

LANCER LEGEND

St. Pius X Catholic High School

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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.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

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SAINT PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

A message from the PRESIDENT

Greetings Lancer Community,

As I reflect on the accomplishments of the Class of 2024, I am filled with gratitude for all the hard work and dedication that has gone into reaching these milestones. It is truly a testament to the strength of our students, families, and faculty. Here are some of the highlights from this remarkable class:

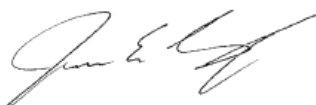
Class of 2024 Accomplishments

- 100% graduation rate (67 graduates)
- 65 will attend college with 2 going into workforce/military
- 3 Missouri “Bright Flight” Scholars
- Accepted at 62 Colleges and Universities in 20 states
- Attending 26 Colleges/Universities in 8 States: 72% 4 year school; 22% to 2 yr/trade
- 10% attending Catholic higher education
- \$1,765,200 in “accepted” scholarships awarded; \$36,775 per recipient
- St. Pius X ACT Composite: 22.6
 - Top 10%: 30.6
 - Top 25%: 27.6
 - Top 50%: 24.9

In addition to these impressive academic accomplishments, we are also excited about progress on our new baseball field. With your continued support, we’ve made significant strides over the past year, purchasing 4 acres of land and beginning the development of what will be a state-of-the-art facility. From surveys and engineering drawings to installing water lines and drainage systems, we’re on track to have the field ready for our opening game in Spring 2025. The work continues with the installation of lights, dugouts, fencing, sod, and spectator areas. It’s a project that will benefit not only our athletes but the entire St. Pius X community. As always, our focus remains on providing exceptional Catholic education to all those who seek it. We are blessed to be able to work together as a community, and I am deeply grateful for the continued prayers and support that help us move forward. Please keep St. Pius X in your prayers as we look ahead to the future with hope and faith.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our journey, and may God bless you all!

With sincere gratitude,



ADMISSIONS

Welcome to the St. Pius X, Freshman Class, and Transfer Students!

This year, as always we are thrilled to welcome a wonderful group of new students to the St. Pius X community. Our total enrollment is up, with students coming from all over the area, including Farmington, Eureka, Oakville, House Springs, Fenton, and more. The wide range of backgrounds and experiences among our students helps make St. Pius X a lively and welcoming place, and we are excited to see how these students will contribute to the school community.

Our freshman class comprises 75 bright and promising young students—44 Catholic students and 31 students from other faith traditions. This mix strengthens the faith-filled and family-like environment that St. Pius X is known for. Representing 23 different schools, along with several homeschooled students, our freshman class brings a variety of perspectives and talents that will enrich our classrooms, teams, and halls.

In addition to our new freshmen, we are excited to welcome our transfer students in the sophomore and junior classes. These students add to the close-knit, family atmosphere that is a hallmark of St. Pius X, where every individual has something valuable to offer.

At St. Pius X, we are committed to providing an exceptional Catholic education that fosters academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community involvement. We are eager to support each of our new students as they begin this exciting chapter, building friendships, pursuing excellence, and growing in both faith and character.

Class of 2029

APPLICATIONS ARE...

Open!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?



“Be determined to be the very best. Whether this is the best students, athlete, friend, or Catholic, hard work and determination will see that you accomplish your goals. Give 100 percent in everything and you will not look back with regret and be able to say you gave it your all.”

Annalise Biermann



“I would advise the Freshmen to keep their hearts open to what the Lord wants to give them. Get out of your comfort zone and get involved so you can make new friends. Also be yourself because the people at St. Pius will love you just as you are.”

Madlyson Bohnert



“Enjoy every second of it because it truly does fly by. Also remember that it will be tough and you will want to quit but it will all pay off in the end. Lastly, remember that when things get difficult you need to lean on your classmates because they are all going through the same thing when it comes to your classes.”

Rylee Bohnert



“My biggest piece of advice is simple: be yourself. I know it is cliché but it is so important. Most freshmen feel the need to change who they are to fit in, but what they don't realize is that the right people will appreciate YOU for YOU. Friends will come and go regardless, therefore, it's better to embrace your true self.”

Lily Lampros



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry has had an incredibly busy yet exciting start to the school year. Within the first two months, we've already hosted multiple retreats for staff, freshmen, and sophomores. On August 21st, at our St. Pius X Feast Day Mass, we announced the theme for the 2024-2025 school year to the student body. This special day included an all school Mass, an induction ceremony for all new freshmen and staff of St. Pius X Catholic High School, an explanation of the school year, and house games in the afternoon. It was a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, honor the saint after whom our school is named, and reflect on each house's motto as it relates to this year's theme:

Be the Light

Last year, we focused on being Anchored in Christ, specifically anchored in Truth, Hope, Love, and Faith. This year, we are called to take what we learned about who Christ is and live it out—to be the Light of Christ to others. Our guiding scripture comes from Matthew 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Jesus is our light and salvation. Through the sacraments, we receive His grace, and His light dwells within us. We are called to let that light shine through our words and actions, illuminating the lives of those around us. Every day, we are challenged not to let this light fade but to nurture it so that we can be a beacon of hope and encouragement to those suffering mentally, physically, or spiritually.

Around the school, our theme has been artistically represented as a shining sun, casting light into the darkness and dispelling the vices we strive against. Stars surround the display, each featuring notes of encouragement from faculty and staff—small ways to spread Christ's light to others, like smiling, helping someone new, putting yourself in others' shoes, and being a positive force for those around you.

Let us all strive to Be the Light to those around us! St. Pius X, pray for us!

FINE ARTS

Art

In this junior art project, students create captivating cut-out shadow boxes illuminated with LED lights, drawing inspiration from a childhood movie, book, or cherished memory. By combining paper crafting and light design, each shadow box tells a personal story, bringing to life a nostalgic scene with depth and glow. The project encourages creativity, storytelling, and an exploration of how light can transform art, evoking the magic of their favorite childhood moments.



Music & Band

The St. Pius X Marching Lancers made history this year. For the first time in our school history, the band fielded a marching band that competed. The band's season started at Columbia Rock Bridge. Here, they were 3rd in their class and 10th overall in prelims. They jumped to 9th overall in finals, and tied Hillsboro and Francis Howell North in a music subcaption. The season ended at Ste. Genevieve as the band earned 2nd in their class, while winning the percussion and music execution captions. The high point of the year was in October, our Lancers competed in the Bands of America Super Regional Championship at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis.



Circle Theatre

Our Circle Theatre put on an amazing show in the performance of Arsenic and Old Lace. The play follows newly engaged dramatic critic Mortimer Brewster as his world was upended by a shocking discovery in his elderly aunts' window seat. Mortimer had rushed to warn Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha before they stumbled upon the body themselves, only to learn, in a twist, that the two elderly women were not only aware of the deceased man—they had killed him! Directed by Dennis Moore '98, and Technical direction and set design by Preston Butricks.



SAVE THE DATE

LEGACY GALA

Dinner Auction

SATURDAY

5

APRIL

AT 5:00 PM

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: HOMECOMING

This year's Homecoming theme was, "Lights, camera, action" with many fun-themed days throughout the week that included, "The Breakfast Club," "Christmas vs. Halloween," "Ferris Buellers' Day Off," "A League of Their Own," and as always "Blue and Gold".

This year's Homecoming Week was filled with excitement and energy. The enthusiasm of the week carried into Thursday night as the Powderpuff game, alumni egg toss, and bonfire commenced. The festivities continued on Friday with a spirited field day and culminated with an electrifying pep rally. There was an amazing performance by the St. Pius X Band, Lancer Dancers, the Cheer Team, and this year's feature: the Mancer Dancers. This year, the Class of 2026 pulled through, claimed victory, and earned the coveted title of Homecoming Week Winners.

Homecoming 2024 concluded with the student dance held in the Ralph Boyer Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday. A heartfelt thank you went out to everyone who contributed to making this year's Homecoming Week a celebration of the Lancer family.



HOMECOMING RECAP

8TH GRADE DAY

On Wednesday, October 9, St. Pius X warmly welcomed 100 eighth graders from the surrounding area for an exciting 8th Grade Day. Coinciding with Homecoming Week, the event highlighted our energetic school spirit and strong sense of community. The goal for the day was for the eighth graders to learn about St. Pius X and discover how to be the best versions of themselves—all while having fun. Guided by enthusiastic student ambassadors, the visitors engaged in activities that showcased their unique learning styles, participated in interactive games, and toured the campus, experiencing firsthand the supportive and dynamic environment that defines St. Pius X.



HALL OF FAME *induction*



Darin and Lisa Basler have been deeply involved with St. Pius X since 2007. As proud parents of three alumni—Olivia (class of 2015), Caroline (class of 2013), and Will (class of 2011)—their commitment to the school has extended far beyond their children's graduations. Over the years, the Baslers have contributed in a variety of capacities, including serving on the board, planning the annual gala, organizing golf events, executing the sporting clays events year after year, and competing at many StPX trivia nights. Even though their children have grown, Darin and Lisa continue to give back to the St. Pius X community by assisting with special projects on campus. Their dedication is a testament to their enduring connection to the school and its mission.

The 1964 St. Pius X High School baseball team, a defining force in the school's early athletic history, has earned its place in the St. Pius X Hall of Fame. With the school's founding in 1959, its sports programs were in their infancy, and baseball was no exception. Ralph Boyer, the only coach for both basketball and baseball, took on the challenge of building the program from scratch, even in the absence of a dedicated baseball field. The 1964 Lancers were much more than their wins and losses. Their resilience, confidence, and grit created a new standard of athleticism and pride for St. Pius X. Their success and camaraderie resonated across the school and community, marking the team as one of the most memorable in St. Pius X's history. Many of the bonds formed that season have endured over the decades, a testament to their teamwork and shared spirit.



SUMMER RECAP

FIREWORKS *extravaganza*

Close to 2,000 people attended the St. Pius X Fireworks Extravaganza that was held on June 27th. Attendees got to hear live music performed by Exit 180, enjoy yummy food, sweet treats and delicious drinks provided by various local food trucks and businesses. The event also featured a 25 minute fireworks show choreographed to music that was absolutely breathtaking. The show definitely did not disappoint and we could not have been blessed with better weather. We can't wait to see everyone next year!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 26, 2024 was the 35th annual St. Pius X golf tournament at Crystal Highlands Golf Course. This year's tournament was such a big success as another record was broken with the highest number of teams in the StPX tournament ever.....68 total teams! The 50/50 golf ball drop raffle was again a hit with the hole in one winner receiving \$1,000! We are extremely thankful and proud to report that we raised over \$41,000 from the tournament. All of our student and parent volunteers had a blast this year and are filled with gratitude for the support of St. Pius X Catholic High School. Save the date for next year July 25, 2025.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 4
RECORD 35-2-1
STATE CHAMPIONS

FOOTBALL

CLASS 2
RECORD 5-5

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 2
RECORD 5-12

GIRLS TENNIS

CLASS 2
RECORD 1-8

GIRLS GOLF

CLASS 1
RECORD 2-2

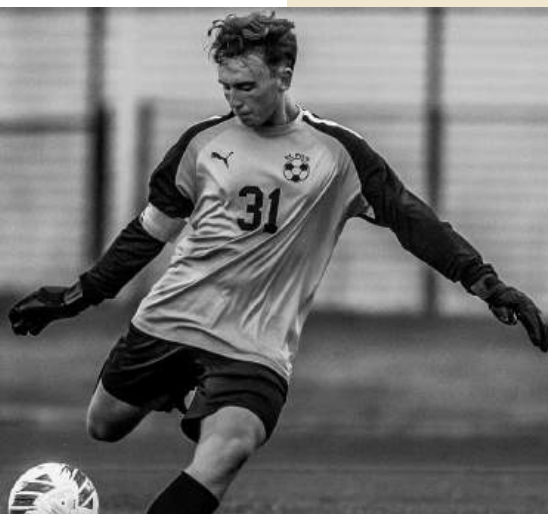
SOFTBALL

CLASS 2
RECORD 5-17

CROSS COUNTRY

CLASS 2

#LANCERNATION





Be the Light, for the lights!

Exciting things are happening at St. Pius X Catholic High School. In addition to being a school of academic excellence, we are modernizing our facilities. We started with our state of the art Wellness Center and we are now building a new baseball field. All of these improvements are possible because of the generosity of those that support StPX via time, talent and treasure.

The baseball field project began more than six (6) years ago with discussions to purchase approximately four (4) acres in front of the school. Those discussions led to approvals and negotiations, ultimately ending with StPX purchasing the property outright in September 2023. Since then, we've been busy with surveys, permits, relocating 500' of 10" water line, installing storm water pipe, moving dirt, installing an irrigation system, and pouring a concrete pad for a building to house controls, concessions, facilities and provide storage. We are also building dugouts that will be sunken in the ground for better viewing, adding a net for the backstop, fencing, sod/seed and a spectator area. All with the intent of having our opening game this coming Spring 2025.

To light up night games, we are installing lights and poles. Our school theme for this year is "Be The Light." Amazingly, that was our theme prior to identifying the need to raise funds to help pay for the lights. As previously mentioned, many supporters of StPX have already contributed via time, talent and treasure. Because of their generosity, we only need to raise \$75,000 to fully fund the lights.

We are kicking off the **"Be The Light"** Campaign to fund this light project. Our goal is to secure \$75,000 by December 31, 2024.

Please consider a fully tax-deductible donation and support our community's student athletes. We have attached a list of suggested donation levels, however, if you would like to discuss an alternative donation, please contact Jim Lehn directly (314) 608-0669.



StPX Friends and Family Levels

Lancer Level: \$10 - \$499

- Recognition on StPX Facebook, Instagram, and website

MVP: \$500 - \$999

- Recognition on StPX Facebook, Instagram, and website
- Name on campaign signage

League Champ: \$1,000+

- Recognition on StPX Facebook, Instagram, and website
- Name on campaign signage
- Name on plaque at new baseball field

StPX Corporate Levels

Pennant Field Sponsors - \$1,000

- Company name and logo

Back of Scoreboard (Limited availability) - \$2,500 per year

- Outward facing Hwy 61/67
- Opportunity to continue after the first term with annual fee

Batting Cage Sponsors (2 available) - \$5,000

- Naming rights for one of two batting cages
- Opportunity to continue after the first term with annual fee

Dugout Sponsors (2 available) - \$5,000

- Naming rights for one of two dugouts
- Opportunity to continue after the first term with annual fee

Front of Scoreboard Sponsor (Limited availability) - \$5,000

- Prominently displayed company signage on the scoreboard
- Opportunity to continue after the first term with annual fee

Concessions Naming Rights (1 available) - \$10,000

- Company name prominently displayed on the concessions building
- 5-year Term
- Opportunity to continue after the first term with annual fee

Field Sponsorship (top of scoreboard)

- Permanent naming rights of field

CLAIMED

FACILITY UPDATES

BATHROOM RENO

Thank you to the StPX community for your generous and loyal support which made this summer renovation project possible. Donations from individuals, Fund-a- Need 2024, and numerous volunteer hours provided funding for this project. Our bathroom renovations included new subway tile, vanities, urinals, and stall partitions.



ST. PIUS X

TRIVIA NIGHT

JAN 18 2025 6:00 PM

Join us for a fun night of trivia! Gather up your friends, alumni or not and test your smarts. Tables of 8 please. Registration fee included water, soda and beer. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Award.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The St. Pius X Catholic 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 Catholic 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.

CAMPUS EVENTS



CAREER DAY

Career Day took place on Thursday November 7 in the Ralph Boyer Memorial Gymnasium. Over 35 alumni came back to campus to show off their careers and share their professional development with our students. Students had a rotating 40-minute schedule and were able to visit tables that showcased their career of interest. We are so excited to be able to bring this featured event to our students. If you are an alumni and are interested in joining Career Day, please contact Peggy Flanagan at pflanagan@stpius.com.

GIVING DAY

StPX Giving Day is when the friends, alumni, students, parents, faculty, and staff of the St. Pius X family are extraordinarily supportive. All gifts help St. Pius X Catholic High School students achieve their academic goals, embrace their local community, and celebrate Christ in everything they do.

StPX Giving Day 2024 was Thursday November 7, 2024.

Our Goal -

\$100,000

Did we accomplish our goal? Visit stpius.com/givingday for the most up to date information.



Featured Alumni: TEACHERS



MATTHEW BAST **CLASS OF 1998**

Matthew is currently a Biology Professor at St. Louis Community College. He also received the 2024 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award, and has been a full-time staff member at St. Louis Community College since 2011.



JORDANNE (MICKLEY) DECKER **CLASS OF 2018**

Jordanne is a special education teacher at Festus Elementary in the Festus R-VI School District, where she leads an autism classroom and finds great fulfillment in her work. Her passion for working with students with disabilities began in 2014 when she started volunteering at Helping Hands and Horses.



DELRAY DRURY **CLASS OF 1966**

Delray Drury has carved a fulfilling path since graduating from St. Pius X. He obtained a degree in Applied Science in Business and further credentials in Education and Administration. He treasures the friendships he forged there, many of which have endured for over fifty years. A standout memory from his high school days includes playing in a state playoff game at the historic Busch Stadium, a moment that encapsulated the spirit of camaraderie and competition he cherishes. Delray advises current students to listen more than they speak, pay attention to the details, and embrace happiness. After two years of active duty in the U.S. Army, he reflects on that time as a significant period of growth that complemented his educational journey.



ANDREW DEMANUELE

CLASS OF 1995

Andrew is currently serving as a high school assistant principal, marking his 23rd year as an educator. Reflecting on his time at St. Pius X, he credits the school with preparing him for the challenges of the real world. His advice to current students is simple but powerful: never let anyone tell you that you cannot be successful.



RICHARD EILER

CLASS OF 1963

Richard taught Math at St. Pius for three years, from 1969 to 1972. During that time, he also coached the B-team basketball team alongside Coach Boyer. He didn't remain in education for long, eventually moving into construction. St. Pius has a special place in his heart, particularly since all four of his children graduated from St. Pius, paving the way for their college journeys. Richard and his wife, Beth ('64), were actively involved in volunteer work at St. Pius, especially with the Bona Fortuna Auction. They have many cherished memories from their time at the school.



JANE GOFF

CLASS OF 1966

Jane currently serves as a part-time Learning Consultant at St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School. Her career in education that included roles as a classroom teacher, Learning Consultant, and Associate Principal. Her experiences at St. Pius X fostered a strong work ethic and a commitment to serving others, shaping her decision to pursue a career in education. Reflecting on her time at St. Pius X, she cherishes the friendships she made, her role as a cheerleader, and her English classes.



ERIN (DITTMANN) HALLEY

CLASS OF 2000

Erin Halley is a PE teacher at Hillsboro R-3 and stays busy driving the "traveling locker room" for her two daughters, while also supporting Lancer softball and coaching her girls' teams. Her time at St. Pius X taught her the value of hard work and perseverance, lessons that have shaped her career and life. She fondly recalls her experiences with various sports teams.



JACKIE JACEZKO

CLASS OF 2014

Jackie is in her fourth year of teaching and currently teaches third grade at a local public school, a role she describes as the best job on the planet. A graduate of Truman State University with a Master's in Elementary Education, Jackie is passionate about helping her students learn and grow each day. Her experience at St. Pius X played a pivotal role in shaping her future, where close friends and inspiring faculty encouraged her to pursue her calling as a teacher. Reflecting on her time at Pius, she fondly remembers the warm welcome she received as a transfer student and the lasting friendships she formed. One of her favorite memories is cheering at football games and competing at state with the cheer team, a rewarding testament to hard work and dedication.



ERIN KLEPPER - LAUREL

CLASS OF 2003

Erin now serves as the Director of Organizational Training for Pavilion Pavements. After earning her Ed.D from Lindenwood University, her career has spanned from K-12 and college teaching to corporate education. Relocated to Las Vegas in May 2022, Erin leads her company's Learning and Development department, focusing on improving organizational leadership and learning. Her time at St. Pius X had a profound impact, reinforcing values of discipline, respect, and hard work. Erin cherishes the memories of homecoming week, theatre with Mrs. Chibitty, and the sense of community that shaped her life.



LAURIE (ROBINSON) MICKA

CLASS OF 1982

Laurie is currently employed at DeSoto School District working as an Early Education Special Education teacher. She obtained her Masters degree in 2018, and wishes to retire from public school soon.



BRENNA MICKLEY

CLASS OF 2020

Brenna is enjoying her first year teaching 3rd grade at Holy Family Parish School, where her work feels more like a passion than a job. She has built strong relationships with both students and staff, and the experience has deepened her understanding of what it means to be a teacher. Brenna is excited to continue sharing her love for learning and aims to create a joyful and nurturing classroom environment for many years to come.



KATY (ERVIN) NESSELBUSH

CLASS OF 2009

Katy earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Mizzou in 2013, followed by her Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Missouri Baptist University in 2017. She went on to obtain her degree as an Educational Specialist in Teacher Leadership from Southeast Missouri State University 2020! She taught 5th grade in the Union School District, 5th grade in the Festus School District, and 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades in the Northwest School District. Katy has taught for a total of 10 years. She now stays home with her 2 children that attend Catholic preschool. She substitute teaches when she is available for the Festus and Northwest school districts and also runs a charitable organization, Jovie's Joy, that raises money for pediatric heart disease.



PAUL RICHARD OVERBERG

CLASS OF 1966

Rick began his teaching career at St. Pius X in 1972, where he was hired by Fr. Dalton and Sr. Margarita, and he remained there until 2007 before spending another decade teaching at St. Dominic in O'Fallon, MO. His time at St. Pius X shaped his future, providing a solid education and lifelong friendships that continue to enrich his life. Rick fondly recalls the camaraderie of classmates and the valuable lessons learned from dedicated teachers like Sr. Mary Alice and Fr. Dalton, who emphasized social justice during turbulent times in American history. He advises current students to build strong friendships and embrace the supportive environment at St. Pius, a place that helped him establish his identity and purpose. Whether reminiscing about shared laughs or coaching sports for over four decades, Rick's journey reflects a life deeply connected to education and community.



HANNAH (KENNEDY) PETERSON

CLASS OF 2006

Hannah has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, a Master's in Educational Administration, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Hannah is now the proud principal of Avery Elementary in the Webster Groves School District. Her career path was solidified during a business internship in senior year, where they shadowed an elementary principal, confirming her passion for education. Reflecting on her time at St. Pius X, she fondly remembers the incredible teachers who made a lasting impact on her journey.



MARY (GOVRO) PROVANCE

CLASS OF 1982

After a fulfilling teaching career, Mary is now retired and enjoys time closer to her children and grandchildren. With degrees in home economics and elementary education from Southeast Missouri, she continues to stay active as a substitute teacher at St. Peter in Jefferson City and serves as an extraordinary minister at St. Peter Church. Her time at St. Pius X taught her persistence and not to be a quitter, values she carried into her career. She fondly recalls her involvement in the flag corps and the school newspaper, where writing an editorial about starting a soccer program gave her a sense of having a voice.



DANIELLE ROBINSON

CLASS OF 2016

Danielle is now a 4th-grade math and science teacher at Festus Intermediate, where she finds joy in her work every day. A graduate of Missouri Baptist with a Bachelor of Elementary Education, Danielle traces her passion for teaching back to her Junior year at St. Pius X when Mr. Taylor had the class read *One Child* by Torey Hayden. That book changed her life and set her on the path to becoming a teacher. Danielle fondly remembers St. Pius as a close-knit, family-like community where teachers went above and beyond in supporting their students. Her favorite memories include her senior year retreat and the special experience of converting to Catholicism with Mrs. Schoemehl as her sponsor, who remains a dear friend to this day.



THERESE (DALTON) SHAIN

CLASS OF 2000

Therese is currently a Special Education Teacher for the Special School District of St. Louis County. Therese was recipient for the Milken Educator Award in 2018 with a \$25,000 award. As well as, a twice recipient of the Key to the Classroom Award from SSD in 2010 and 2018. Therese states her time at St. Pius X made her appreciate air conditioning! She says the small community was an amazing place to learn and grow, and all of her teachers were amazing. Therese vividly remembers great times with Mr. Taylor, Mr. Werkmeister, and Mr. Overberg.



MEGAN UNTERREINER

CLASS OF 2015

Megan is in her third year as a kindergarten teacher at Sherwood Elementary School. She recently got married to her husband, Tryson Thornton, and welcomed their first baby boy in February. She says life is very busy, but so rewarding!



BRYAN VILMER

CLASS OF 1987

Bryan recently completed his 31st year at Incarnate Word Academy. He has received the Jostens National Program of Excellence award 9 times in the 19 years that he has been the head of the English Department. He has served as the English Department Chair for a decade. In addition to teaching, he also enjoys the outdoors with his family.



TEACHING IS A WORK OF HEART



SPEND A DAY....

LANCER

for a day

ATTENDING CLASSES WITH A CURRENT STPX STUDENT!

MEETING OTHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND COACHES

EXPERIENCING OUR LUNCH HOUR AND HIGH SCHOOL LIFE AT ST. PIUS X FIRST-HAND

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TODAY!

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LEGACY BRICKS

Join a timeless tradition by purchasing a Lancer Landmark brick to commemorate cherished individuals at St. Pius X High School. These inscribed bricks line our front entrance, connecting generations of alumni, parents, and friends. It's a meaningful addition to our beloved school.

Why buy a brick?

- Gracing the main entrance
- Ideal for any occasion
- Celebrate your loved ones
- Showcase your group

8" x 8" Paver Details

- Six lines
- 18 characters per line

4" x 8" Brick Details

- Three lines
- 18 characters per line

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