

ST. PIUS SCHOOL NEWS

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

March 2020

Important Dates

Mar. 6... Pizza Day; Spirit Wear/Red & Black Day; Gum Day

Mar. 12... Swiss Chalet Day

Mar. 13... "Bring Back the Sun" Day; Gum Day

Mar. 16 - 20... March Break

Mar. 23... Hot Lunch Orders due

Mar. 24... Colour House Colour Day

Mar. 26... Pizza Day

Mar. 27... Gum Day

Apr. 1... Gr. 8 Grad Photos

Apr. 2... Pita Pit

Apr. 3... PJ Day; Gum Day

A Message from the Principal

LENTEN SEASON

Christians commemorate the season of Lent as a preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian Church – Easter. Lent started on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and officially ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, the Last Supper. We prepare with fasting and denial before the celebration of the paschal mystery of Easter. Traditionally, the Christian churches promoted fasting from meat for the period. This practice is fading and recognition is being given to the need to avoid sinful or hurtful thoughts or deeds, as well as deny ourselves of something. It need not always be in denial and fasting but in a change of mind and heart. Sometimes it is easier to give up on things, but more difficult to forgive. Lent is about altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting, with prayer, care for our neighbour and repentance for our sinfulness.

PRAYER FOR LENT

GRACIOUS SAVIOR, you have given us this season of Lent so that we might open ourselves more fully to your saving grace and new life. By our fasting, prayer and almsgiving, may we realize anew that we rely on you in all things. Your gift of grace makes all good things possible, including our desire to reject sin and return to you. Grant your people a spirit of reconciliation this Lent so that we may forgive one another as you have forgiven us. Amen.

Wishing our St. Pius X families a safe and enjoyable March Break.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rudyk



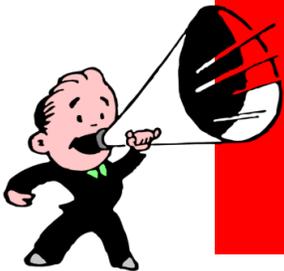
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www.stpiusxbrantford.ca

Once you enter the school website, scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will see the SUBSCRIBE button. This is where you will register your email address to receive all of St. Pius School's notifications on alerts, news items, upcoming events, and more!

PLEASE REGISTER TODAY

***Please note: No paper copies of newsletters are sent home after the September edition. You will be able to access newsletters through the school website or by subscribing to our mailing list.



ST. PIUS X PARISH INFORMATION

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Masses

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. During the season of Lent, consider joining us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00pm in the church. In addition to our regularly scheduled 8:00am weekday masses, we will also be offering an evening mass on Thursdays during Lent at 6:00pm in the Chapel, with confessions available from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. All are welcome!

Lenten Penance Celebration

Mark your calendars now - there will be a communal celebration of Reconciliation held at St Pius X Parish on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend and prepare themselves for our celebration of Easter.

Communal celebrations of confession will also take place at St Mary's and St Basil during the Lenten season.

Youth Ministry: Raptors 905 Trip

For the first time ever, our Youth Ministry program has scheduled a trip to see the Raptors 905 team play the Westchester Knicks on Saturday, March 21st. The cost is \$10 for anyone 17 or younger and \$20 for those 18 or over and includes a ticket to the game as well as transportation. Please contact Andrew Beach at pastoralassociatesp@gmail.com for more info.

Upcoming Youth Programming

April 3: Stations of the Cross. The young people of St Pius X Parish will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. We would love to have your help if you'd be interested in sharing your gift as a reader, actor, or just to help lead prayer.

June 13th: C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf Youth Day. There will be an incredible "Youth Day" offered at C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf for the first time this year. The day will include a variety of games and activities including archery, high ropes, and more. We are currently seeing if there is sufficient interest to take a group. If you'd like to learn more or think you might like to come, please contact Andrew Beach at St Pius X Parish.

Easter Schedule at St Pius X Church

Holy Thursday (April 9th) - Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer to follow.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Family Liturgy @ 11:00am

This Liturgy will include a more youth/child-friendly format and participation.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Solemn Liturgy @ 3:00pm

This Liturgy is slightly longer than the Family Liturgy and is more similar to weekly mass.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Stations of the Cross @ 7:00pm

A prayer walk through Jesus' final journey to the cross.

Holy Saturday (April 11th) - Eater Vigil @ 8:00pm

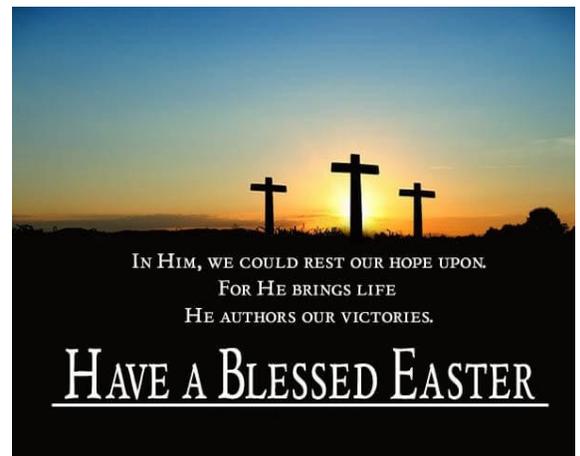
The Easter Vigil includes a number of additional readings, and the Baptism and Confirmation of a number of adults entering the church. Incense will be used. This mass will likely be around 2 hours long.

Easter Sunday (April 12th) - Masses @ 7:30am; 9:00am; 11:00am

Please note that there are no late afternoon or evening masses in the Diocese on Easter.

Vacation Bible School

Our extremely popular summer Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 10th to 14th this year. Registrations for children ages five to eleven will open on Tuesday, April 7th. Leadership Applications for those aged twelve and above will also open on April 7th. Please contact Andrew Beach at pastoralassociatesp@gmail.com for more info.





BEGINS JANUARY

Kindergarten registration

NEW Register ONLINE at CatholicEducation.ca

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Don't worry if you missed Kindergarten Registration in January...there is still time! Please visit CatholicEducation.ca to register as soon as possible so that your child can be included in our numbers. It is necessary to have a strong indication of our class size in order to begin our class organization for September.

An informative, fun, activity-filled orientation will be planned for all new JK students and their parents in the spring.

If you know of someone considering registering his/her child for Junior Kindergarten at St. Pius X Catholic School, please encourage them to register soon. We don't want anyone to miss our fun orientation.

REMINDERS....



VOLUNTEERING AND POLICE CHECKS

We welcome any and all parent and adult volunteers to St. Pius X School. There are always opportunities to help out at the school. In accordance with Board Policy, volunteers must provide a Criminal Background Check every three years. In years when a CBC is not required the volunteer must sign an Offence Declaration. If there is a break in the volunteer's service of more than one year a new CBC must be provided.

Everyone needs to provide a CBC even if volunteering for class trips. If you would like an application please contact the office or the classroom teacher.

REPORTING CHANGES

In order to keep school records up to date, please inform the school of any changes in address, telephone numbers, emergency numbers, medical issues and custodial issues.

MEDICATION

All schools must follow specific Board procedures for the administration of medication during school hours. Only pre-prescription drugs will be administered. If your child requires medication you are asked to contact the office and the necessary form(s) will be sent home. **Please do not send non-prescription drugs (aspirin, etc.) to school with your child.**



IT'S TIME FOR MARCH BREAK

March 16 to 20

IRISH BLESSING

May the Irish hills caress you.
May her lakes and rivers bless you.
May the luck of the Irish enfold you.
May the blessings of Saint Patrick
behold you.

LOST & FOUND

Please encourage your child(ren) to stop by our lost and found as it is once again overflowing with winter clothing! There are many jackets, sweaters, boots, snowpants, hats and mittens that need to be claimed. You can assist us in returning belongings to their rightful owner by labelling your child's items.



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Lenten Collection of Caring Campaign

Lent is a time in which we prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. This is often done through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a school community, we want to engage our students in acts of almsgiving, or giving to others in need, through our Lenten Collection of Caring Campaign. Once again, we will be supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Brantford who, in turn, supports individuals in need in our community.

Our collection will run four weeks, with much-needed items being collected each week.

Week 1: March 9 - 13...toothpaste & toothbrushes

Week 2: March 23 - 27...shampoo & bodywash

Week 3: March 30 - April 3...Kleenex and toilet paper

Week 4: April 6 - 10...Canned foods, Kraft Dinner, etc.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us live Jesus' call to love one another!

Contact Us:

**127 Wood St.
Brantford, ON**

519-753-6422

Avoid missing crucial information. Sign up at www.stpiusxbrantford.ca and receive all information from our website. You will receive an alert when we update information.

Go to "Register Now" on our School Webpage.

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Make it a favourite!

<https://twitter.com/piustitans>



Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

~ By Pope Francis ~

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



SCHOOL PARKING LOT

We are once again asking that parents/guardians please **refrain from stopping or parking anywhere in the driveway**, especially during peak times (8:45 – 9:15 am and 3:15 – 3:45 pm). The large number of vehicles that are stopping/parking all along the driveway is causing safety concerns for our families who are walking through the parking lot to the sidewalk, and causing issues for the buses that are trying to arrive and depart safely and on time. Please only stop in the **“Kiss and Ride”** section located at the **FAR end of the driveway** for a brief time while your child exits the vehicle to the sidewalk. This is not an area to pick up your child at the end of the day. If you wish to pick up your child you must park on the road/side roads, or across the street at the church, and walk across to the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Eat well. Live well.

Eat a variety of healthy foods each day

Have plenty
of vegetables
and fruits

Eat protein
foods

Make water
your drink
of choice



Choose
whole grain
foods

Discover your food guide at

Canada.ca/FoodGuide

Eat well. Live well.

Healthy eating is more than the foods you eat



Be mindful of your eating habits



Cook more often



Enjoy your food



Eat meals with others



Use food labels



**Limit foods high in sodium,
sugars or saturated fat**



Be aware of food marketing

Discover your food guide at

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