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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.





From the President, Jim Lehn

Whether you attended St. Pius X High School in 1959 or 2019, there is a real, tangible sense of community and compassion that is “The St. Pius X Way”.

Prior to January 1, 2018, the day I was so blessed to begin the journey as President of St. Pius X High School, I experienced the community through my oldest son, who graduated from St. Pius

X in 2018. I’m still seeing the benefits of this extraordinary community in my other sons who are attending St. Pius X, a senior and sophomore.

The mission of St. Pius X is to challenge and nurture the students to develop the talents God has given them. We face great challenges, real and perceived, as educators in today’s society. Rooted in our Catholic faith, we remain true to our core values as we prepare the future leaders for life in the 21st century.

Like so many of you, while I’m at work I might not be in my office. Anything from speaking with students during our lunch hour, to catching up with teachers and staff, to checking on the progress of the new Wellness Center. Observations from these interactions help us shape policies for future as well as current success, without compromising on our core values and traditions.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6



From the Principal, Karen DeCosty, '93

With this being our 60th year, I’ve been reflecting on our school and its history. The first ever marketing piece for our school states: “A jewel...the only human word to express the expanse of brick and mortar that comprises the buildings to the new St. Pius X High School. But behind that combinations of labor and materials, is the greatest jewel of this creation, the Jewel of our Salvation. That treasure of inestimable value is the Holy Eucharist, the food of the soul, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is fitting then, that the new high school should be named after the pope of the Holy Eucharist, St. Pius X....St. Pius X would be proud that we have chosen him as our patron, for we hope to live and die Eucharistic Catholics.”

Four years after our founding was our first graduation ceremony. The Class of 1963 issued this challenge in the yearbook: “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 strength against the yet untried. To you who come after is given the challenge to build 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-disciplined, free in the cause of Christ”.

As St. Pius X heads into another 60 years please continue to pray for us. Pray that we continue to live out the challenge the Class of 1963 presented and make them proud as the first ever graduates of St. Pius X High School.

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WINTER 2019 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

St. Pius X High School honors students each month who have exhibited great strength in a set of identified character traits. Building excellent character in our students is important to the teachers and staff at SPX.

These are students who apply for this award and are recognized by our faculty and staff for achievements in academics as well as other school-related involvement. We are very proud of these students. Students of the Month receive a certificate of recognition, speak at a Rotary Club luncheon, have their photos displayed in St. Pius X High School's second-floor foyer for the month and are invited as a group to have lunch with the Principal. The student also receives a special Student of the Month parking space!

AUGUST: *Bailey Macke*

"You have to see the miracles for there to be miracles" from one of my favorite books I'll Give You the Sun. This quote reminds me to look at all I have and be grateful for the little miracles that happen every day."



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH DISCUSS THEIR FAVORITE QUOTES.

SEPTEMBER: *Gabriel Verzola*

"I can do this all day." - Captain America

I like this quote because it's about hard work, which is an important trait to me. If you want to achieve things in life, they usually do not happen easily and hard work is required. It reminds us that you should always be willing to work hard even if you don't feel like it, as Captain America says this quote at times when it seems he is about to give up and accept defeat. Instead of giving up, you should persevere and believe that you can keep going.



OCTOBER: *Madison Kurzweil*

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind" -Dr. Seuss

I like this quote because not only do I enjoy Dr. Seuss, but this quote reminds me to keep things in perspective. If I am too worried about what others will think about me, then I won't be able to be myself. Surrounding myself with supportive friends and family and being supportive of others is something I think is really important.



NOVEMBER: *Brenna Mickley*

My favorite quote is "Dance enables you to find yourself and lose yourself at the same time." Dance is my escape from all my stress and I feel most free to be myself when I am dancing.



DECEMBER: *Molly Flanagan*

"And though she be but little, she is fierce." -William Shakespeare.

I like this quote because I am a shorter person, but it shows that my size doesn't matter when it comes to my tenacity or determination. I may appear to be little, but with my hard work I can accomplish more than I seem to be able to do.



HOMECOMING RECAP

MS. BARB CHARBONEAU, '65 ~ HALL OF FAME 2019

At the Homecoming football game, St. Pius X honored Barb Charboneau as our newest Hall of Fame inductee.

Charb taught physical education at St. Pius X from 1970 to 2000 and coached a combination of girls' teams from 1970 to 2004. When asked for a favorite memory, she said while winning her second basketball district title in 1981 followed by 3 consecutive district titles is one of them, when she truly reflects back the most rewarding part of her career the connection with the students, many of whom have become lifelong friends.

But Charb's journey with St. Pius X High School began before her teaching and coaching career. She entered St. Pius X as a freshman in 1960, before girl's athletics had been established. Following 2 years at Jefferson College and 2 years at Southeast Missouri State University, where she played softball and majored in education, she brought her talents back to St. Pius X. While teaching girl's physical education in 1970 she was presented the opportunity by Athletic Director Ralph Boyer to introduce girl's volleyball as an extracurricular activity. She jumped at the chance and following the passing of Title IX, went on to introduce girl's track in 1973, girls basketball in 1974 and softball in 1985. The softball team originally practiced and played games at Sunset Park in Festus until the Barb Charboneau Softball Field was built and dedicated to her in 2000. Her true legacy at St. Pius X High School will be as an advocate for girl's athletics and education.

Charb, we thank you for the countless hours, talents and gifts you have shared with us.



As if the day could get any better, as Charb is getting ready to receive her award into the Hall of Fame, the softball ladies brought home a district win!

At Homecoming we also honored previous fall Lancer coaches who were in attendance

that evening - Mr. Rick Overberg, Mr. Gary Werkmeister, Mrs. Angeline Stucke, Mrs. Trish Meyer, Mr. Richard Charboneau, Mr. Greg Ervin, Mr. Tim Pigg, Mr. Bill Schmidt, and Mr. Ralph Boyer.

We thank each of these individuals for sharing countless hours and talents in assisting our student's growth, both as athletes and individuals. The lessons taught by these coaches, on and off the field, carry beyond the four short years of high school.

St. Pius X High School alumni Tony Fischer '84 carrying our game ball, arrived in style for our Homecoming football game in Mercy Hospital's helicopter. He was met on the field by senior son Carson Fischer.



The Fischer family are generous with their time, talent, and treasures here at St. Pius X, always willing to lend a helping hand. We appreciate your support. Thank you Fischer family!

Homecoming would not be complete without fireworks from Mr. Randy Russell and Carrollton Bank.



HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL.

SPX DAY OF GIVING 2019

SPX Day of Giving 2019 was held on November 7. In preparation for this year we had two student assemblies. One featured our student challenge that took place on SPX Day of Giving, the other assembly featured an alumni guest speaker, Mr. Travis Bannes, '10. As a young alumni, current soccer coach, and recently appointed board member, Travis presented what stewardship means to him.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Carlotta von Borstell
Germany

What is your hometown like compared to Festus MO?

My hometown is completely different than Festus. The school system, for example that you have the same classes everyday and that you have sport teams in your school. The food is also really different. I like it, but I miss a few things a lot, like the bread. Also the lifestyle in general is really different, you drive cars everywhere, even if you could walk and you don't ride bikes.

The most interesting food you have eaten in the states?

Toasted Ravioli



Karl Erich Sooru
Estonia

What is your hometown like compared to Festus/St. Louis MO?

I live in Tallinn, Estonia, a city of 450,000 people. In Tallinn, most people don't have cars, because public transportation is so good. This gives people without a car, like me, freedom to go anywhere in the city. That's something I miss, because here I need a ride to get anywhere. People really like their cars here.

The most interesting food you've eaten in the States?

I visited Chicago with my host family and there we got some Chicago-style deep dish pizza. I had a Diavola pizza and that was without a doubt the most interesting pizza I've ever had.



Anneke Petersen
Germany

What is your hometown like compared to Festus MO?

I live in one of the biggest cities of Germany, so Festus is very different for me. In Hamburg everything is closer, we live in flats instead of houses and have smaller yards. Moreover we do not drive with the car that much. We prefer to ride our bikes or use bus and train. If I went through my neighborhood people are everywhere, shopping, sitting in little cafes or talking to other people. Another difference is the size of the stores. In my hometown there are individual stores but in Festus you can get everything in the same shop.

One thing about the US that I have learned:
One thing I have learned is that you get in every restaurant free refills and that you should order a small size whatever you order, because large is huge.

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. The group resolved to establish a fund to assist in the 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 L.E.A.P. 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, talents, and treasure" in support of the extraordinary students of St. Pius X.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Father Tom Vordtriede

A patron saint is defined as a heavenly advocate of a nation, place, family, or person. These advocates, by the way they have lived their lives, are models of holiness. But saints are more than examples to people based on their past; they are active intercessors for human beings right here in the present. As men and women who have entered into heaven, the saints are active members of the Church who, like the living, pray for others in need.

The patron saint of our school family is, of course, Pope St. Pius X. Because our school has been named after him, we have entered into a special relationship with St. Pius—a relationship whereby we are prayed for in a particular way by him. To further appreciate this spiritual friendship with our patron, we started this year doing what Catholics have culturally done throughout history: we had a day of celebration on his liturgical feast day.

August 21st began with a freshmen candlelight induction ceremony in the gym after morning advisory. Freshman (and new members of the St. Pius X family) were called forward and sorted into their respective houses. This ceremony gave way to an all school Mass, where we focused on the life and merits of Pope St. Pius X. During Mass we blessed the class officers and the members of the House and Executive Councils, which was fitting because their leadership over the summer helped to plan all the feast day's entertainment.

At the end of Mass the Eucharist was placed in the monstrance and left on the altar for a short period of adoration. Then a procession formed, where the Eucharist was taken down the steps, exiting by the construction area for the new Wellness Center. During the procession, the Divine Mercy Chaplet was prayed over the intercom, which was an integrated expression of our year's theme of mercy. We marched to the outdoor courtyard between the annex and main building where the statue of Pope St. Pius X resides. Our extra devotion to the Eucharist on the feast day was so appropriate because Pope St. Pius X heavily promoted the frequent reception of Holy Communion, and he even lowered the age for when Catholics were first allowed to receive it. In front of that statue, an altar was set up, so that we could gather and pray a litany in honor of the Eucharist before receiving the special benediction, or blessing.

After the conclusion of our devotions, the whole St. Pius X family played organized games and partook of delicacies from several food trucks. Morale was high after a day of prayer and celebration, for it was a day in which we grew in our faith and grew in our appreciation of one another as a school family. The celebration of St. Pius X's feast day on August 21st looks to be the newest in a long line of special Lancer traditions.



FALL SPORTS RECAP



Volleyball: After earning a spot in the Final Four for the ninth time in the past ten seasons, SPX volleyball took 2nd place in state. Coach Shannon Leftridge led the team with an on-court record of 23-3-2 and the team won the Windsor and North County tournaments. Jefferson County Athletic Association Most Valuable Player selection Caly Otec led four All-Conference and 8 All-District teammates.



Cross Country: For the first time since 1996 the cross country team made it to the state meet, finishing in the top 10 as a team in Class 2, paced by junior Rita Eimer's 22nd place showing in the 5k. Eimer, fellow junior Hannah Schappe and four freshmen all return next year for Coach John Daly.

Girl's Tennis: Coach Stephen Kainz picked up his 100th career coaching victory, the team finished 11-4 and took second place in districts. The doubles team of seniors Sydney Proffer and Olivia Pettibone qualified for sectional play. Proffer finishes her career with 72 varsity wins, third most in program history.



Softball: Won a district title for the fourth time in the past six years. Nine seniors paced the squad for Coach Kevin Halley, who earned his 150th win at the helm for the Lancers. Five players earned first-team All-District honors, with seniors Tori Arriaga and Molly Flanagan and junior AJ Agers picking up All-Region recognition. Agers was also a second-team All-State selection.

Football: For the second consecutive year the team won an opening round district playoff home game and tied the school record for wins in a season by going 8-3, ending with a heartbreaking 40-29 loss at Caruthersville. Highlights included a seven game winning streak for first year Lancer coach Dan Oliver.

Boy's Soccer: It was a transitional year for the boy's soccer team after losing the top four goal-scorers and top two goalkeepers from last year's squad. First year head coach Aaron Portell's team went 7-13-1 playing the toughest Class 2 schedule in the state, featuring nearly every squad ranked in the top 10 in one of the Class 2 coaches polls. Freshman Nolan Hall earned first team All-District honors and senior Gabe Verzola was an Honorable Mention selection.

WINTER HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

BOYS BASKETBALL			GIRLS BASKETBALL		
December 10	7:00 PM	Affton	December 5	7:00 PM	Rosati-Kain
December 13	6:30 PM	Whitfield	December 11	7:00 PM	Villa Duschesne
January 6	7:00 PM	Crystal City	January 3	7:00 PM	Woodland
January 8	7:00 PM	Valle	January 9	7:00 PM	Hillsboro
January 10	7:00 PM	Grandview	January 31	7:00 PM	Crystal City
January 15	7:00 PM	Brentwood	February 10	7:00 PM	Bishop DuBourg
January 17	7:00 PM	Herculaneum	February 17	7:00 PM	Valle
February 4	7:00 PM	Perryville			

Featured Alumni: MARK ORTMANN, 1982

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A parent's reaction to their child announcing 'I want to be in a band when I grow up' can range from amusement to concern to stark terror. Fortunately for Mark Ortmann '82, co-founder and drummer for alt-country and Americana mainstays the Bottle Rockets, when he told his parents he wanted to be a professional musician, the reaction of parents Dr. Lou and Betsy Ortmann was encouraging.

"I knew early on that my real passion was music and it was a career I wanted to pursue," Mark said. "I was very blessed in that our parents were very supportive of all their children's interests - whatever we wanted to do, they encouraged us to be committed to it and do it well."

The Ortmanns sent their six children to St. Pius X - in addition to Mark, there is Greg '81, Steve '84, David '88, Ann '90 and Patricia '93. Mark made the most out of his time at the school, thanks to the influence of two instructors in particular - retired music teacher Dick McCreary and long-time English teacher Scott Taylor.

"Both were huge influences on me," Mark said. "Dick was actually my drum instructor, so I was working with him even before I got to St. Pius. He's such a good musician, a fine teacher and a great human being as well."

"And Scott Taylor was super helpful by introducing me to music in addition to being my English teacher. He had this massive record collection and he turned me onto music I was not aware of. He'd make us mixtapes or let us take albums home, encouraging us to explore new music."

The 'us' Mark refers to includes fellow St. Pius X graduates Scott Summers '81, Bob '80 and Tom '85 Parr along with Bottle Rockets co-founder Brian Henneman. Starting out as the Blue Moons, the group, then with Mark, Brian, Bob and Scott, was part of the live music scene in Crystal City and Festus in the early 80s, playing venues such as the Hi-Pointe (band members actually lived above the club for a time), Caveland and Gene's Country Club.

When Summers left, Tom Parr joined the group, at that point known as Chicken Truck. The first iteration of that band continued to play the local venues. By this time in the mid-80's, country music had changed, but the band's setlist of old-school country western cover songs had not.

"We were very unpopular," said Mark, laughing. "So we decided to start playing more original music in St. Louis clubs like Cicero's, Off-Broadway, Mississippi Nights and others."

It was there that Chicken Truck started to develop an active following along with fellow rising alt-country acts such as Uncle Tupelo. But as the band looked to start traveling nationally, Bob Parr left the group, which then disbanded for a time. At that point, Mark moved to Nashville.

"I figured 'what's a drummer going to do by himself in St. Louis?' The closest music city was Nashville, so off I went," Mark said.

In Nashville, Mark played for country artist Shelly West, an established star. He appeared with her at the Grand Ole Opry, on Ralph Emry's 'Nashville Now' variety show, and toured the US and Europe. But he stayed in touch with Henneman, who at that point was working for Uncle Tupelo and playing music when he had a chance.

"The whole time in Nashville my interest was still in doing my own stuff," Mark said. "There was an important lesson I learned there: find a way to be able to do my own thing musically."

Mark got that opportunity when Henneman called with some news - he'd secured a record deal and wanted to get the band back together. Mark moved back to St. Louis, reuniting with Henneman and Tom Parr and adding bassist Tom Ray from Chicago. They renamed themselves the Bottle Rockets, and promptly drove to Georgia to record their first album. That record had some success and the group quickly settled into a groove: record an album, tour nationally, repeat. In 1994 the band had a top 20 Album Oriented Rock (AOR) song with 'Radar Gun' from their second album, *The Brooklyn Side*.

"One night around the time that album came out, we had just finished a show in Pontiac, Michigan, we're in the van listening to the local rock station and they finish playing Van Halen's 'Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love,'" Mark said. "That led into the DJ saying 'and here's the Bottle Rockets with Radar Gun' and they play our song,

Current Bottle Rockets lineup: John Horton, Mark Ortmann, Brian Henneman, Keith Voegele.



Original Bottle Rockets lineup 1992: Brian Henneman, Tom Parr, Mark Ortmann, Tom Ray.

(photos courtesy of the Bottle Rockets and Bloodshot Records)

Featured Alumni, continued.

and then it goes right into the new AC/DC song. So to be on that station and be between those two groups was very cool.”

That night on the rock station notwithstanding, the band’s sound on their studio albums is most often identified with the Americana and alt-country musical genres. The magazine *The Big Takeover* says “with an aesthetic that rediscovered the guitar-powered dynamics of Southern rock even as it kept the honky-tonk faith, the Bottle Rockets quickly carved out their own path in the burgeoning Americana scene, one that celebrated rock & roll power as much as whip-smart storytelling.”

The band - still with Mark on drums and Henneman as lead vocalist and guitarist, along with guitarist John Horton, who stepped in for Tom Parr after the first several albums, and bassist Keith Voegele - has released 13 albums, each one featuring at least a couple songs co-written by Henneman and Scott Taylor, whom Henneman describes as having “an uncanny ability to write something that fits music I’ve got that Scott hasn’t heard yet.”

The Bottle Rockets have toured all across the country as well as Europe, both as a supporting group and as headliners. They play

venues equivalent to the Pageant and Off-Broadway in St. Louis, where they also recently played at the Fox Theatre for the third time.

“We’ve played all three of the remaining Fox Theatre’s in the country - St. Louis, Detroit and Atlanta,” Mark said. “We got to play large theatres and amphitheatres when touring with John Fogerty. Our biggest audience was at a festival in the Netherlands with approximately 70,000 people there.”

Nearly 40 years after the humble beginnings as the Blue Moons, Mark and the rest of the band are moving right along. (Mark’s friend, drummer Bun E Carlos from the band Cheap Trick, said this: “Most bands from 20 years back sounds 20 years old, but not The Bottle Rockets, they still sound fresh and they still sound good”).

When the Bottle Rockets aren’t on the road, Henneman, Mark and a variety of friends will play St. Louis area shows under the name Diesel Island, playing old-school country covers and acoustic versions of Bottle Rockets tunes.

To learn more about the Bottle Rockets, including tour dates, go to <http://www.bottlerocketsmusic.com/>

FINE ARTS



The 2019 production, Circle Theatre will perform Steven Sondheim’s *Into the Woods JR*. A fun retelling of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, and several other Brothers Grimm fairy tales. Show opens to all December 6 & 7.

Join St. Pius X in the spring for our third annual Cabaret (March 6, 7 and 8). Students will be showcasing a variety of speech events, which will later be performed in March at the MSHSAA district competition. Events include, but are not limited to, readers theatre, duet acting, and a one act play.





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8TH GRADE DAY

This October, we welcomed 100 8th graders from around the St. Louis area to the St. Pius X campus for our annual 8th Grade Day. This day took place on “Wellness Wednesday” during our homecoming week. We incorporated that theme into our plan for the day. All 8th Graders were split up into groups with 4-5 St. Pius X Ambassadors. They spent the day learning about wellness and playing games that promoted a healthy lifestyle.

We loved having these students on campus for the day and encourage each one to schedule a Lancer for a Day visit soon!





St. Pius X High School, founded in 1959, is celebrating 60 years!

That's 60 years of providing extraordinary education, care and compassion for Jefferson County and beyond. Our holistic philosophy of mind, body and soul is the cornerstone of our continued success.

We invite you to join us throughout the year as we Celebrate 60 years of Extraordinary. To stay up to date on what we have planned go to stpius.com and click on the Alumni tab. We hope to see you during our year long celebration.

<https://www.stpius.com/60th-anniversary.html>

St. Pius X High School is now offering Class Reunion Packages.

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SILVER

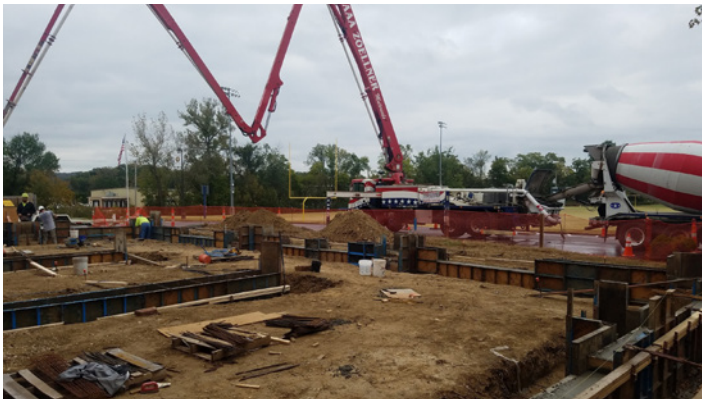
- Arnold Animal Hospital
- Bauman Oil Distributors, Inc
- Bone Heating & Cooling
- Genuine Appliance & Mattress
- H.W. Herrell Distributing Co. Inc.
- US Silica



WELLNESS CENTER UPDATE



The Wellness Center is progressing nicely. Our new facility will be used to continue our holistic approach to providing the core building blocks for a healthy lifestyle.



HOUSE SYSTEM

The House System fosters student engagement, school spirit and a sense of community through the assignment of every student, teacher, and staff member into one of the four Houses. Houses create small communities where students can interact with all grade levels while encouraging accountability, communication, tradition, academic excellence, and friendly competition.

FOUR HOUSES...ONE SCHOOL



HOUSES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ST. PIUS X STUDENTS TO:

- Become an important part of SPX community at their Induction Night
- Participate in Wednesday morning activities and Marquee Events such as sports, games, performances, and other after-school activities where house points can be earned, leading to the annual House of the Year award, and represent their House by wearing their House t-shirt and colors on Wednesdays
- Develop a sense of community and legacy through participation



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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL PLAY
DECEMBER 4, 6, 7

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 27 - 31, 2020

7TH GRADE WEEK
MARCH 16 - 20, 2020

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

BLOOD DRIVE
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2020

BUCK KNOB 5K HILL CHALLENGE
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2020

GRANDPARENTS DAY
TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2019

CLASS OF 2024 INDUCTION NIGHT
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020

LEGACY GALA DINNER AUCTION
SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2020

CLASS OF 2024 FRESHMAN INTERVIEWS
SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2020

SPORTING CLAYS
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2020

GRANDPARENTS DAY
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2020

SPX TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2020

SPRING MUSICAL
MARCH 6, 7

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL & SENIOR EXHIBITION
THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2020

BACCALAUREATE/GRADUATION
MAY 14 & 15, 2020

Please note: Dates/events are subject to change

VISIT WWW.STPIUS.COM FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON OUR EVENTS