

Lancer LEGEND

THE MAGAZINE OF ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL
WINTER 2022



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2022-2023

Darin Basler

Chairman of the Board

Lucas Null '03

Vice-Chairman of the Board

Sue Vogt '78

Secretary of the Board

Emilie (Franke '03) Ayers

Travis Bannes '10

Denise Dix

Chris Eggert

Nancy Foy

Dr. Butch Jones

John Lamping '01

Fr. Dan Shaughnessy

Tim Surdyke '83

Rick Vest '76

Sandy Vest '78

Ex Officio Members

Jim Lehn

President, St. Pius X High School

Karen DeCosty '93

Principal, St. Pius X High School

Fr. Jack Ruzicka

Chaplain, St. Pius X High School



TABLE OF CONTENTS

A Letter from the President	2
Business Alliance Members	2
Student of the Month	3
Exchange Student & Admissions	4
Campus Ministry.....	5
Fine Arts	6
Homecoming	7
Hall of Fame & 8th Grade Day	8
Athletics	9 & 10
What's New	11
Summer Recap	12
House System & StPX Day of Giving	13
Featured Alumni	14

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Pius X 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.

VISION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic learning community of St. Pius X 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 High School community, seek to challenge each other individually to become lifelong learners in mind, body, and soul.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO THE LANCER FAMILY,

The 2022/2023 school year is going well. Teachers are teaching, coaches are coaching and the campus is very much alive!

Last year we went through our routine accreditation process administered by an outside, third party company named Cognia. Upon completion of their assessment, we were informed that we did very well, receiving a score of 365 out of a possible 400. On Friday September 16, 2022, we received a communication from Cognia stating that St. Pius X High School is a “School of Distinction” for excellence in education. Only 96 of the 1,500+ schools assessed worldwide received this honor. This would not have been possible without the dedicated faculty and staff at St. Pius X.

Over the summer we made a few changes in an effort to enhance our ability to provide extraordinary care for our students. The Campus Ministry office was remodeled and we hired a Campus Minister, Mrs. Julia Bergman. We also increased Fr. Jack Ruzicka’s hours on campus to 40%. We also created a new space for students seeking several forms of assistance, the Student Services Center. There are four distinct offices in this space – Dean of Student Data and Intervention (Mr. Chris Miller), Dean of Student Support (Mrs. Katie Cuba - new hire), Technology Support (Mr. Kevin Halley) and an office for outside counselors. For those of you who may remember, there was a film development darkroom on the third floor. This space was converted to an audio/video recording studio for our new Media Productions class being taught by Mr. Halley.

Good news about St. Pius X must be getting out because we had a 5% increase in enrollment this year and are currently around 300 students. In my short 4+ years as president, I have come to realize that enrollment numbers will fluctuate, but one thing remains...St. Pius X High School’s unwavering commitment to providing a quality, Catholic education. The below statistics from the Class of 2022 are a true testament to this commitment:

- 100% graduated (63 seniors + 3 international students)
- 62 (98%) of the graduates went on to a post-secondary school
- 50 students earned \$1.96 million in accepted merit / talent/ athletic scholarships
- 24 students graduated with a 4.0 or above - Top GPA is a 4.366/4
- ACT average composite score: 22.4 - Top 10% of the class: 30.6 ACT - Top 25% of the class: 27.8 ACT - Top 50% of the class: 26.1 ACT

We are actively working towards purchasing about 4 acres in front of the school. This property is instrumental in the expansion of our campus.

As always, we will continue to stay focused on our primary mission...providing extraordinary Catholic education to all that seek it at St. Pius X High School. Please continue to spread the good news about St. Pius X High School!

Yours in Christ,

Jim Lehn, President

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Platinum

Craig R. Ruble, M.D. Orthopedic Surgeon

H.W. Herrell Distributing Company

Sheet Metal Contractors, Inc., Home by SMCI

State Farm Insurance - Sandy Vest

Tim Surdyke's Gold Star Harley - Davidson and Outdoors

Surdyke Motorsports

Gold

All Weather Sewer Service, Inc.

Animal Care Service, Inc.

Leftridge Masonry, LLC

Sapaugh GM Country

Twin City Toyota

Silver

Arnold Animal Hospital

Bauman Oil Distributors, Inc.

Cemtech

Dieb Enterprises Inc.

Genuine Appliance & Mattress

Hovis & Associates

Jones Animal Health Clinic

US Silica

Bronze

Andre's – Oak Valley Golf Course & Resort

Autumn Ridge Residences

Edward Jones - Scott Seek

PawJama Party Kennels

The UPS Store – Festus

Thank you to all of our Business Alliance members. Please patronize these businesses that support our school. If you want to learn more about being a member of our Business Alliance program, please contact: Jim Lehn at (636) 931-7487, ext. 141 or president@stpious.com

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Michaela Eimer
August

What is your favorite part of St. Pius X?

"My favorite part is how many opportunities I have had to grow in my relationship with Christ. Not only are there two daily masses a week, adoration, and confession, but also numerous groups that gather together in order to grow through prayer and fellowship."

What is your favorite part of St. Pius X?

"My favorite part about St. Pius is the people. The people here are super kind and easy to strike up conversations with. When you talk to someone here it feels like you have known them for a long time."



Teresa Hrdlicka
September

How do you spend your lunch hour?

"I do a lot of different things during my lunch hour. I go to House Council or Women's group meetings, practice my music for band, get help with homework, go to the chapel for mass or adoration, eat with my friends, and play mini tabletop games in Mr. Portell's room. Some days I do a lot, and other days I just chill."



Ian Kutilek
October



Abby Bange
November

How has St. Pius X prepared you for life after high school?

"St. Pius X has given me so many unique opportunities to explore my future after high school. From free ACT prep, college counseling, and college credit class opportunities, St. Pius X has really helped me make plans for the next chapter of my life."



Kylie Follmer
December

What are you most looking forward to during senior year?

"I am most looking forward to making final memories with my friends in my senior year. I am also looking forward to leaving a legacy at St. Pius X during my senior year."



MEET NATALIA

from Spain

What is one difference between education in Spain and education in America?

"One of the big differences between the education in Spain and in America is that in my country we are used to studying a lot more than in America and we don't have as much homework as in America. But I think one of the differences that I most noticed is that in Spain, we have the same class for all of our subjects and teachers have to move to each class, however, in America the students have to move instead of teachers. That's the biggest difference that I noticed on my first day of school."

What is one part of American culture that you are excited to experience?

"One of the parts that I'm more excited to experience is cheering for the sports at my school because in America they have a big culture with sports. Also in Spain we don't have Friday night football games so I'm really excited about that. I'm excited for Homecoming and Prom just to experience how dances and celebrations are in high school in America."



TAKE A LOOK
AT THE
CLASS OF 2026

75 4 18
FRESHMEN SETS OF TWINS LEGACY FAMILIES

21 17
GRADE SCHOOLS ZIP CODES

LANCER FOR A DAY

TOUR CAMPUS, MEET STUDENTS, GO TO CLASSES,
EXPERIENCE THE LUNCH HOUR, AND MORE!

CALL (636) 931-7487 EXT. 117
TO SCHEDULE A SHADOW DAY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

We wanted to update you on some changes being made to Campus Ministry. Julia Bergman is the new part time Campus Minister at St. Pius X and Fr. Jack Ruzicka is returning as Chaplain this year. They will be working together to facilitate the spiritual life at St. Pius X for students, teachers, and staff. They promote the richness and beauty of the Catholic Faith through prayer, Sacraments, service, learning, and fellowship. They have a new office to the left of the front door of the school, where the counselor used to be located. You can find Julia Bergman in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and Fr. Ruzicka will be in everyday during the lunch period except for Tuesday. They are working to create a comfortable environment where students can come and talk, ask questions, and pray. The Chapel is also a great place to visit and pray with our Lord in silence.

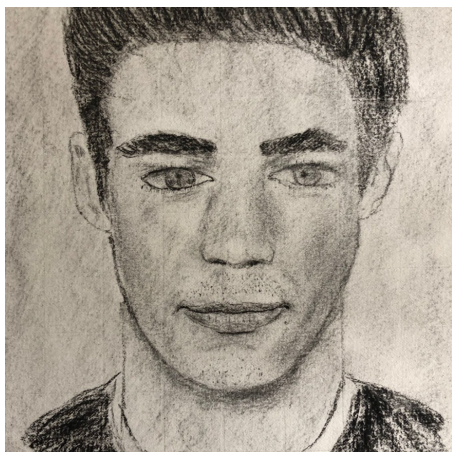
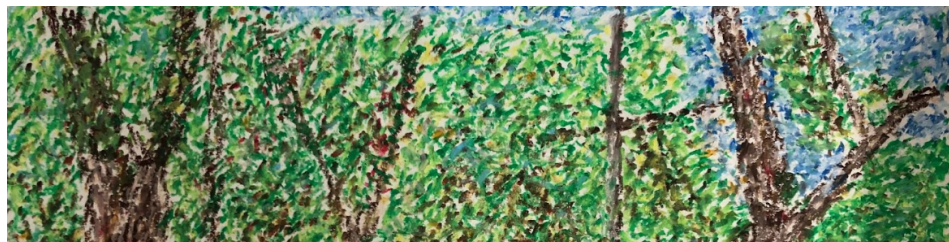
The theme we are reflecting on this year at St. Pius X is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The reflection is on the love and mercy that Christ shows us through his Sacred Heart. This love that is immeasurable and personal prompts us to show those around us love. This love makes itself manifest in many ways at St. Pius X: seeing the love of Christ on retreat, spreading that love to others in our service to the community, and building up the St. Pius X high school family by providing small groups to talk about our faith.



ART

All of the St. Pius X art classes have had a great start to the year! There are many developing artists with strong creative intuitions. Seniors have just finished their first project for their senior portfolios. Juniors have begun their architecture sculpture projects. Sophomores are growing their skills in painting, portraiture, and color theory. Freshmen have just completed a unit on plein air (outdoors) oil pastel drawing, just in time for the beautiful fall weather.

Art guild has been meeting each week with a record turnout. Students are engaged in both sculptural projects using clay and multimedia materials, as well as two dimensional drawing and painting work.



MUSIC



The music ensembles at St. Pius X have been working hard this semester. The Marching Lancers have been back at it again this year performing at the football games. Per tradition, they are still playing our Fight Song, and the Hey Song, but they have also learned Battle Hymn of the Republic and Hand Clap. If you didn't get a chance to come to a football

game, you can hear them perform November 28th at the Twin City Christmas Parade in Festus.

Concert Choir performed the National Anthem at a Cardinals Game Labor Day, and they performed again at the football game on October 7th, along with Chorus and a few choir alumni. Concert Choir also performs at all of our school masses throughout the year, so consider attending a mass to hear how they sound!

New this year is a Rock Band class. This junior/senior elective ensemble will be performing at some of the basketball games this season. You can hear all five St. Pius X Ensembles on December 15th at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium for the Christmas Concert. The Concert will feature Beginning Band, Chorus, Rock Band, Percussion Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Concert Band.

HOMECOMING

The Lancers were “Out of This World” this year for Homecoming. Theme days this year were quite creative: The Scientists Have Gone Mad, Clones Are Taking Over St. Pius X, Looking Into the Future, Alien Invasion, and finally, Sun and Moon to show off our blue and gold spirit.

Fr. Dalton Memorial Stadium was filled on Thursday evening with students, faculty, parents, and alumni all gathered together to cheer on the teams playing PowderPuff football and then head to the bonfire. The next morning everyone gathered in the gym for the second annual whole school dodgeball tournament (victory this year by the seniors) and the boys volleyball tournament was won by the juniors. Our spirit was sustained throughout with leadership from the St. Pius X band, Lancer Dancers and the Cheer Team. The Class of 2024 were declared the Winners of Homecoming Week.

Homecoming 2022 ended with the student dance which took place in the Ralph Boyer Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday. Thank you to everyone for continuing to make Homecoming week another wonderful celebration of the Lancer family.



THE SCIENTISTS HAVE GONE MAD



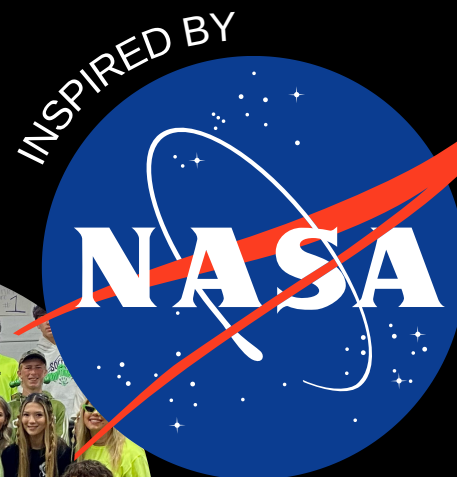
LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE



CLONES ARE TAKING OVER ST. PIUS X



ALIEN INVASION





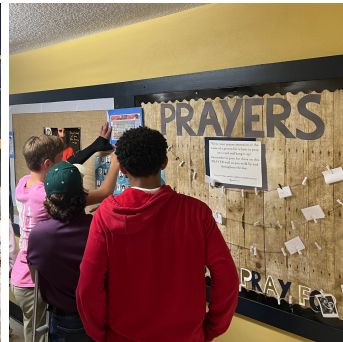
CONGRATULATIONS, HARRY CHEATHAM '64 AND SANDY VEST '78!

Harry Cheatham graduated from St. Pius X in 1964. He played football, basketball, and baseball for St. Pius X. He and his late wife, Judy, who is also an alum, had 5 children. He served in the US Army from 1967-1970. He had a successful career in the banking industry and has served as the President of our Alumni Association for over 2 years. Since retiring Harry has consistently represented the Alumni of St. Pius X at many of our events - golf tournament, car show, trivia night, athletic events, career day, and many more.

Sandy Vest graduated from St. Pius X in 1978. Her son, Andrew and daughter, Gabrielle are both St. Pius X alumni. Sandy has served in many capacities since graduating from St. Pius X, most recently she served two terms on the Board of Directors. Sandy is an insurance agent for State Farm and a member of our Business Alliance program. With her office located in Festus, MO she is always giving back to her community and her alma mater.

8TH GRADE DAY

Ninety-five eighth graders from nine different schools spent the day with us on Wednesday, October 5. They were divided into groups led by Junior and Senior student ambassadors. The day consisted of presentations and activities helping the 8th graders learn how to be the best version of themselves. In between the lessons, we broke into groups and played games like circle the wagon, ships and sailors, the best game ever, etc. Thank you to Mrs. Cuba for going over different learning styles and Mrs. Atzert for explaining the importance of nutrition, wellness and teaching a Zumba class. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson for creating an exciting but meaningful escape room about digital citizenship. Thank you for coming 8th graders!



ATHLETICS

WHAT IS THE CHAMPIONSHIP FACTOR?

As I've learned in the ever changing world of high school sports, one tenant that holds true is the importance of a vibrant education. Every student athlete must be a student first, then an athlete.

As you may know, high school sports are governed by MSHSAA (Missouri State High School Activities Association). On their website, they state, "MSHSAA promotes the value of participation, sportsmanship, team play, and personal excellence to develop citizens who make positive contributions to their community and support the democratic principles of our state and nation."

Prior to 2020, MSHSAA applied a multiplier to private (non-public) schools to ensure safe and equitable competition. The multiplier was 1.35, meaning that a school of 300 was recognized as a school of 405 for class designation purposes. This was then applied to all sports within the private school, regardless of each team's actual performance.

In 2020, MSHSAA, based on results from a vote of the member high schools, transitioned from the multiplier to the Championship Factor. While the Championship Factor only applies to private (non-public) schools, it does allow for a differentiation between individual programs in that school. So to put it in perspective, our Volleyball program has been one of our most successful teams and therefore have been placed in Class 4, which has us playing schools that have an enrollment between 850-1300.

The calculation process is fairly complex, and ultimately only applies to private schools. MSHSSA starts with simple enrollment numbers, then they factor in success for each of the private school sports programs. The Championship Factor is based on points that have been accumulated over the last six (6) years. Below are the point values used to determine classification. Points calculated annually are not cumulative. For example, if a team wins State Champion, they will receive 4 points for that year.

District Champion: 1 point

State 3rd/4th Place: 2 points

State 2nd Place: 3 points

State Champion: 4 points

Hopefully this highlights and explains why some of our teams play schools much larger than ours. Please remember that public schools are not subject to the Championship Factor. This is for private, non-public and charter schools only.

Please continue to support our school athletic programs and our student athletes. Our ultimate goal is to develop the mind, body and spirit of every student at St. Pius X High School.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at a game this year!

Tilden Watson
Athletic Director

DID YOU KNOW?

79%

OF STPX STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH
LANCER NEWS

@StPXlancers



WHAT'S NEW AT ST. PIUS X

STUDENT SERVICES CENTER & VIDEO PRODUCTIONS ROOM



Over the summer, the Media Center went through a transformation and is now called the Student Services Center. Here, students can find Mr. Halley for tech support, Mrs. Cuba for social, emotional or academic support and Mr. Miller for discipline and student interventions (both academic or behavioral). This area allows students an alternate setting for testing, a place to be when a student is on crutches, or a place to go when needing to just decompress.

Mrs. Katie Cuba is the Dean of Student Support. She is both our Learning Consultant and Counselor. Her role consists of setting up all learning profiles for students who have learning needs, assisting students during their study halls when they are in need of additional academic support, being available for students who are struggling emotionally, scheduling appointments for our two outside counselors, and being a part of the St. Pius X Intervention Team.

Mr. Chris Miller is now the Dean of Student Data and Intervention, which includes the Dean of Students. His role consists of student discipline, providing data reports to the faculty and administration regarding student testing scores and classroom performance, meeting with students who are failing classes at grade check time, and being a part of the St. Pius X Intervention Team.

Mr. Halley continues to be the Director of Technology. His role consists of supporting the students and staff when needing technical assistance as well as overseeing the infrastructure and technology of the entire campus. He has also been busy working on the new video productions room that will be used for a plethora of different things.



SWEET, SWEET SUMMERTIME

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Thousands of people turned out for the 2022 St. Pius X Fireworks Extravaganza that was held on June 30th. Attendees got to hear live music performed by Exit 180, enjoy yummy BBQ cooked by the Underwood family, and cool down with some sweet treats from Kona Ice and Luna's Shaved Ice. The event also featured a 23 minute Fireworks show choreographed to music that was absolutely amazing. If you missed it this year, be on the lookout for next years date.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 29, 2022 was the 33rd annual St. Pius X Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at Crystal Highlands Golf Course, the same course that we had our very first tournament in 1989. We had an incredible turnout with a record number of 64 teams! The weather was fantastic and the crowd was so fun! We are proud to report that we raised \$43,246 from this event! Thank you to the many volunteers and to all of the families who donated snacks and goodies for the gift bags. We could not have had such a successful golf tournament without you. Again, THANK YOU to all of our families and friends for your amazing support of our school.



St. Pius X High School ENDOWMENT FUND

The St. Pius X High School Endowment Fund will serve as a long-term "savings account" for need-based scholarships, faculty and student enrichment, and unrestricted funds for the growing needs of our school. St. Pius X partners with the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri to manage funds.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving is for everyone. Anyone – regardless of income or age – can make a planned gift! You can make a tremendous impact on St. Pius X High School, likely at no cost to you during your lifetime.

For additional information please visit www.stpius.com/plannedgiving or contact Jim Lehn, president@stpius.com or (314)608-0669.



HOUSE SYSTEM



Alexa Wideman, Genevieve House

"House System to me means community and friendship. Over these past three years, I have made so many new friends that I would have never gotten the opportunity to know otherwise. I am so grateful for my chance to become closer and further acquainted with my teachers and peers. I love how involved I have become in St. Pius X High this year, and a major contributor to that has been the House System. I feel closer with my friends, and appreciate the ability to lend my voice and opinion for school-related events. I do not play sports, so the House System has also allowed me to know members of different classes. I appreciate the House System, and my opportunity to be a part of it so much, and will never forget what it has done for me and my character."

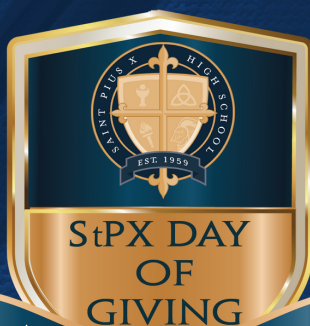
STPX DAY OF GIVING

Hundreds of alumni, parents, students, staff, and friends of St. Pius X High School donated to the fund for St. Pius X on StPX Day of Giving. The St. Pius X community came together towards one common goal – educating students in a Catholic faith filled environment.

Thank you for your generous support!

Let's keep the momentum going as we strive to reach our annual goal of

\$248,000!



FEATURED ALUMNI:

Jessica Keim-Malpass
Class of 2000

PROF. KEIM-MALPASS NAMED AN AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING FELLOW

"Professor Jessica Keim Malpass—an associate professor, a pediatric nurse practitioner, and translational nurse scientist—will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing at a Washington, D.C. ceremony in October 2022.

Keim-Malpass's honor brings the School of Nursing's national academy fellowships count to 52, and its number of AAN Fellows among both active and faculty emeriti to 35.

"We are proud to welcome Dr. Keim-Malpass as an AAN Fellow," said Dean Pam Cipriano, president of the International Council of Nurses and a fellow FAAN. "She has pioneered family-centered and clinician-engaged predictive model development and implementation to help clinicians identify events of clinical deterioration by integrating her deep knowledge of bedside critical care. As a translational nurse scientist, she has also helped advanced health policy for children with serious and life limiting illnesses. Her research and work with big data are creating new directions in nursing science."

Keim-Malpass studies how big data can inform and augment patient care, healthcare policies, and improve systems and protocols.

Keim-Malpass—who has earned funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, among other organizations—studies the use and deployment of predictive analytics in acutely ill and vulnerable patient populations, healthcare economics, and health policy. A pediatric nurse practitioner and a professor of pediatrics in UVA's School of Medicine, she is currently at work with UVA Health cardiologist Dr. Randall Moorman to study the use and impact of CoMET, which uses continuous monitoring to assess COVID patients' trajectories and create an image of risk and future decompensation.

The AAN fellowship is the latest honor for Keim-Malpass, who is also a National Academy of Medicine Scholar in Diagnostic Excellence, a Betty Irene Moore Fellow, and a Costs of Care Fellow alumna.

Induction into the Academy is a significant milestone in a nurse leader's career and an acknowledgement of their contributions to and impact on advancing the public's health. Keim-Malpass was one of 250 individuals chosen for induction this year, and joins nearly 3,000 FAANs from nearly 40 countries around the world. The 2022 cohort represents 35 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 17 countries, according to the Academy."



Article from nursing.virginia.edu/news/malpass-faan/




St. Pius X High School

1030 St. Pius Drive
Festus, MO 63028
www.stpius.com

Address Service Requested

Parent: If this issue of the Lancer Legend is addressed to your son or daughter who has established a permanent address, please notify St. Pius X of the new address at (636) 931-7487, ext. 113 or bervin@stpius.com.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

**ST. PIUS X TRIVIA NIGHT
IS ON
JANUARY 21, 2023**



Save the Date

*Legacy Gala
Dinner Auction*

Saturday, April 1, 2023
1030 St. Pius Drive Festus, MO 63028

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with Infinite Love