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ONE BODY IN  
CHRIST

1 Corinthians 12:12-27





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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.

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# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO THE LANCER FAMILY,

To say this year has been different is an understatement. Yet one thing has remained constant - St. Pius X High School's commitment to providing extraordinary education. From the beginning of the school year on August 14, we've learned what it means to come together and adapt as one community with the same mission.

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*

*For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the*

*foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.*

*The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,*

*which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

The St. Pius X community epitomizes this philosophy. We are intertwined, connected and essential to each other. A teacher without a student, a coach without a student athlete, a Mass without a congregation...we need each other. In these recent times, our togetherness has been challenging, but we have continued to stay focused on our mission of providing extraordinary education and nurturing the mind, body and soul of our students. As we look to the future, we know these challenges will pass, and we will continue to shine as the faith driven center of academic excellence.

Sincerely,  
Jim Lehn

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# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



*Grace Halfmann*

"I love how much you get to know upper and underclassmen. Interacting with upperclassmen is super beneficial especially if you're struggling in a class they already have taken."



*Adam Bishop*

"I like the close-knit atmosphere of St. Pius X. No matter what grade you're in or what extracurriculars you do, you're always welcomed by everyone. Nobody feels like a stranger and everybody feels like they belong."



*Jessie Fellmer*

"I love that St. Pius X is such a small environment. The teachers have a bond with every student and truly want to see them succeed. The students are also all very kind and welcoming to anyone and everyone."



*Reagan Klahs*

"Everyone really cares for one another. Other schools say they do, but I don't believe them. At Pius, I've experienced first hand how much everyone cares for one another, whether it's the district championship for basketball or school adoration."



*Laura Menendez*

"My favorite part of attending St. Pius X is the sense of community throughout all of the students. No matter who you are, what grade you're in, or what extracurriculars you are involved in, it is really easy to get along with most everyone."



*Naddy Nikko*

"I love the people at St. Pius X. I love the teachers and the students and everybody here. I love walking down the hallway during the lunch hour because there's so many people to talk to, so many teachers willing to chat. I love knowing that I can talk to anybody in the entire school."



# EXCHANGE STUDENTS

What is the biggest difference between St. Pius X and your school at home?



*Marko Ahlert*

Kirkkonummi, Finland

I think the biggest difference would probably be the amount of different classes. For example in Finland my subjects would change every 2 months but here I have had the same classes the whole time I have been here.



*Stepan Brozek*

Libčice, Czech Republic

Our school is different in many ways but the main one is that we have more subjects and a shorter time for each class.

## *A Continuing Commitment to the Students of St. Pius X* Lancer Endowment at St. Pius X (L.E.A.P.)

In the early 1980s, Rev. Donald T. Dalton gathered a group of St. Pius X founders, patrons and parents. That group resolved to establish a fund to assist in tuition payments where there was a need.

The Lancer Endowment at St. Pius X (L.E.A.P.) is a 501(c)(3) independent tax-exempt corporation that functions through an eleven-member Board of Directors who are appointed for three-year staggered terms. All are volunteers deeply committed to the belief that tuition assistance is an investment in young people who hold the promise of tomorrow.

The LEAP Board oversees an endowment which funds a portion of tuition assistance each school year at St. Pius X High School. Their primary responsibility is to grow the endowment and work to preserve the principal fund through careful management.

This is just one example of the many members of the St. Pius X family who contribute “time, talent and treasure” in support of the extraordinary students of St. Pius X.

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## WHO ARE OUR DONORS?



561 TOTAL



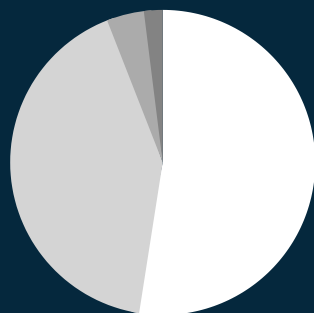
236 ALUMNI



152 STUDENTS



62 PARENTS OF ALUMNI



GIFTS UP TO \$100 53%

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Borgia House



Dalton House



Deutschmann House



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House with highest percentage of participants and the House with highest dollar amount in donations:

**Dalton House**

Total Giving  
**\$1,288.32**

## ALUMNI GIVING

TOP 10 CLASS PARTICIPATION

#1 - 2018 #6 - 2020

#2 - 2015 #7 - 1979

#3 - 1964 #8 - 1982

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#5 - 1966 #10 - 1967

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**\$10,953.44**

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FACULTY  
AND STAFF  
PARTICIPATION



# GOLF RECAP

Not surprisingly, the St. Pius X community banded together in the face of the pandemic and the added challenge of rainy weather on July 31 to give us one of the largest tournament fields in the history of our event. Special thanks to Mr. Larry Krodinger '63 for again chairing this event, as he has done for several years. Thank you to Melissa Hartmann, Director of Events, and all the volunteers for all they did to make this event so successful, as well as our hosts at Oak Valley Golf Course and Resort.

# HOMECOMING RECAP

Homecoming took on a different look this year as a result of Covid-19 related restrictions, yet we celebrated this annual event. We still had a host of home athletic events that week, capped by Friday's football game, and the students participated in games each morning of the school week. The biggest change was that, for the first time, we did not have a Homecoming dance that Saturday night. Instead, students came to campus and spread out on the football field for a nighttime screening of the movie *Guardians of the Galaxy* on a 20 foot inflatable big screen.





# One Body in Christ

'Change is the only constant' is certainly a phrase applicable to 2020. So too can it be used in reference to our campus, where improvements large and small are always taking place. Many of those improvements are showcased here. While the most visible change is the Wellness Center, which opened this spring, equally important upgrades are taking place all over St. Pius X. This summer saw a new high-efficiency HVAC system installed in the gymnasium, while security was upgraded with a new security camera system and adding keyless entry options to several campus entrances. Classroom improvements included an overhaul of the Art classroom, and the kitchen received a welcome update with the new walk-in freezer, replacing the original which had been installed in 1959.



Baseball backstop, fencing and grass



Stadium grass, fence and time clocks



Tennis resurfacing, paint and nets



Softball field dirt and scoreboard



Soccer watering system, grass, pressbox and scoreboard



Art room remodel





Wheelchair lift



Wellness Center



Robotics room



Club room



Science lab



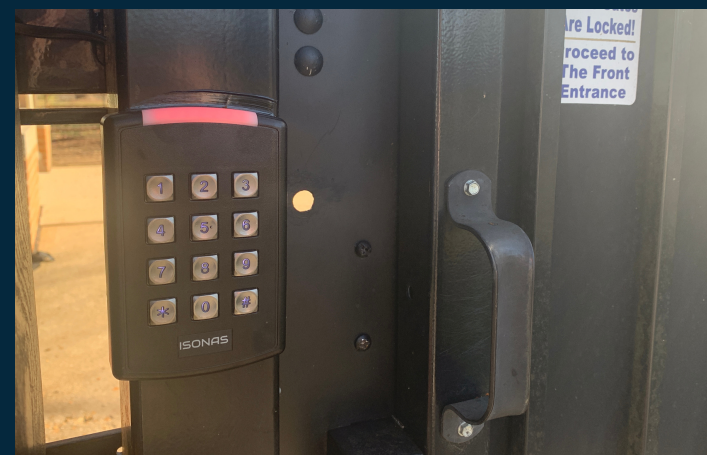
Athletic Director's office



Visiting locker room



Gymnasium window tint, new paint, TV and HVAC



Electronic access doors





# A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TO THE LANCER FAMILY,

“As the first graduating class of St. Pius X High School, we present our yearbook to the students who will follow us. Our challenge was to be the first...to clear the footpath, to try our strengths against the yet untried. To you who come after is given the challenge to build where we have cleared, to take our successes on and to try again where we have not reached the final goals. In the spirit of Pope St. Pius X, who strove to restore all things in Christ, we pass to you the challenge to walk tall, self-disciplines, free in the cause of Christ.” - Class of 1963

This quote is in the 1963 yearbook, displayed in the main office, and is used every year when we hold our induction ceremony during our St. Pius X Feast Day celebrations. It is what motivates me every year to accept this challenge. It is not only for all

of the students who come through the school, but also for the faculty and staff.

The 2020-2021 school year has presented a challenge to us as well. How can we, as a Catholic community, continue to provide our amazing students with the programs and environment they deserve? We start by embracing our school's mission and move forward from there. The spring challenged us to begin teaching in new and exciting ways.

As we continue through the school year, I will continue to honor the challenge of the Class of 1963 by continuing down their path, inspiring us to keep finding new ways to let 2020-2021 be the year it deserves to be.

Sincerely,  
Karen DeCosty '93

## ADMISSIONS

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**9TH** ADMISSIONS INTERVIEWS

### FEBRUARY 2021

**1ST** ACCEPTANCE LETTERS MAILED

**18TH** INDUCTION NIGHT

**24TH** TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE

### MARCH 2021

**ALL**  
**MONTH** 7TH GRADE MONTH





The theme for the 2020-2021 school year is the Mystical Body of Christ. This school year we are calling to mind that through our baptism we are all united in the Body of Christ. During these uncertain and difficult times in our country and around the world, we need to remember our membership in the Body of Christ and to focus on that unity. St. Paul speaks specifically about the unity of the Body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:26 when he says, “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”

Our St. Pius X community has experienced the effects of St. Paul’s words already this school year. We are grateful for Fr. Vortriede’s leadership as chaplain, because it has helped our StPX community grow stronger in our Catholic faith over the past two years before being called by the Archdiocese to serve a parish in dire need of his service. We will continue to pray for him and his new parish as he continues his mission. Even though we feel this loss, we have been supported by the installation of the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, and local priests who have agreed to celebrate Masses and hear confessions at St. Pius X.

As we continue this school year, Mass will still be offered once a week during the lunch hour, with confessions available afterwards. Fr. Ryan Weber from Assumption and Fr. Raymond Buehler from Good Shepherd have graciously agreed to be at St. Pius X weekly to offer Mass and confessions. All school Masses and penance services will also still take place but will be celebrated by priests from the area. With Jesus Christ as the head of the Body of Christ, we have nothing to fear, and the St. Pius X community will continue to rely on Him to guide us in all that we do.



**One Body in Christ**

We invite you to please save the date for our

*Legacy Gala Dinner Auction*

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**  
1030 St. Pius Drive Festus, MO 63028

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12



# A MESSAGE FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

**From Coach Tilden Watson:** The Lord has given us free will in every decision we make in our life. Being healthy is also a matter of free will. I explain to students and others I work with in the Wellness Center that God has told us our “body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.....God created our physical bodies, therefore making good and precious from the start.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). I have seen students who were initially afraid of the Wellness Center and the Health and Wellness classes because they had not previously worked on their fitness, but once they step out of their shell they realize they can be successful. I have the satisfaction of watching these students transform their bodies from the start of their freshman year to the end of

their senior year and I am not just talking about the athletes. Nearly every student begins to realize the importance of training and how it affects the human body. The biggest epiphany that I have witnessed is seeing how the Wellness Center builds self-confidence in students. As their body transforms to a healthier version, the growth in self-confidence happens because of the way the students carry themselves. The students also learn that when you work your body out, it helps boost the cognitive abilities and skills of their brain. The Wellness Center is more than just a weight room; it is a where St. Pius X develops the body to better prepare our students for life.

## FALL SPORTS RECAP

### PANDEMIC SCHEDULING

- We had to cancel or reschedule over 40 games among the fall season teams.
- Every team still was able to play at least 80% of their schedule.

### ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Over the last year and a half we only had one team not make Academic All-State, earned when a team has an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The most successful season in school history ended at the state championship meet with a third place finish in Class 2 for the team, while senior Rita Eimer rallied late in the 5k race to win the state championship with a time of 19:37.

### BOYS SOCCER

The team finished 7-11, playing 11 games against schools that were at least one class bigger. The season ended with a heart-wrenching 3-1 loss at home to Whitfield in the Class 1 District 1 tournament championship game.

### FOOTBALL

After consecutive 8-3 seasons, the football team had a 3-7 record this fall. The pandemic had a major impact on the schedule, changing out four games originally on the docket. Overall, six of the teams they faced ranked in the top ten in their class and three of them one or two classes up in size.

### GIRLS TENNIS

Went 7-5 overall. The doubles team of Brooke Pesek '21 and Sophia Stolzer '22 advanced to sectional play.

### VOLLEYBALL

18-7-3 in the first year of being moved up to Class 4 via the MSHSAA Championship Factor (2 state titles, 2 other Final Four appearances the last five years). Finished 2nd in district play. Junior Kennedy Lane earned 2nd Team All-State honors.

### SOFTBALL

Softball had another successful season, posting a 10-4 record before bowing out in district semi-final play. Senior AJ Agers pitched every inning for the Lancers and capped a stellar softball career by earning 2nd Team All-State recognition.



## FINE ARTS

## ART

**From Ms. LaMartina:** Art in the Covid climate has been challenging but we have made the best of it! Turn in procedures have changed to an online format as well turning in the physical projects. To do this we have been photographing and documenting our progress on Google classroom and a personal student portfolio website. There have been many inventive and successful projects. This fall, juniors drew architectural plans for a building of their own choice. Then each student brought their design to life by constructing the buildings with a variety of materials. Pictured here, a Victorian style home recalls the past with textured surfaces and many interior rooms, livened by a wash of cheerful lavender paint.



## MUSIC

**From Mr. Roskowski:** The music department has done it's best to adapt to the new precautions we have been taking. All classes are on the stage to allow for social distancing, masks are worn, and our instrumentalists have covers on their horns. The concert band has incorporated a drumline and playing marching band music outside, which was played at our Homecoming pep rally. The jazz band played before the fall play on Saturday, November 21st. The Christmas concert will be virtual this year. We will be recording videos of the Concert Choir, Chorus, Concert Band, Beginning Band, and Jazz Band, and they will be streamed on the St. Pius X YouTube channel beginning Thursday evening, December 17th at 7 PM.



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## FEATURED ALUMNI:

# Faculty & Staff

St. Pius X is very fortunate to have 10 alumni serving the school as faculty, staff and administrators. Their knowledge of our history and enthusiasm for our community has a great impact on our students as well as co-workers. "Hardly a week goes by where I do not learn something new about St. Pius X by just chatting with one of our alumni faculty or staffers," said Matt Schutte, VP of Community Relations & Post-Secondary Advisory. "Their presence here really lifts the whole school."

### What do you like most about working at your alma mater?



Aaron Portell '94

"I feel that we (Pius) provide a great learning environment for all students and for me, as a teacher, that makes my job enjoyable everyday."



Dennis Moore '98

"It's not what I expected. When I was younger, I never would have considered being a teacher, much less being a teacher at my old high school. Now, I really couldn't imagine doing anything else."



Karen DeCosty '93

"Not only is it fun to work with the teachers I had, but more importantly I enjoy being a part of continuing on the St. Pius X Way and the long standing traditions of the school."



Diana Parker '01

"I'm honored to continue preserving and promoting the legacy of extraordinary care provided by St. Pius X High School."



Kevin Halley '98

"To know I have the opportunity to give current students the same experience I had. And to do it alongside the same people that played a role in my tremendous high school experience."



Barb Charboneau '65

"Students and teachers I have known over the years some who I still hear from time to time. Also the willingness of teachers and students to help when needed whether in the classroom or with something else."



## FEATURED ALUMNI CONTINUED:



Breanna Easter '15

"Getting to see students excel and have a great high school experience like I did."



Victoria Aubuchon '10

"Being able to reminisce with my previous teachers and alumni. Also, having commonalities with the students when it comes to sharing in some of the same traditions that I had during my time at St. Pius X as a student and being a part of new traditions with them."



Ellie Warden '15

"Seeing the very same traditions that they had when I was here continue over the years is my favorite thing about working at St. Pius X."



Olivia LaMartina '14

"I love most that I get to teach in a place that aligns with so many of my own values. St. Pius X recognizes the relevance of an arts education and grounds our students in a strong community and faith formation."

## St. Pius X Alumni Association

Meetings: December 9th \* March 10th \* June 9th \* September 8th

Zoom options available

To learn more or join a committee email Diana Parker at [dparker@stpius.com](mailto:dparker@stpius.com)







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