ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WINTER LANCER LEGEND 2026



OUR MISSION

St. Pius X Catholic High School is a Catholic community dedicated to the education of the whole person, in an environment where extraordinary care and concern for the individual is ordinary.



OUR VISION

We, the Catholic learning community of St. Pius X Catholic High School, strive to maintain recognized excellence in all educational programs for students of all abilities. We strive to impart Christian ethical principles of living to students, preparing them to be productive and contributing members of a global society. We, as members of the St. Pius X Catholic High School community, seek to challenge each other individually to become lifelong learners in mind, body, and soul.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Lancer Family,

It is an exciting time to be a Lancer! At St. Pius X, we remain committed to providing an exceptional, Catholic, college preparatory education built on established standards of excellence. Our responsibility is not simply to prepare students for graduation, but to prepare them for the future, to give them the knowledge, skills, faith, character, and confidence they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

I am confident that our students will undoubtedly thrive because of the foundation they receive here. Every day, our faculty and staff challenge our students to grow academically, spiritually, physically, and personally while living out our Catholic faith and the values that have defined St. Pius X for generations.

We are also incredibly humbled by the generosity of our community as we continue to improve our campus and provide our students with facilities that match the excellence of the education we strive to provide. Over the past eight years, we have accomplished so much together. We built a Wellness Center to enhance our commitment to the physical well-being of our students. We updated and refreshed our chapel, renovated classrooms and restrooms, purchased the property in front of the school and built a new baseball stadium. Most recently, we completed a new football field with a surrounding track. While the track is not yet completely finished, the base and first layer of asphalt are in place, and our students are already using it every day. It has been incredible to see their excitement. For years, our students dreamed of having a track of their own. Now, they are running, practicing, and making memories on it.

Perhaps what has been most rewarding is witnessing the excitement throughout our entire community. The track is more than asphalt, it represents what can happen when a community believes in its school and comes together to invest in its young people. These improvements are not simply about buildings and athletic facilities. They are about creating an environment where our students can learn, compete, worship, grow, and discover their God-given potential.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who has helped make these projects possible, our alumni, parents, grandparents, parish communities, donors, volunteers, faculty, staff, and friends of St. Pius X. Your generosity allows us to continue building on the strong foundation established more than six decades ago.

There is still work to be done, and there are still dreams ahead. But as I look across our campus and, more importantly, at our students, I am filled with tremendous optimism for the future. The best days of St. Pius X are still ahead. Thank you for believing in our mission, believing in our students, and believing in the future of St. Pius X Catholic High School.

Jim Lehn
President
St. Pius X Catholic High School

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CAMPUS MINISTRY



A MESSAGE FROM MR. FOWLER

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

"So it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." — Galatians 2:20

This year, Campus Ministry has challenged the St. Pius X community to embrace the theme Shed the mask…put on Christ. In a world that often encourages us to put ourselves first, we are reminded that our true identity is found in Christ alone. This true identity begins at the moment of my gift of self to Christ, my handing over of all that I am and have (which after all, was received from Him and Him alone); this moment of the heart-wrenching sacrifice of my very being: this is when I am truly born again. Christ did this for each of us when the last drop of blood and water gushed forth from His wounded side; we do this for him when we slowly die to self, purifying our errant desires and uniting our wills ever more closely with His. This is what it means to Shed the mask and put on Christ. My friends, let us not shrink from so noble a calling!

The school year began with Spirituality Day, as faculty and staff gathered in prayer and introduced the theme. On the Feast Day of Pope St. Pius X, our community came together to celebrate Mass and honor the legacy of our patron saint.

Throughout the year, students have continued to put this theme into practice. Freshman Unity Day encouraged students to work together, support one another, and reflect on their role in the Body of Christ. Sophomores traveled to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal for a day of prayer, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Seniors spent three days and two nights on retreat, deepening their relationships with Christ and one another while embracing the joy of a life rooted in faith and self-sacrifice.

Through these experiences, Campus Ministry reminds faculty, staff, and students that shedding the mask means letting go of worldly desires and allowing Christ alone to shape who we are. As our students grow in faith and community, they are challenged to carry this message beyond the classroom and into every aspect of their lives.

St Pius X, ora pro nobis!







FINE ARTS

MUSIC

St. Pius X student musicians have been making their mark both on and off campus! One recent highlight was the exciting opportunity to sing God Bless America at a St. Louis Cardinals game, proudly sharing their voices and representing the Lancer community on a memorable stage. Our students continue to demonstrate their musical talent and dedication closer to home as well. Amelia Lang earned a place in the 2026 East Central Missouri All-District Choir as a soprano vocalist through a competitive audition process involving more than 100 participants, and her strong audition qualified her to advance to All-State Choir auditions. Meanwhile, the St. Pius X Drumline and Pep Band bring energy and school spirit to Lancer home football games, supporting the team and keeping school traditions alive. Together, our student musicians showcase the talent and dedication that make our music programs such an important part of the St. Pius X community.





THEATRE

St. Pius X's Circle Theatre brought mystery, suspense and intrigue to the stage with its production of Murder on the Orient Express. Based on Agatha Christie's classic mystery, the production follows world-renowned detective Hercule Poirot as he investigates a shocking murder aboard a luxurious train stranded by a snowstorm. With a train full of suspects, hidden motives and unexpected twists, the cast brought this thrilling whodunit to life through compelling performances and dramatic storytelling. The production showcased the talent, dedication and collaboration of St. Pius X's theatre students, highlighting the creativity and hard work that go into bringing a live theatrical performance to the stage.

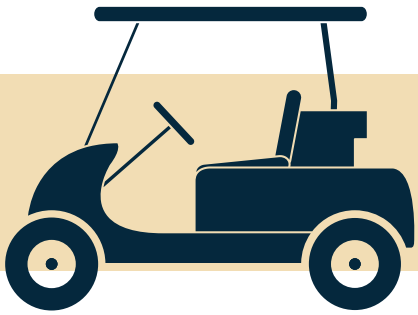
ART

The St. Pius X art classes have been busy creating and exploring new projects this year, but one crowd favorite has been designing and constructing three-dimensional houses. Through this hands-on project, students put their creativity and design skills to the test while exploring structure, scale, proportion and spatial design. From planning layouts to building their models, students develop problem-solving skills, attention to detail and an understanding of how creativity and functionality work together in three-dimensional design.



SUMMER RECAP

StPX GOLF TOURNAMENT



On July 31, 2026, the 37th Annual St. Pius X Golf Tournament teed off at Crystal Highlands Golf Course, bringing together our incredible St. Pius X community for a day filled with friendly competition, plenty of fun, and Lancer spirit. Despite the rain, the day was still a success as we raised over $40,000!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters, we are proud to share that this year's tournament was a tremendous success! Your participation and support help make a meaningful impact on St. Pius X Catholic High School and our students. We are so grateful to everyone who spent the day on the course, sponsored the event, donated, volunteered, or helped make the tournament possible.







ST. PIUS X SUMMER CAMPS

St. Pius X was buzzing with excitement this summer as students from across the community joined us for a variety of summer camps! From athletics and skill-building to hands-on activities and new experiences, our camps gave students the opportunity to explore their interests, build confidence, make new friends, and experience the Lancer spirit firsthand. Our coaches, faculty, and camp leaders made each experience memorable, creating an encouraging environment where students could learn, grow, and have fun. We loved welcoming so many future Lancers to campus and look forward to another exciting summer!



WELCOME BACK, LANCERS!

CLASS OF 2030 STATS

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A new school year means new opportunities, new friendships, and a new class of Lancers! We were excited to welcome the Class of 2030 to St. Pius X as they began their high school journey. From orientation and meeting new classmates to discovering the many academic, athletic, and extracurricular opportunities available, our newest Lancers are already making their mark. We look forward to watching them grow, thrive, and become an important part of the St. Pius X family!





WE WENT VIRAL!

"KISS YOUR MOM GOODBYE"

Our football team kicked off the school year with a heartwarming twist on a viral trend, welcoming the Class of 2030 to orientation with friendly faces and one memorable request: kiss your mom goodbye! The video quickly took off online, generating more than 5 million views across platforms and earning countless positive comments from viewers who loved the wholesome display of school spirit and family connection. The moms loved it, too! What started as a fun moment turned into a viral sensation and the perfect way to welcome our newest Lancers and start the school year on a high note.

VIEW THE VIDEO HERE →

HOMECOMING RECAP

SPIRIT WEEK



Homecoming Week brought excitement, school spirit, and plenty of friendly competition to St. Pius X! From spirited dress-up days and class competitions to Field Day and the annual Homecoming dance, Lancers came together to celebrate and make lasting memories. The festivities were even more special as we cheered on our Lancers during their first Homecoming game on our brand-new football field! After a week full of fun and celebrations, the seniors claimed the ultimate bragging rights as this year's Homecoming Week champions. It was a memorable week filled with laughter, tradition, and the incredible community that makes St. Pius X so special.










8TH GRADE DAY

St. Pius X welcomed more than 100 eighth-grade students to campus for our annual 8th Grade Day during Homecoming Week! Students had the opportunity to experience the Lancer community firsthand, explore the opportunities available at St. Pius X, and connect with current students and faculty. Along the way, they participated in fun challenges, friendly competitions, and exciting activities that gave them a taste of life as a Lancer. It was a memorable day filled with new connections, school spirit, and a glimpse of the possibilities waiting for the Class of 2031!

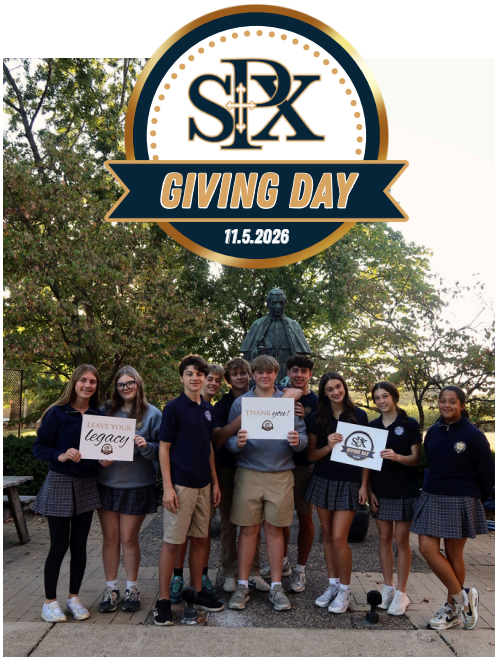
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

A cherished St. Pius X Homecoming tradition, the annual Hall of Fame Induction honors the individuals and teams whose achievements have left a lasting mark on our school. This year, St. Pius X proudly inducted Tony Fischer, Class of 1984, and the 1974 Football Team, recognized for their JCAA Conference Championship. These outstanding Lancers exemplify the dedication, achievement, and school spirit that continue to shape the St. Pius X community. Their legacy serves as an inspiration to generations of Lancers, past, present, and future.




LANCER LIFE

GIVING DAY



Leave Your Legacy. Shape St. Pius' Future. StPX Giving Day 2026 was Thursday November 5. Did we accomplish our goal of $100,000 in one 24-Hour day? Visit stpius.com/givingday to see how we did.

The Fund for St. Pius X supports meaningful educational opportunities and strengthens the future of our school. Every gift helps enrich a student's experience, providing resources that nurture the mind, body, and soul.

The fiscal year-end goal of $301,350 continues until June 30, 2027. If you haven't made your gift, please donate today.

GOAL: $100,000



LEGACY DAY

St. Pius X celebrated its annual Legacy Day, a tradition honoring seniors and the lasting impact of the Lancer community. The day began with underclassmen hearing from alumni speakers who reflected on their experiences at St. Pius X and the influence the school has had on their lives. The school community then gathered for Mass and the blessing and presentation of senior class rings. Seniors also continued the tradition of signing their handprints on the Senior Leadership Wall, leaving their mark on the school for future generations. Legacy Day celebrated the accomplishments of the senior class while reminding all students of the meaningful legacy they are part of as Lancers.

ALUMNI CORNER

Our alumni are an important part of the St. Pius X community. We love when our Alumni establish connections within our community and our current students through events like Legacy Day, Career Day, Homecoming, and Reunions.

Are you a St. Pius X alumni interested in staying connected and getting involved with our school community? We would love to hear from you! Contact alumni@stpius.com to learn how you can get involved.



ONCE A LANCER, ALWAYS A LANCER!

ATHLETICS

SOFTBALL

The softball Lancers recently completed their season, falling to Kelly High School and finishing with a 6-16 record. Competing as a Class 2 program against a schedule that included several Class 3–5 schools, the Lancers showed resilience throughout the season. Highlights included a dramatic come-from-behind 12-11 victory over Hermann, scoring eight runs in the bottom of the final inning to capture the consolation championship at the St. James Tournament. Seniors Amelia Lang, Arian Karsch, Reagan Czarnecki-Ball, and Michaela Quick provided tremendous leadership and leave a lasting legacy within the program.





GIRLS GOLF

The St. Pius X girls golf team capped off an outstanding season with an 8th-place finish at the Missouri State Golf Championship in Kansas City on October 19–20. Brooke Govero and Maggie Krutzsch earned All-District honors, finishing 7th and 11th, respectively, while Charlee Elliott and Eliza Moonier also contributed to the team's success. Congratulations to all four golfers on an incredible season and for representing St. Pius X at the state championship!

VOLLEYBALL

The St. Pius X volleyball team worked hard to honor the tradition and legacy of the Lancer volleyball program this season. Competing as a Class 5 program, the highest classification, the Lancers faced strong competition throughout the season. Seniors Sadie Archer and Katie Sherry both reached career highs of 500 in serve receive and digs, while senior Kate Sherry surpassed 1,000 career kills early in the season. The Lancers battled through the postseason, finishing their season at the district level. Congratulations to these seniors and the entire team on their hard work, accomplishments, and dedication to St. Pius X volleyball!





CROSS COUNTRY

One of the things that has made this season so rewarding is the wide range of experience on our St. Pius Cross Country team. We have athletes who joined the team having never run before, alongside an athlete competing for a district championship. Yet when we practice and compete, they are all simply teammates. They encourage one another, celebrate each other's accomplishments, and understand that success looks different for every runner. Watching them grow individually while supporting one another as a team has made this an incredibly enjoyable season.

TENNIS

This year, the St. Pius X Girls Tennis team found themselves with a few brand new players and in a brand new District. The players performed well in individual tournaments this season, with the doubles team of Tilley/Herrell taking 3rd place in the North County Invitational, and 4 of the 6 varsity members advancing to the quarterfinals of either the singles or doubles District tournaments. The Junior Varsity team - Leah Downen, Helen Esswein, Aliza Blanner, Erika Keene, Casey Follmer, and Olivia Guinn - compiled an impressive season record of 6 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie. They notched wins over powerhouse teams like Lutheran South, Potosi, and Fredericktown.



ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL

Coming off the first state championship game in school history, St. Pius X Football continues to raise the bar. With more than 90% daily weight room attendance throughout the offseason, a team GPA above 3.0 and a roster of 56 players, the Lancers are committed to getting better on and off the field. The program has nearly doubled in size over the past four seasons, and the standard remains the same: embrace the challenge and do the hard things.





SOCCER

Soccer is having a strong year heading into the final 3rd of the season with an 8-4 record. The start of this season was one of the best in recent years as they started with a 6-2 record and won the Affton Tournament. The team is lead by a strong group of Seniors that includes Kamden Lebon, Rogan Westerman, Bo Miller, Logan Lewis, Everett Bosch, Cooper McGrath, and Drake Gottman.

SPX

TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 16, 2027

WHERE THERE'S A *will*, THERE'S A *way!*

A gift to St. Pius X can reach far beyond today. Through planned giving, you can help create opportunities for future generations of Lancers and ensure the St. Pius X legacy continues for years to come.

LEARN MORE

FEATURED ALUMNI:



For brothers Zac Meyer ’17 and Austin Meyer ’19, success is about more than building a business. It is about building a family, investing in their community and giving back to the people and places that helped shape them. Today, the Meyer brothers are putting those values into practice through their entrepreneurial pursuits, family lives and continued connection to their alma mater, St. Pius X.

Together, Zac and Austin own Meyer Contracting and Hauling and Meyer Pools and Spas. Through their businesses, the brothers have turned their entrepreneurial drive into opportunities to build something meaningful while serving their community. Working side by side, they continue to grow their businesses, bringing their shared work ethic and commitment to quality into their professional lives.

Family is at the heart of both brothers’ lives. Zac married fellow St. Pius X alumni Christina Halfmann ’17, and together they are raising a beautiful family. Austin is also married to fellow alumni Miranda Childers ’19, and they are building a beautiful family of their own. Beyond their professional accomplishments, both brothers value the opportunity to build their lives alongside their families while remaining connected to the people and community around them. Outside of work, they both enjoy golfing, are members at Crystal Highlands Golf Course, and are involved with the Elks Lodge in Festus.

Their connection to St. Pius X has continued well beyond graduation. Both brothers have become active supporters of their alma mater as Business Alliance members, helping strengthen relationships between St. Pius X and the local business community. They also played a significant role in the construction of the school’s new football field, contributing their time and efforts to a project that will benefit current students and future generations of Lancers. Their involvement reflects a commitment to ensuring that today’s students have opportunities and experiences they can carry with them long after graduation.

Looking back on their time at St. Pius X, both brothers recognize the lasting impact of the school’s environment and the relationships they built. Zac credits the school with providing the structure and freedom to explore different paths and discover what he wanted to pursue. He especially valued the support of teachers and staff who understood that every student is different and that success does not look the same for everyone.
“That structure and freedom to explore different avenues allowed me to find what I wanted to do with my career,” Zac shared.

Austin also appreciates the balance St. Pius X provided, particularly the freedom students were given as they demonstrated responsibility. “I enjoyed the freedoms that Pius gave students. They did a good job about letting students have their freedoms when it is deserved,” he shared.

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ZAC AND AUSTIN MEYER

Beyond academics and extracurricular activities, Austin recognizes the importance of the people students surround themselves with. “Pius taught me the importance of having good people around you and choosing relationships wisely,” he said. This lesson has continued to resonate as the brothers navigate their careers, families and community involvement.



Some of their favorite memories from St. Pius X are rooted in the everyday moments that made high school memorable. Both brothers enjoyed playing baseball, spending time with friends, playing ping pong in the foyer, lifting weights with Coach Tilden and participating in Homecoming week games. One baseball memory, in particular, still stands out: after a rainstorm, the team worked to prepare the field for that day’s game. In the process, they accidentally used all the field dry to make the field playable!

Although the details of high school may have changed over the years, the relationships and lessons gained at St. Pius X continue to influence the brothers’ lives and careers. Their story reflects the lasting impact of a Catholic education, which extends beyond the classroom to shape career paths, strengthen relationships and instill a sense of responsibility to the community.

When asked what advice they would share with current students, Zac encourages them to remain open to guidance and appreciate the people who help them discover their potential.

“Lean into the people who are trying to help you find who you are going to be,” he advised. “Remember where you come from and the people that help you get there, and never be afraid to help those out later in life.” Austin offers a reminder to appreciate the present and make the most of the high school experience. “Take in everything you can because time flies. I never believed it when people told me that, but now I understand,” he shared. From building two businesses together and raising their families to investing in their community and supporting St. Pius X, Zac and Austin exemplify the lasting connection between a Lancer education and a life of purpose. Their story is a reminder that being a Lancer does not end at graduation. It is a connection that can grow stronger over time, creating opportunities to give back, build community and help shape the experiences of the next generation.







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