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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,

Founded in 1959, St. Pius X High School is a co-ed, four-year, college preparatory school. Our school includes a community of 300+ students and a staff of caring teachers, staff and administrators. We serve both Catholic and non-Catholic students by providing an up-to-date curriculum that meets today's expanding standards in academics.

At the start of our next fiscal year, July 1, 2023, we are happy to announce that our school will be legally named St. Pius X Catholic High School. Prior to this change, we were incorporated as a legal entity under the collective name "Catholic High School Association of St. Louis" along with other Archdiocesan high schools. We are transitioning from an Archdiocesan-owned high school to a newly formed, separately incorporated 501c3 entity. We will have a Board of Limited Jurisdiction consisting of a group of Directors. These Directors will have delegated authority to make local-level policy decisions related to a specified set of areas encompassing Catholicity and mission, strategic planning, finance, academic affairs, student programming, marketing and enrollment management, advancement, and certain areas related to facilities management.

The Archbishop will become what is referred to as the sole Member within the governance structure and will hold reserved powers at each high school for ultimate oversight of Catholicity and decision-making regarding the appointed president, board member approval, amendments to the by-laws, financial systems, and property. St. Pius X Catholic High School will enter into agreements with the Archdiocese for services pertaining to human resources, legal, and buildings and real estate. Insurance and retirement programs will remain in place.

We are excited and invigorated by this change as we anticipate a greater sense of empowerment and ownership of our school. Given our faith formation, academic excellence and dedication to providing extraordinary care and concern, we are confident that St. Pius X Catholic High School will continue to be successful.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Lehn, President

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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@stpius.com

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

What three words describe St. Pius X?

Sophie Schappe
January

Positive
Inspiring
Fun

Hanna Burch
February

Respectful
Family
Generous

Sydney Pentzer
March

Caring
Community
Energetic

Riley Cappozzo
April

Family
Motivating
Inclusive

Karley Yahl
May

Unique
Family
Exciting



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chapel

Over Christmas break 2022 we renovated the St. Pius X Chapel. Have you been on campus to see it? The chapel displays the images of St. Pius X, The Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as St. Cecilia, St. Benedict, St. Joan of Arc, and St. Patrick; patron Saints of each House in our House System. While Archbishop Rozanski was at St. Pius X, March 27th for our monthly all school Mass, he blessed our chapel! It was great to have him come visit our school and pray with us!

Serra Club

In November during our all school mass, three of our sophomores received awards from the Serra Club of St. Louis. Our students were awarded 3 of the 6 possible awards: 2nd Place Ladies - Kiera Romine, 2nd Place Gentlemen - Ethan Cain, and 3rd Place Gentlemen - Jayden McGrath.

Retreats

Fr Ruzicka, Mrs. Bergman, and Mr. Paul Halfmann planned and led the Junior and Senior retreats this year. The Sophomore retreat was led by Net Ministries- a national group of young adults giving a year to go across the country leading retreats. They were an amazing witness of service, love and dedication to our students.

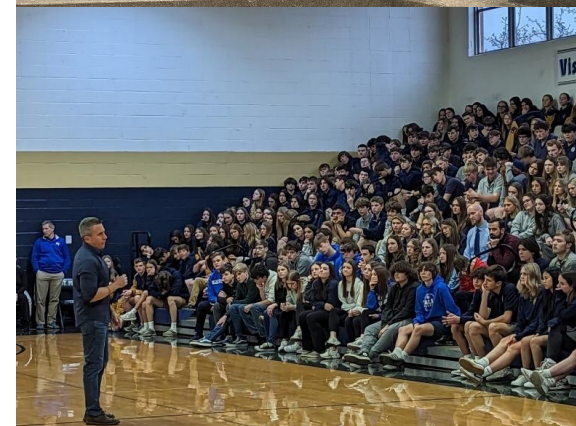
Jason Evert

St. Pius X was privileged to have Jason Evert come and speak to us in our gym. We invited two other local high schools; Valle and St. Vincent High Schools. Jason Evert is a national chastity speaker who has the gift of connecting to young people. He tells the truth of what the Church says about chastity and love and offers support and encouragement to move forward after hearing what might be new information for the first time. Jason offered his time after the assembly and talked with students one on one for over an hour. Students commented: "he was very real" and that "he brought humor and truth to topics that are hard to talk about."

First Holy Communion

Sophomore and Junior students went to local grade schools to congratulate second grade classes on their First Holy Communion. They talked to the second graders about St. Pius X, since he is one of the patron saints of First Communicants, shared Eucharistic Miracle projects, written at a second grade level by the junior theology classes, and they delivered a note of congratulations and a St. Pius X prayer card. The second graders loved talking to these "big high school kids."

Please continue to pray for our St. Pius X school and community.

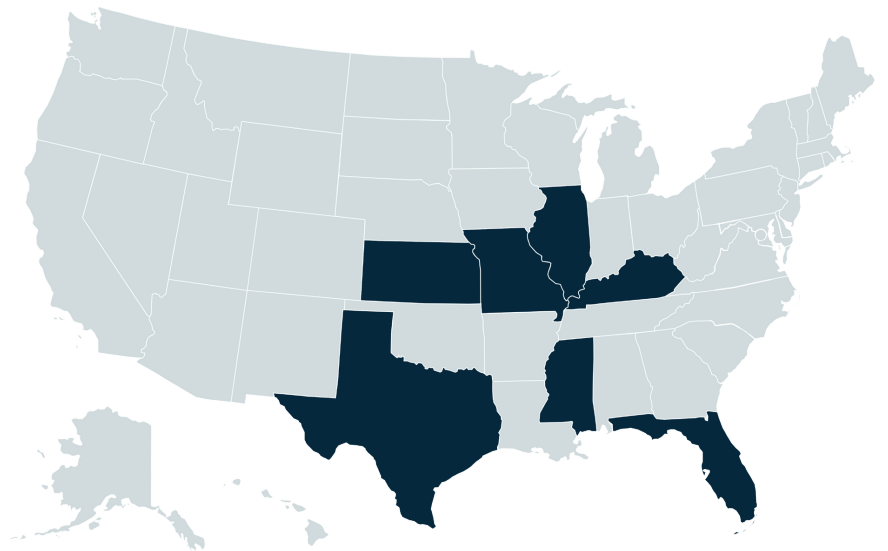


CLASS OF 2023



St. Pius X High School recently graduated 75 students in its 2023 class. 93% of the class will be enrolling in college in the fall or enlisting in the military. 70 students will be attending 27 different colleges in 7 states, with 1 senior enlisting in the United States Air Force.

- Accepted at 58 colleges in 18 states
- 25 (33%) attending a two-year / technical college
- 41 (55%) attending a four-year college / university
- 3 (4%) are attending a technical / trade school
- 1 (1%) is enlisting in the United States Air Force
- 47 students earned \$1.87 million in accepted merit / talent scholarships
- Class grade point average: 3.34
- 16 students graduated with a 4.0 or above GPA
 - Top GPA is a 4.347 / 4.5
- ACT Composite average for the Class of 2023 is 22.3
 - The top 10% of the class: 31.4 ACT composite
 - The top 25% of the class: 27.8 ACT composite
 - The top 50% of the class: 26.1 ACT composite
 - The national ACT average is 20.3





Griffin Baker
Adam Baker '01
Anthony Vallo, '73



Austin Coomes
Amy (Portell '91)
Coomes
Thomas Portell '63



Rolan Creed
Rene (Surdyke '93)
Creed



Rachel Eimer
Stephen Eimer, '86



Michaela Eimer
Timothy '84 and
Terry (Lauterwasser '86)
Eimer



Mykalah Garnett
Jennifer (Nolan '94)
Garnett



Connor Hamilton
Teresa (Herrell '85)
Hamilton



Alexander
Konersmann
John Konersmann, '96



Ian Kutilek
Eric Kutilek, '86



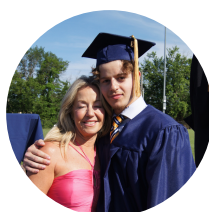
Natalia Lopez-Rico
Michael '01 and Amy
(Dornseif '01) Atzert



Peyton McAfee
James McAfee, '83



Sophia Meyer
Gregory Meyer, '78



Alex Moissis
Angela
(Walters '94) Moissis



Owen Moss
Rebecca Moss, '01



Dabrein Moss
Antoine Bisch, '03
and Dena Moss, '05
Pamela (Herrell '77)
Moss



Sydney Patterson
Mary (Kovarik '87)
Patterson



Sophia Schappe
Mascheal (Lee '84)
Schappe



Bryce Schrader
James Schrader, '85



Nolan Sippel
Raymond '90 and
Terri (Arendt '90)
Sippel



Micah Surdyke &
Kaleen Vaughn
Matthew '88 and
Jennifer (Harman '88)
Surdyke



Nicholas Verzola
Erwin Verzola, '90



Chase Waterkotte
Matt '94 and Rebecca
(Surdyke '94)
Waterkotte
Susan (Herrell '71)
Waterkotte

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ACADEMICS

St. Pius X continues to see growth among our students academically!

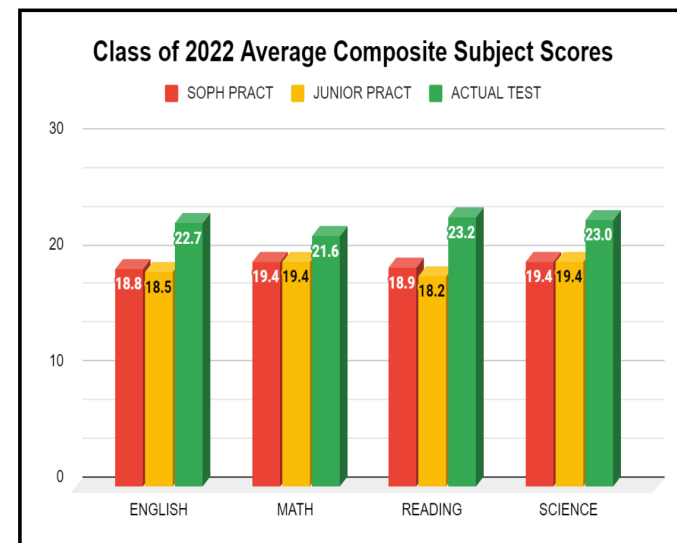
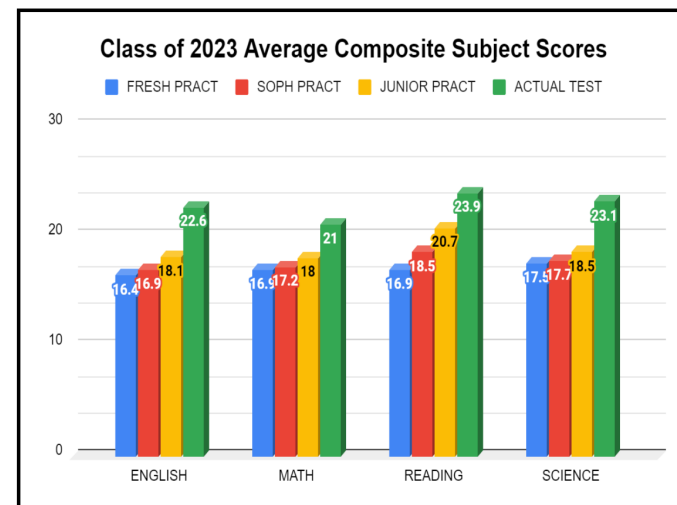
In the fall of 2022 St. Pius X was named a School of Distinction by Cognia following an accreditation review in January of 2022. This is a prestigious award earned by only three schools in Missouri and only 96 schools globally. This is a true testament to our mission and dedication to continuously improving our school in all areas...Catholicity, academics, athletics and environment.

St. Pius X High School was established in 1959 to provide a Catholic education in Jefferson County and beyond. Catholicism is the largest layer of our foundation followed by academics. It has always been our mission to provide the best education possible. We take students in from various schools and at various learning abilities, and we challenge them to grow academically to be ready for life after high school.

Measuring growth can be tricky. Teachers see it everyday in the classroom throughout the year. Finding a way to quantify that growth as a school looks different. St. Pius X uses a practice ACT to track this growth from year to year. The ACT is a standardized test used for college admissions in the United States. It is currently administered by ACT, a nonprofit organization of the same name. The ACT test covers four academic skill areas: english, mathematics, reading, and scientific reasoning.

Media sources have published information about the impact of COVID on school/student performance. Recent data is showing a decline in enrollment in public schools in Jefferson County. I am proud to say that we have not only seen an increase in enrollment, but we've also been able to maintain our success with student growth. Below is data showing the student growth from year to year. There are some national trends to consider while looking at these:

1. Freshmen are asked to take the ACT. This is a challenge as many are still developing their skills and many have only had exposure to Algebra I.
2. There is a national trend showing students are not the readers they once were. We work very hard on developing stronger readers but we too see this trend.
3. Mathematical foundations are weaker than prior to 2020. The lack of instruction students received from March 2020 through May 2021 has created gaps in many students' education. Math seems to be the worst. Traditionally math scores are the lowest of all areas but the skills they should know when entering high school have declined.



(National Averages for 2022 were: English (19.8), English (19), Math (19.3) and Reading (20.4) (66% of students in Missouri took the ACT while 96% of students at St. Pius X took the ACT)

We also track the percentage of students who are meeting the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks. These are the scores ACT has chosen to determine when a student has demonstrated the skills needed to be successful in college. Below you will see the classes of 2022 and 2023 and how they performed year to year. When looking at their freshman year you can see the trends mentioned above. Math and Reading has dropped and Math still remains the lowest.

	English (Benchmark Score: 18)		
	2022	2023	2024
Practice ACT (Fresh)	N/A*	37.0	42.7
Practice ACT (Soph)	54.1	45.2	67.7
Practice ACT (Junior)	54.4	50.0	65.2
ACT (Final)	80.0	81.5	76.9

2018-2022: Plan Test administered to Freshmen instead of Practice ACT

	Math (Benchmark Score: 22)		
	2022	2023	2024
Practice ACT (Fresh)	N/A*	11.0	8.8
Practice ACT (Soph)	27.9	13.7	15.4
Practice ACT (Junior)	29.8	21.0	31.8
ACT (Final)	44.0	40.7	38.5

2018-2022: Plan Test administered to Freshmen instead of Practice ACT

	Reading (Benchmark Score: 22)		
	2022	2023	2024
Practice ACT (Fresh)	N/A*	16.4	27.9
Practice ACT (Soph)	32.8	32.9	36.9
Practice ACT (Junior)	21.1	50.0	54.6
ACT (Final)	62.0	57.4	46.2

2018-2022: Plan Test administered to Freshmen instead of Practice ACT

	Science (Benchmark Score: 23)		
	2022	2023	2024
Practice ACT (Fresh)	N/A*	13.7	10.3
Practice ACT (Soph)	14.8	15.1	21.5
Practice ACT (Junior)	28.1	19.4	25.8
ACT (Final)	48.0	55.6	61.5

2018-2022: Plan Test administered to Freshmen instead of Practice ACT

St. Pius X sees this all as successful data. While we know everyone is not a strong test taker, these numbers do show us how students continue to grow and improve during their time at St. Pius X. Thank you to all of our faculty, staff, parents, alumni and overall community for believing in us and our students! It is always a great day to be a Lancer!

ADMISSIONS

Acceptance Day at St. Pius X High School was a great success yet again. This year, the school welcomed 68 incoming freshmen from various zip codes, which is a testament to the reputation and appeal of the school. To make the experience even more special for the new students, the administration and advancement team hand-delivered acceptance boxes and signs to each of them. The boxes were a big hit and the incoming freshmen were excited about the upcoming academic year. The school community is eagerly looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2027 on campus this fall, and everyone is eager to see what they will bring to StPX. Acceptance Day was a wonderful start to a new chapter in the lives of these young students, and everyone is looking forward to what's to come.



For more information about St. Pius X admissions or to set up a tour, please contact our Director of Admissions, Bre Bannes at (636) 931-7487, ext. 117 or via email at bbannes@stpious.com

HOUSE SYSTEM

At St. Pius X, the House System is a way to foster community, promote healthy competition, and encourage personal growth among students. Each year, the House of the year award is presented to the house that excels in academics, athletics, service, and overall spirit. In the recently concluded academic year, Borgia House emerged victorious and was named House of the year. Led by their dedicated House captains and faculty moderators, Borgia House demonstrated outstanding performance in all areas and proved to be a model of teamwork, determination, and excellence. The House System at St. Pius X continues to be a vibrant and integral part of the school culture, inspiring students to strive for their best and build lasting connections with their peers.



583 program

It has been an exciting 2022-23 school year regarding our 583 Program. Our innovative 583 program is our college visit initiative in which we take 5 college trips to 8 different schools in a student's first 3 years of high school. This school year, our juniors took trips to Southeast Missouri State University, Maryville University, and the University of Missouri at St. Louis (UMSL). Our sophomores took visits to Saint Louis University, McKendree University, Maryville University, and Lindenwood University. Our freshman students began their 583 journey this year by taking a trip to Jefferson College in the spring.

This school year introduced a new element to our 583 program as we took students that are interested in the trades to some technical schools and to visit a local industry. In September, we took a group of seniors for a tour of Ranken Tech in St. Louis. In April, a group of junior students were given the opportunity to take a tour of the State Technical College of Missouri in Linn, MO.

In March, a group of junior students toured Dieb Enterprises, Inc. in Hillsboro. Dieb Enterprises is a member of the St. Pius X Business Alliance program and representatives met with the students, gave them a tour of the Dieb Enterprises facilities, and conducted a technical career presentation for the students. We look forward to continuing to give our students opportunities to visit four year universities, two year colleges/technical schools, and local industry to explore as many post-secondary options as possible.



FINE ARTS



On Thursday May 4, the music department performed their May concert as part of the Fine Arts Festival that St. Pius X hosts. This concert featured the original songs that Music Tech students composed, the Beginning Band, Chorus, Concert Choir, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Rock Band. Some of the songs performed were “I See the Light” from the movie Tangled, Mandalorian from the TV show, Sisi Ni Moja, “Your Love” by the Outfield, Forever Country, and many other songs. All of these groups did a great job sharing their musical talent with the audience. As always, the concert ended with all members performing one song together. What was supposed to be a Star Wars song, ended up being Rick Astley’s “Never Gonna Give You Up.” Mrs. Wood would like all her students to know how immensely proud she is of them for their performance, and she hopes they keep music as a part of their life. She would also like to thank all the parents who support their students in their musical endeavors, and allow them to be a part of something so great.



On the same night of the music performance the art department put on their annual art show. The art show features all senior artwork and a combination of some of the freshmen, sophomore, and junior artwork. All of the seniors were honored for their hard work and contribution to the art department in their time at St Pius X. In addition, the Senior Art Exhibition had three awards this year. Best Technique went to Abbie Jost for her portrait, "Grandma." Most Original was a tie between Sierra Hill for "Birds Gone Rogue" and Ben Makowski for "The Music That Makes Me, Me." Lastly, Best in Show went to Reagan Edwards for her works "Shattered and Moments Taken." One other art student was given an award for exemplary achievement in art, decided upon by Mrs. Delaney, this went to Francie Surdyke. Mrs. Delaney would like to thank everyone who helped make the art exhibition possible, all of the staff, student helpers, and attendees for coming to support!

On April 20, Circle Theatre traveled to Springfield MO to participate in the MSHSAA state speech and theater tournament. St. Pius X qualified for the tournament for the one act play and the individual event of dramatic interpretation. Students put on a strong performance, but fell short of reaching the final four with the one act play. Karley Yahl, who qualified for dramatic interpretation, performed on Saturday the 22nd. This year's one act play was Alice's Adventures with Poorly Cooked Cafeteria Seafood by Don Zolidis. The play is an amusing retelling of the classic Alice in Wonderland story. Karley Yahl's dramatic interpretation was "The Button" by Robert Newman. "The Button" is a serious piece about solitary confinement. Parents and students alike commented on how fun and memorable the trip was. Way to go St. Pius X Circle Theatre!



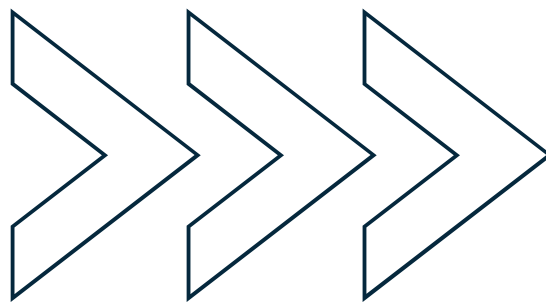
CAPSTONE PROJECT

St. Pius X High School Class of 2023 recently hosted their Senior Capstone Night on April 4th. As part of the school's curriculum, all students are required to complete a senior capstone project during their time at the school. This project includes a service learning component, job shadowing hours, and self-reflection on personal growth while attending St. Pius X.

During the Senior Capstone Night, each senior presented a display showcasing their personal growth and development throughout their high school years. The display included a representation of their freshman self, their current self, and their future plans. All of the seniors were present at the event and required to stand next to their display for a few hours in an open house format, allowing anyone to come and see how they have transformed during their time at St. Pius X.



SPORTS RECAP



BASEBALL:

As of the time of writing, the St. Pius X Varsity baseball team has a record of 15-9 for the year and has won the 2023 JCAA Conference Championship (Back to Back Conference titles in 2022 & 2023). They have also received the number one seed in the Class 3 District 4 Tournament. This season, the Lancers were led by four seniors: Connor Hamilton, Jordan Sanders, Chase Waterkotte, and Andrew Merseal. Over the past two seasons, the Lancers have won a total of 36 games. The baseball team had the opportunity to play at GCS, a Minor League stadium in Sauget, IL, as well as at Busch Stadium, the home of the St. Louis Cardinals. The baseball coaches would like to express their gratitude to all the parents, players, and administration for their support throughout the season.

TRACK AND FIELD:

The season began with a remarkable start as the girls team emerged victorious as a team in their first meet of the season, the Potosi Invitational on Friday, March 17th. At the Jefferson R7 BlueJay Invitational, the girls secured a 2nd place finish as a team, while the Boys team finished in 5th place. Senior Hanna Burch set a new school record in the Shot Put (11.19m) at the JCAA Conference Meet on April 26th. Freshman Elena Ruble set a new school record in the Javelin (32.71m) at the Potosi Relays on April 18th. Additionally, the Boys 4x400 team, consisting of Freshman Danny DeGeare, Sophomore Sam Eimer, Freshman Braden Caldwell, and Junior John Whitman, set a new school record (3:40.79) at the Class 2 District 1 Track meet on May 6th. On Saturday, May 6, 2023, the St. Pius X Lancers Track and Field teams participated in the Class 2 District 1 meet at Scott City High School. The Lancers qualified for 15 events that will advance to sectionals in New Haven on May 13th. The Girls team also achieved a commendable 3rd place overall in the district, marking the best finish in over three decades.

GIRLS SOCCER:

St. Pius X varsity girls soccer team is currently 17-5-1 and the #2 seed in their Class 2 District. This team has some extremely talented young ladies that have worked hard all season and have a great record to show for it. These ladies have been state ranked in the top 5 of their Class all season long and we are anticipating another district championship with hopes to get back to the Final Four this season. The chemistry of the team is amazing and a joy to coach.



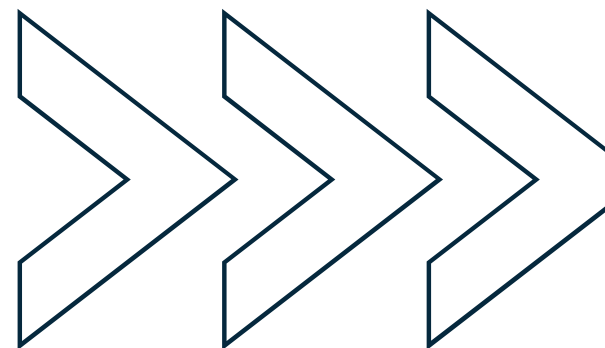
GOLF:

It would be unfair to judge the 2023 edition of the St. Pius X boys golf team solely based on their 4-8 record (4-5 in conference). This season had numerous individual and team highlights. Individually, Will Becker (6) and Chase Waterkotte (3) set 9 new program scoring records. Chase and Will also partnered to win the Windsor Scramble Tournament. Chase, Griffin Baker, and Will earned spots on the JCAA All-Conference Team. Finally, Chase and Will were selected for the Class 2 District 1 All-District Team. As a team, the golfers established 8 new program scoring records and tied the 18-Hole program low of 372 at the Second Annual St. Pius X Invitational held at their home course, Crystal Highlands. To conclude the season, the team secured a second-place finish in the Class 2 District 1 tournament, earning them a spot at the Class 2 State Tournament and making them only the second golf team in St. Pius X history to advance to the state tournament.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL:

The St. Pius X boys varsity volleyball team currently holds a 10-5 record for the year. They participated in two tournaments this season, namely the Belleville East Tournament and the Lafayette Invitational. The Lancers were led by five seniors: Ben Foy, Ian Kutilek, Ben Makowski, Austin McGuckin, and Nolan Sippel. They will be playing in the Class 3 District 7 Tournament where they received the number one seed. Districts will be hosted at St. Pius X on Tuesday May 16th and Wednesday May 17th. Coach Atzert and Coach Aubuchon would like to thank all our parents, players, managers, and administration for their support this season.

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ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMPS

9-12th grade students must be enrolled at St. Pius X High School to participate.
All grades are as of August 2023.

ATHLETIC CAMPS

Boys Basketball

Session I (Grades 4-6)

June 26 - 29, 9:00AM - 10:30AM

Session II (Grades 7-8)

June 26 - 29, 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Session III (Grades 9-12)

June 26 - 29, 12:00PM - 2:00PM

Girls Basketball

Session I (Grades 9-12)

June 12 - 16, 2:00PM - 3:30PM

Session II (Grades 4-8)

June 12 - 16, 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Little Lancers Basketball

Little Lancers (CO-ED) (Grades 2-3)

June 12 - 15, 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Cross Country

Cross Country (CO-ED) (Grades 6-12)

June 5 - 8, 9:00AM - 10:30AM

Football

Session I (Grades 5-8)

July 17 - 20, 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Session II (Grades 9-12)

July 17 - 20, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Softball

Session I (Grades 6-12)

June 5 - 8, 9:00AM - 11:30AM

Boys Soccer

Session I (Grades 4-8)

July 24 - 27, 8:30AM - 10:00AM

Session II (Grades 9-12)

July 24 - 27, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Girls Soccer

Session I (Grades 4-8)

June 19 - 22, 8:30AM - 10:30AM

Session II (Grades 9-12)

June 19 - 22, 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Tennis

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 5-8)

June 26 - 30, 9:00AM - 10:30AM

Session II (CO-ED) (Grades 9-12)

June 26 - 30, 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Girls Volleyball

Session I (Grades 9-12)

June 5 - 8, 12PM - 2PM

Session II (Grades 6-8)

June 5 - 8, 2PM - 3:30PM

Wrestling

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 9-12)

July 10 - 13, 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Session II (CO-ED) (Grades 5-8)

July 10 - 13, 1:00PM - 3:00PM

SUMMER SEMINARS

Art

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 6-8)

July 17 - 21, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

The summer art seminar will focus on a different medium each day. Past media have included ceramics, print-making, painting, drawing and sculpture. The week will conclude with an exhibition of the students' work, open to all family and friends!

Theatre

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 6-12)

June 12 - 16 9:00AM - 11:30AM

Come learn about all things Theatre! Become comfortable with being just a little bit crazy. Auditioning, acting, improv, staging, sound and lighting basics are things we will cover this week. Family and friends are invited to our free mini performance at the end of the week.

Wellness

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 6-8)

June 19 - 23, 9:00AM - 10:30AM

A week of fun where campers engage in physical activity and learn the importance of healthy nutrition and lifestyle habits. Campers will learn different ways to challenge their mind and bodies with exercises like Zumba, HIIT workouts and advanced stretching.

REGISTRATION

Cost- \$50 per camp

Online registration is open: www.stpius.com/summercamps

Register **one week before** camp start date to guarantee a t-shirt.

CAR SHOW

The St. Pius X Car Show was an incredible event, showcasing approximately 50 stunning cars that captivated attendees from start to finish. Car enthusiasts and visitors alike marveled at the impressive array of vehicles on display, each one a testament to the owner's passion and craftsmanship. The highlight of the show was the announcement of the seven well-deserved winners in various categories, including Best in Show, Best Truck, Best Motorcycle, Rat Rod pre 1949, Muscle Car pre 1970, Muscle Car post 1970, and Custom. The competition was fierce, reflecting the high caliber of entries. Moving forward, St. Pius X is committed to growing and improving this outstanding event. We invite all alumni who share a love for cars and possess ideas, networking abilities, or any valuable input to reach out to Peggy Flanagan at (636) 931-7487 ext. 106 or via email at pflanagan@stpius.com.



ST. PIUS X *Legacy Gala*

The amount of support we received for the 2023 Legacy Gala Dinner Auction is overwhelming. There are not enough words to say THANK YOU to all of the parents, students, and their families that gave their time, donations of items, monetary contributions, and amazing talent to help us reach a record breaking net revenue number of \$164,858.24! We are so humbled by your generosity.

Class Challenge totals were impressive! As a reminder these are GROSS totals (the selling dollar amount of ALL donated class items):

1st place	Freshman class	\$16,932
2nd place	Senior class	\$14,165
3rd place	Junior class	\$7,615
4th place	Sophomore class	\$6,815

In total, the students and families brought in over \$45,000 in donations, baskets, live auction items and more! This is incredible and we can't THANK YOU enough for assisting with the success of the Legacy Gala Dinner Auction.

Because they ranked first, the freshman class enjoyed a class social with breakfast & games on Thursday April 13 during an extended homeroom with a dress down day! Congratulations to the Class of 2026! We also wanted to thank Laurie Lewis, Kelly Hermann, Michelle Donovan-Cudihee, Peggy Flanagan, and Angela Moissis for being the parent leaders for each class challenge.

Our Fund-a-Need 2023 goes towards St. Pius X's continued mission to renew, repurpose and restore the facilities and resources we have, specifically our locker rooms. The Fund-a-Need raised \$18,700.00!

The Friends of Father Dalton Scholarship was created in 2011 to provide financial assistance for families who may need assistance to make Catholic education a reality for their child. Father Dalton committed a lifetime of service, pouring his heart and soul into growing St. Pius X. This year we were able to raise \$10,150.00 for this amazing scholarship!

As with any event of this magnitude, there are many to be thankful for. Thank you to anyone who donated, attended, volunteered and supported the event financially. Thank you to Molly Miriani and the entire decorating crew for making the gym/school look so beautiful. Thank you to the live and silent auction crew for your time and talents! Thank you to the staff and faculty for all of your help in the many weeks it took to plan this event. We couldn't have had the huge success of this event without your assistance.

May God bless you-Amy Atzert, Director of Events



St. Pius X High School Honored with Missouri Seal of Biliteracy

St. Pius X High School is thrilled to announce that its policy has met or exceeded the minimum criteria necessary to award qualifying students the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy. The school has been recognized for its commitment to providing excellence in education which includes language arts.

The Missouri Seal of Biliteracy is a state-wide policy commitment meant to encourage school districts to include language education in their preschool to postsecondary quality program design. It is one of many strategies that the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) employs to provide students with a broad range of opportunities to further their college and/or career goals.

"We applaud St. Pius X High School for its efforts to recognize the challenging and highly beneficial accomplishment of becoming biliterate," said Cammy Goucher, spokesperson from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. "By establishing their local policy and procedures to award the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy, they have shown their commitment to providing a well-rounded educational experience to their students."

Bilingualism is known to improve cognition, behavior, and problem-solving skills. It also leads to additional career opportunities when students enter the workforce. St. Pius X High School is proud to be preparing its students for success in college and their future careers by providing opportunities for them to become biliterate.

"We extend our greatest appreciation to the St. Pius X High School Board of Directors, school administrators, and the local Missouri Seal of Biliteracy committee for their diligent work in making this program a reality," added the spokesperson from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

St. Pius X High School is honored to receive this recognition and looks forward to continuing to provide its students with academic growth, challenging students to be life-long learners in mind, body, and soul.

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.

REUNIONS

Class of 1988

The Class of 1988 will be having their 35th Reunion during the St. Pius X football game on September 29, 2023. Please contact Chris Keisker at chriskeisker17@gmail.com or (314) 985-9180 to help out with the planning or for additional details.

Class of 1998

The Class of 1998 will be having their 25th Reunion at the St. Pius X football game on September 15, 2023. Please contact Tina (Kasmarzik) Duepner at ckasmarzik@hotmail.com to help out with the planning or for additional details.

Reunion information is always available on our website at stpius.com.

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