

## St. Pius X High School Press Release

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### St. Pius X High School Announces 2020-21 Start Dates

**Festus, MO** – St. Pius X High School will start its 2020-2021 school year on Friday, August 14 with a freshman-only day, with the first day of school for all students scheduled for Monday, August 17.

“We are planning for a variety of scenarios, one of which is a return to a normal school schedule,” principal Karen DeCosty said. “While we are confident in the ability of our faculty to teach and our students to learn in the virtual environment we were in to end the 2019-2020 school year, there is no question that most everyone will benefit from and prefer a return to actual classroom instruction.”

In light of the uncertainty surrounding how the 2020-21 school year will proceed due to the global pandemic, the St. Louis Archdiocese Office of Catholic Education and Formation has created several working groups of Archdiocesan education professionals to draft plans for returning to school in differing capacities. Five St. Pius X staffers are taking part, working in groups such as Teaching & Learning, Operations, and Faith Formation & Community.

“This Archdiocesan initiative is another proactive approach to address potential challenges in the coming school year,” president Jim Lehn said. “This helps our faculty better focus on the unchanged mission of providing a high-quality education rooted in Catholic values. I am confident that as a result of this program we will be even better equipped to deal with any challenges presented to us this year and beyond.”

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