special gifts of St. Pius X School is the close knit school-family connection. I encourage each family to take advantage of the religious and social opportunities offered by St. Pius X School Community.

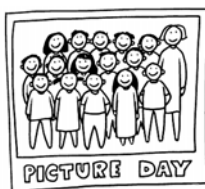
Should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office. May this school year be time of peace and blessing for all members of the St. Pius X Community.

God's peace on you and your family, Sr. Linda, IHM



## From the School Office...

- The School Office must have on file a copy of any legal documentation pertaining to custodial rights between parents for students at St. Pius.
- Student pictures will be taken on Thursday, 9/10. **Students must wear their uniforms.**



## EMERGENCY CARDS

Two emergency cards are included in this week's communiqué. Please check the accuracy of the information and make any necessary changes on both cards. **Both cards MUST be returned to the school office immediately.** This information is used to contact parents.

## We're Going Green!



September 30<sup>th</sup> will be our last printed communiqué. As of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, we are going paperless! Forms, newsletters, etc will be downloadable from our website [www.stpiusxpschoolva.org](http://www.stpiusxpschoolva.org). Please continue to use the communiqué envelope to send in your payments, lunch menus, or correspondence to the school office.

## Lost and Found

Be sure to label all your child's loose articles of clothing in case they get lost. Also, remind students that the lost and found is in the Parish Hall, not the school office.



## Check out our Mermaid!

The St. Pius X School Mermaid is on display in the front foyer of the school. Many thanks to Mrs. Brown, our Art teacher and Mrs. Langhi, our PK4B teacher, for working through the summer to have her ready for the new school year!

# SCHOOL UPDATES & GENERAL INFORMATION

## Emergency Closings

In our effort to improve communication between parents and school, St. Pius X School is instituting a telephone broadcast system that will enable school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start.

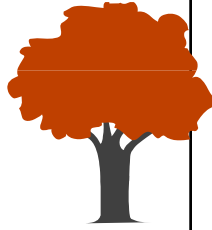
The service may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders. This service is provided by *SchoolReach*, a company specializing in school-to-parent communications. St. Pius X School will continue to report school closings due to snow or weather on television channels WTKR - 3, WVEC - 13 and WAVY-10 and will use this system as an overlay to the public announcements.

Please see the attachment to your Family Emergency Cards for complete details of the program.



## Adopt-a-Tree

There are 7 oak trees in front of our school that need to be adopted by school families who have not already had the opportunity to adopt a tree. Be one of the first families to call the school office to adopt one of these trees and receive *all* your required volunteer hours for the year. **Requirements:** The area surrounding the tree must be weeded and mulched regularly with red mulch throughout the school year.



## Arrival Times!

The school day begins at 8:00am. This means the front doors will be locked at 8:00am promptly. Students arriving past 8:00am must report to the school office for a late slip.



Children who arrive *late* suffer the embarrassment of being disruptive to the school's morning routine. Ultimately, the problem is usually with the person driving the vehicle to school. Our goal is to make *every day a great day* by making the most of *every minute* of the day! Please be on time!

## Breakfast, Lunch & Milk Programs

The breakfast and lunch menus and the milk order form in this communiqué are for the week of 8/31. All students must bring a brown bagged lunch and beverage this week.



## Communiqué News

The communication envelope (otherwise known as the communiqué) is sent home every Wednesday with the oldest student in your family. This envelope is the information connection between your home and St. Pius. Any information you wish to send to the school may be put into the communiqué and returned via your student to school every Thursday. ***We do not recommend sending large amounts of cash in this envelope.*** Lost communiqués cost a \$1.00 to replace.



Will St. Pius X School win? Enter now for a chance to win 500,000 Bonus Box Tops for St. Pius X School!

Grand Prize: 500,000 Bonus Box Tops (\$50,000 value)  
Two First Prizes: 250,000 Bonus Box Tops (\$25,000 value)

**Remember to enter every day!**  
Visit [www.thebigclip.com](http://www.thebigclip.com) every day through October 31, 2009 to enter.

## A Note to All Volunteers

Families are responsible for keeping track of their own volunteer hours. A volunteer sheet for your family is available online at our website. Please use this sheet to record all volunteer hours your family performs for the school during the year. After the 20 hour requirement per family has been met, simply e-mail the sheet to [school@piusxparish.org](mailto:school@piusxparish.org) to have the hours recorded. Those who are unable to volunteer may opt to pay \$5.00 per hour (or \$100 total).



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All new volunteers to the school must fill out a "Search of the Central Registry and Release of Information" and "Volunteer Select" forms. Forms can be picked up from the school office. The school will pay the processing fees.

Your signature on the Search of the Central Registry form has to be notarized. Lori Barrett is the school office notary. PLEASE WAIT to sign the form until you see her for notarization.