

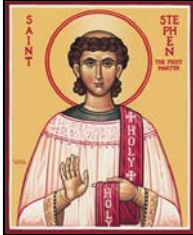
Pius X Catholic High School

# The BOLT

## PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

" Restore All Things In Christ "

December  
Saint of Forgiveness



St. Stephen  
The First Martyr  
December 26, 2010

**Monday, December 6, 2010**

Advent Service 9:37am

**Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

Dino's First Tuesday

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010**

No School (Immaculate Conception)

**Sunday, December 12, 2010**

Band Christmas Concert 2pm in  
the Pius X Flavin Gym

**Monday, December 13, 2010**

Advent Service 9:37am  
Vocal Christmas Concert 7pm

**Tues-Wed, December 14-15, 2010**

Auditions for Club World Aid  
Concert 3:45-5:45pm

**Friday, December 17, 2010**

Granite City's Third Friday

**Monday, December 20, 2010**

Final Exams 8:05am-11:30am  
(Periods 1-3)

**Tuesday, December 21, 2010**

Final Exams 8:05am-11:30am  
(Periods 4-6)

**Wednesday, December 22, 2010**

Final Exams 8:05am-10:20am  
(Periods 7-8)

**December 22-26, 2010**

NSAA Activities Moratorium

**December 23, 2010-January 4, 2011**

No School (Christmas Break)

**Wednesday, January 5, 2011**

Testing Day  
Seniors- No School  
Juniors- No School  
Sophomores- No School  
Freshmen- 8:05am-12:30pm

**Thursday, January 6, 2011**

Testing Day  
Seniors- No School  
Juniors- 8:05am-11:30am  
Sophomores- No School  
Freshmen- 8:05am-12:30pm

**Friday, January 7, 2011**

School Resumes  
Epiphany Mass 9:25am



From The Assistant Principal - Mr. Greg Lesiak

"My wishes for you are peace, joy and love in everything you do."

It was difficult determining a direction I wanted to go with this month's cover article. I started at least six different articles and have yet to decide how to continue.

One article had me noting how I was especially proud of our athletic teams, marching band, and thespians during their successful seasons this fall. The class that our athletes, band members, and actors brought to the activities they participated in was truly awesome to watch, and the support they were given by our students and fans was once again spectacular. Another article had me commenting on the joy I had in my heart about members of our student body the other day after receiving an email from my wife. She told me about how our LPS speech teacher was coming into the building one day last month and slipped and fell and all of her papers fell out of her hands and all over the ground. Some seniors were coming back to the building from an off period and helped her collect all of the papers. Sure, it was just a little thing, but...

Another direction I could have taken had me reminding our students and parents that as we enter the month of December, it is time to begin preparing for the end of the semester. Now is the time to finish those end-of-semester projects. All students should begin preparing for final exams, and 9th graders should ask their teachers early about what to expect. Still another topic I explored was to find a way to share the exploits of my kids, ages 9, 8, and 2 and relate them in some way to Pius (and even if I couldn't, you would not believe how much a 2 year old can make you laugh)!

Since we are into December and the Advent and Christmas seasons, it also makes sense to use this article to discuss hope and love. It is important for us to remember to use these next weeks to prepare for the holiest day of the year, when God sent us His Son because of His great love for us. In fact, I found an article written recently by Archbishop John Vlazny, of Portland, OR, where he wrote: "The season of Advent is all about hope. Why hope? Because the Incarnation of God's only Son, that great feast for which we prepare our hearts every Advent, restores the hope that was lost by sin. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us again and again in all his teachings and writings that the whole law of God can be summed up in one word — love. I invite you to ponder throughout these Advent days how the measure of love is indeed to love all nascent humans without measure. Without love, there is little hope. On the journey of life, hope counts!" Couldn't say it better myself.

A student told me to write this article as a reminder for all of us to remember the reason for the season, and not to get caught up with all the presents and craziness that can accompany this holiday. Instead, remember to spend time with those who you love because that is truly what this season is about.

So you can see why I had difficulty writing this month's article.

One thing that I do want to do is take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous Advent season, and a truly Merry Christmas. My wishes for you are peace, joy and love in everything you do.

**December 2010**

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**To Restore All Things In Christ**  
We are dedicated to a total education that is Christ-centered by integrating Catholic values in all areas of life and providing academic preparation of the highest quality in a disciplined environment.

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**Pius X High School 2010-11 Annual Appeal & Phone-A-Thon**



*"Due to my job, we have had to relocate numerous times. We have lived in nearly a dozen dioceses around the country. Early on, my wife, Sophia, and I made a commitment to keep our children in Catholic schools. This was not always the easiest decision because it often challenged our faith and our pocket books. Prior to moving to Lincoln, the price tag of a Catholic education was more than \$24,000 per year for four children, and, in some cases, schools seemed to be moving away from placing a strong emphasis on faith formation and Catholic identity. We feel it is a true blessing to be part of the Lincoln Diocese and the Pius X Community. Not only does Pius provide our sons and daughters with a top rate academic and extracurricular program, it does so at a tuition rate that is more affordable than anywhere in the country. Most importantly, the spiritual formation and grounded Catholic teaching they receive at Pius X, I would contend, is second to none." -- Joseph A. Werning, Sr.*

With another strong enrollment this year of 1,062 students, it is a privilege of the entire Pius X staff to serve our wonderful young students and you as we pursue our mission to **restore all things in Christ**. Our goal is to educate and form the total person in the image of Jesus Christ.

Most recently, we are thankful for the many individuals in our community whose generous Annual Appeal contributions are coming in and are making a great impact that will benefit Pius X students for many years to come. The **2010 Pius X Annual Appeal** launched during the first two weeks of October and is off to a great start! Letters were sent to all parents asking for support. We would like to thank everyone that has contributed thus far to this great cause!

Currently, every student attending Pius X receives financial support from donors as every student's tuition is paid in some part by parish contributions. Last year, businesses, alumni, board members, grandparents, and school parents supported the high school through the Annual Appeal. Regarding parent support in particular, financially supporting the Annual Appeal allows parents tax benefits that simply raising tuition would not. The Annual Appeal funds the \$1,330 'gap' difference per student; the difference between the actual cost, tuition charged, and parish support for students. Gifts to the Appeal impact every student and faculty member in strengthening and improving the overall quality of a Pius X education. Your unrestricted annual fund dollars ensure a quality education by paying for teacher's salaries, curriculum, tuition assistance, and maintenance of the campus and building.

With the addition of more building space (including the new kitchen facility in the spring of 2011) and the additional maintenance and insurance costs associated with it, it is more important than ever that the Annual Appeal reach the minimum goal of \$200,000 this year. **Of this goal, our parent goal is \$45,000.** Last year, parents contributed over \$46,000. We know we can reach our goal if everyone helps out!

We would like to thank all the families that have contributed thus far. As of November 11, 2010, we have received a total of \$155,800 in pledges in cash gifts. Thank you!!

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Appeal. An envelope was sent to all Pius X parents last month. Gifts may also be made online on the Pius X Foundation web page at [www.piusx.net/foundation](http://www.piusx.net/foundation). Please click on the Annual Appeal link to either make a pledge or donate directly. Payment options include: checks, stock gifts, or credit card gifts. For your donation, your name will be listed in the 2010-2011 Annual Report section of the fall 2011 **Pius Connections** newsletter.

Your generous support of Pius X High School is greatly appreciated! An update of the results of the 2010-2011 Annual Appeal will be published in the January newsletter. For more information, please contact the Pius X High School's Foundation Office at (402) 488-1046.

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Your gift is an **investment** in Catholic secondary education in the Lincoln area for the 1,062 students currently attending Pius X High School.

**GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

Please prayerfully consider making a GIFT to this year's Annual Appeal.

<http://foundation.piusx.net>  
[select "Annual Appeal" then "Donate Now"]

**Annual Appeal Results over the last 3 years (as of November 8, 2010):**

	2007	2008	2009
Total # of Donors	1,168	1,501	1,608
Amount Pledged		\$178,481.50	\$224,559.30
Amount Received	\$130,931.04	\$172,996.50 (97%)	\$216,144.30 (96%)

**Annual Appeal Results for 2010-2011 (as of November 11, 2010):**

	Goal	Collected	Remaining Pledge	Total Cash Received + Pledges
Alumni	\$105,000	\$49,017.50	\$32,622.50	\$81,640
Parents	\$45,000	\$23,271.25	\$17,088.75	\$40,360
Businesses	\$20,000	\$8,880	\$2,850	\$11,730
Board Members	\$20,000	\$9,390	\$6,080	\$15,470
Friends	\$10,000	\$6,600	\$0	\$6,600
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$97,158.75</b>	<b>\$58,641.25</b>	<b>\$155,800</b>

## Answers To Frequently Asked Questions Regarding The Pius X Annual Appeal



### What is the Annual Appeal?

The Annual Appeal is a fund raising effort conducted to meet the operating needs of the school which are not covered by tuition. The Goal for Annual Appeal '10 is to raise a minimum of \$200,000.

### What does the Annual Appeal fund?

Tuition, fees, and parish assessments pay a portion of the actual cost of educating each student. A 'gap' of \$1,330 exists between the actual cost (\$5,150) of educating a Pius X student and the combined revenue of the average tuition (\$1,636) and parish assessment (\$2,184) per student. Historically, generosity by many Pius X supporters on an annual basis has served to provide funds to fund that gap, keep tuition costs more affordable, provide scholarships for those students with financial need and cover the operating costs throughout the year.

### If this money is needed for operations, why don't they just raise tuition?

For many years, Pius X has made every effort to keep the cost of tuition affordable for students in the Lincoln area who desire an education. Minor tuition raises have been necessary in the past to fund the programs and costs associated with a parochial faith-based high school. Without funding from the Annual Appeal, tuition cost per student would be prohibitive for many families. **Regarding parent support in particular, financially supporting the Appeal allows parents tax benefits that simply raising tuition would not.**

### What sources other than parents support the school?

Currently, every student attending Pius X receives financial support from donors. A portion of every student's cost is paid in some part by donors. Students are also supported in large part by parish contributions. Last year, businesses, alumni, board members, grandparents and school parents supported the high school.

### What is expected or what's an average gift contribution?

A \$100 gift to the Annual Appeal from one family might be a stretch, and a \$1,330 or more gift from another family to fund the 'gap' might be relatively affordable. If you are financially capable of funding the gap difference per student, please consider making a contribution at 'The Gap' Giving Level. If a mini-

imum of \$100 is given for each of your children that either attended Pius X in the past or currently attends now, then we will be able to meet our goal! Choosing to give to the Annual Appeal and the amount you determine to be 'right' for you is a decision based on your own specific situation.

### Does Pius X operate with a balanced budget?

Yes! Every year a budget is passed by the Board of Advisors and the budget is balanced.

### What benefits will I get by contributing to the Annual Appeal?

A gift to the Annual Appeal is a tax-deductible gift (tuition is not). Individuals who contribute gifts of \$750 or more will be recognized yearly at the annual Friends of Pius X Dinner in August. Individuals contributing to the Annual Appeal are also acknowledged in the school's publication, Pius X Connections.

### Is it possible to go without an Annual Appeal?

Only if the tuition equals the costs.

### Can I make a pledge to the Annual Appeal?

Absolutely! Pledges allow individuals and families the opportunity to consider larger commitments than they would usually consider by making a one-time gift.

### How should payments be made?

A donor may choose to pay in full, quarterly or semiannually. Checks should be made payable to the Pius X Foundation.

### Is my gift to the Annual Appeal Tax deductible?

Yes, all gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

### Can I pay for my gift via credit card?

Yes. Pius X will accept both Visa and MasterCard.

### Can I make my gift online instead of sending the form back in the mail?

Yes. To make your gift online, go to the Pius X web page at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net). To make a direct gift, click on **Donate Now** link on the homepage and select **Pius X Annual Appeal {Donate Now}**.

### What about matching gifts?

Donors are encouraged to inquire about their employers' matching gift program. These programs match the amount of the donor's charitable gift often doubling or even tripling their donation. Please include a matching gift form with your gift.

### Are gifts of stock accepted?

Yes. Many donors prefer giving appreciated stock. The value of the stock determines the tax deduction on the date the transfer occurs. Donors do not have to pay capital gains taxes and the tax deduction varies with individual financial circumstances. Donors are encouraged to consult with their financial advisor. Please contact the Foundation Office at (402) 488-1046 for assistance with transferring stock.



- Photo courtesy of Yearbook -

### "The Nerd"

Larry Shue's *The Nerd* opened at Pius X on October 28, 2010, with the first of four shows. This farce centered around the life of a 30-something architect, Willum Cubbert, who--along with his small collection of friends and associates--tried to make the best of a situation when an old Vietnam War colleague of Willum's showed up unexpectedly at Willum's early 1980's, Terre Haute, Indiana apartment. Pius X Theatre Director, **Mr. Joseph Moser**, conducted auditions for the fall play in late August and the cast began rehearsing in early September. Senior **Dayne Buresh** and senior **Josh Burks** played Willum Cubbert and Rick Steadman (the nerd) respectively and had a great support cast and crew. Supporting cast included **Erica Pieper** as Tansy McGinnis, **Tyler Minchow** as Axel Hammond, **James Rashilla** as Warnock Waldgrave, **Mary Marsolek** as Clelia Waldgrave, and **Stephen Kotopka** as Thor Waldgrave. The crew was led by Technical Director **Mike Fujan**, Assistant to the Director **Katelyn Tucker**, Stage Manager-2nd Assistant to the Director **Cole Sartore**, and Script Supervisor-3rd Assistant to the Director **Gabby Bruckner**.

Mr. Moser recently acknowledged that he was very pleased with *all* the PXHS students that work in the Pius X Fine Arts Department and on their productions. "The entire company of *THE NERD* (cast and crew) did a really great job producing this play. Comedy is hard work and the entire group did their work and were quite *professional* about it all... I am quite proud of this company and of this department and I was a bit sad to let this show end, because the entire process was very enjoyable-- you can never *plan* that kind of 'collaborative magic...'"

### "In Touch With Pius Parents" Held 11-2-10

One of the items that Principal **Tom Korta** presented at the "In Touch With Pius Parents" meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, was the plan for Pius X to engage in a **long-range strategic planning process for Pius X High School**. During the next 12 to 15 months, our planning team, guided by an outside consultant (**Anne Steinhoff**, president of **Steinhoff and Consultants**), will create a long-term vision and strategic plan, which will serve as a road map for our school's future growth and development. The planning process will be both intensive and inclusive. We will seek **stakeholders' opinions and ideas** through focus groups, online surveys and work sessions. The initial focus groups will be conducted in next couple of months. These early sessions will be designed to identify the key questions and issues to be addressed throughout the planning process. We hope that you will take advantage of every opportunity to be involved in this process, as your honest feedback is important in evaluating our school's strengths and weaknesses.

Please mark your calendars now for the next session of "In Touch with Pius Parents" on **Monday, March 14, 2011!**

### Thank You To All For The Warm Clothing

The **Pro-Life Club** sponsored a Warm Clothing drive in the month of November 2010. Special thanks to all those who brought good, clean used coats, sweaters, blankets, mittens, and more for the poor to have in the cold winter months. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

### Band Notes

Congratulations to **Mike Murphy, Karen Murphy, Amy Gammel**, and the Pius X **Marching Band** for an outstanding season. The band performed in three festivals, receiving a Superior at LINKS and LPS, and an Excellent at the State Contest.

We are proud to announce that **Ryan Murphy** and **Rosa Egge** have been selected to perform with the **All-State Band and Orchestra**. Students are selected to the All-State ensembles through a state-wide audition. Ryan and Rosa spent three days in rehearsals culminating in a performance at the Lied Center on Friday, November 20, 2010. Congratulations Ryan and Rosa!



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

All are invited to attend the Pius X **Band Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.** in the gym. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. It would be great to see not only band parents and relatives, but also others from the Pius X community. Plan to attend!

### Richard Selected To All State Chorus



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

**Deidre Richard** has been chosen to sing in Nebraska's All State Chorus November 18-20, 2010. This highly selective choir auditions thousands of high school students throughout the state of Nebraska; about 10% of those who audition are selected. Deidre will work with guest clinician, **Edith Copley**, a highly accomplished director from Northern Arizona University School of Music. Junior **Shannon Kelly** and Sophomore **Mary Cernik** were both chosen as alternates for All State Chorus. Congratulations to all!

### Vocal Department Fall Concert

On Monday, November 8, 2010, the **Pius X Vocal Department** presented a Fall Concert directed by **Mrs. Mary Odgaard**, accompanied by **Mr. Chad Houk** and several student musicians (**Sarah Bossard, Tony Connot, Tony Finley, Mary Marsolek, John Meyers, Thomas Morehouse, Joseph Murphy, Lucas Sullivan, Dillon Vestecka**). Each choir presented songs of varying themes and styles. The concert was held at North American Martyrs before a packed audience. Thanks to all who came and supported your friends and family members. Congratulations to each choir for their outstanding performance!

### Pius X Junior High Honor Choir

The **Pius X Vocal Department**, led by **Mrs. Mary Odgaard**, hosted the **Junior High Honor Choir** on November 22, 2010. There were approximately 140 junior high students participating in the event from the Catholic junior highs in Lincoln...a record attendance of the honor choir! Special thanks to the junior high teachers for their preparation of their students, and to the many Pius X vocal students for their assistance through the day. Honor choir participants worked on five songs throughout the day, saw performances of all the Pius X choirs, and put on a very successful concert for the families and friends that evening. Thanks to all involved for a positive experience!

## Jayme & John Cox Win Contest At UNL



Congratulations to **Jayme (sophomore) & John Cox (science instructor at Pius X)** for winning the **UNL's Jorgensen Hall Extreme Ribbon-Cutting Contest!** The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Physics and Astronomy invited proposals from students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends on how to add some physics-related drama to the ribbon-cutting dedication of Jorgensen Hall at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2010. Interested applicants were asked to submit a proposal describing a way to ceremonially open the building by splitting apart a single ribbon, preferably using some aspect of physics, to make the celebration more interesting than is possible using only ribbon and scissors. Jayme & John's proposal, a detailed submission of a Rube Goldberg Device with a self-made YouTube video, was the most popular of three finalists! As a prize, they



were able to choose either a 16GB iPad WiFi or dollar value equivalent in merchandise from the UNL Computer and Phone Shop. **UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman** and special guest speaker **Alan Heeger**, a UNL alum and Nobel laureate, were present at the ceremony on October 29, 2010.

Jayme & John's self-made YouTube video may be viewed at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MjQkKDLhao&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MjQkKDLhao&feature=player_embedded). For more information, please visit <http://physics.unl.edu/> - Photos courtesy of John Cox -

## Buckley Attends NLA/NEMA Conference



- Photo courtesy of Karen Buckley -

**Karen Buckley**, Pius X librarian and **Susan Hubbard** (right), Cathedral of the Risen Christ librarian, are pictured with **Maria Reyes** (center), from the Freedom Writers Foundation. Maria Reyes and **Shaoud Moore** of the Freedom Writers were keynote speakers at the **Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association's fall conference** held October 13-15, 2010, in Grand Island, Nebraska.

**The Freedom Writers Diary** by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell is available for check-out at the Pius X Library.

As president-elect of NEMA (Nebraska Education Media Association), Mrs. Buckley will help plan next year's conference, **"Nebraska Libraries: Cultivating Community Connections,"** October 5-7, 2011, in Lincoln. NEMA is dedicated to providing "visionary leadership and support for educational library media professionals and advocate for library media programs throughout the state of Nebraska."

## Careers & Life Management Mock Interviews

The **Careers and Life Management** class held mock interview sessions on Thursday, November 18, 2010, in the Commons. These **freshmen** and **sophomore** students dressed-up in business attire and practiced being interviewed by volunteer parents. The Careers and Life Management class is taught by **Mr. Ryan Psota**. Special thanks to all the parents who volunteered to conduct the interviews.

## Lincoln's Got Talent! (So Does Pius X)!



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

**Shannon Kelly**, a junior at Pius X, was a top five finalist in the recent **"Lincoln's Got Talent"** competition held October 22, 2010, at the Lincoln Playhouse.

The Lincoln Playhouse took a national idea and gave it a local spin all in the name of charity. Nearly 50 performers from around the city took part in auditions to show "what they've got" for "Lincoln's Got Talent."

The idea came from the national "America's Got Talent" competition and had a goal to raise money for the Lincoln Community Playhouse. Playhouse President-elect, Anthony Messineo, said, "With America's Got Talent, Dancing with the Stars, and some other different ideas, we thought it would be a great way, being in the art community, to have people come out and showcase their talents to us."

From musicians and comedians to singers and dancers, the competition showcased all forms of talent. Shannon sang and played piano on her original song, "Your Voice." Judges for the event were Juli Burney, Carol Turner and Brittney Jeffers.

Shannon also performed at the Grand Manse (129 North 10th Street) on Sunday, November 14, 2010. The 90-minute show was called, "Jack and Friends: A Musical Fundraiser for Lighthouse." All proceeds went toward the purchase of two computers for the study room at Lighthouse, an afterschool program for at-risk teenagers, located at 2601 "N" Street. Organizing and producing the event was local songwriter, singer and pianist Jack Rodenburg, a junior at Lincoln Southeast High School. Jack and Shannon performed and sang a selection of their original compositions – along with performers from other high schools and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. **Shawna Krause** from Pius X also sang a selection.

## Student Artists Recognized At Reception

Lincoln art students in middle schools and high schools were recognized October 14, 2010, at a banquet dinner and reception for their exceptional talent in visual arts in a contest held by the **Hildegard Center for the Arts**. The art contest was based on the idea of "Illumination", with the purpose of learning about the art style in the Middle Ages as well as the lifestyle of the era. Entrants were instructed to produce a piece of artwork inspired by the time period.

Five Pius X students not only participated in the contest, but each was selected to be displayed as "Hildegard's Firsts" at Westfield (Gateway) Mall: **Walker Anderson, Emma Morin, Michael Williams, William Pokojski, and Cody Boeselager**. Each student was rewarded with a certificate award and a special preview of the winning artwork.

Hildegard Center for the Arts is a faith-based fine arts center coming to Lincoln soon. Designed to unite people of all religions, traditions and cultures, the Hildegard Center for the Arts will offer a space for faith-based performances in plays, dance and music; offer opportunities to learn about faith, art, humanity, and culture; and will be an exhibit for visual art. For more information, visit their website at [www.hildegardcenter.org](http://www.hildegardcenter.org).

### Science Club Attends UNL Chemistry Day



- Photo courtesy of Lindsay Frey -

**Taylor Ackerman, Caleb Thomas, and Lindsay Frey.**

Members of the Pius X Science Club attended the UNL Chemistry Day in October 2010. The students were able to participate in chemistry lab tours, quiz bowl, scavenger hunt, and a demo show. Science Club is sponsored by **Lindsay Frey**. Pictured from left to right:

### Chemistry Classes Celebrate Mole Day



- Photos courtesy of Lindsay Frey -

Students in Ms. Frey's Chemistry classes celebrated Mole Day on October 22, 2010. Mole Day is celebrated from 6:02 a.m. until 6:02 p.m. on October 23rd. (The celebration was one day early due to October 23rd falling on a Saturday). Students had the opportunity to make stuffed moles, play mole games, and learn about the importance of the mole ( $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ ) in Chemistry. Pictured are members of Ms. Frey's 8th period Chemistry class.

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- Photo courtesy of Margaret Kaiser-Woodward

### UNL Math Day

A group of 11 students from Pius X participated at UNL's 21st Annual Math Day on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. The purpose of Math Day is to stimulate interest in mathematics among Nebraska high school students, to encourage them to pursue mathematics or mathematics-based science as a career and to recognize mathematical ability by awarding scholarships, certificates and trophies. Math Day consists of two individual and two team mathematics competitions. UNL hosted 1,274 students from 94 Nebraska high schools during the day. Pius X students who attended (left to right): **Rose Medill, Shawn Nguyen, Ninh Vu, Nick Varilek, Zak Sedlak, Jack Gude** (hidden behind Zak), **Deidre Richard, Max Miller, RJ Gibson, David Cao, Nathan Schlautman, and Mr. Matt Chaffee**. Pius X students were coached by Pius X math instructor, Matt Chaffee. Photo courtesy of Margaret Kaiser-Woodward.

### Spanish 4 Students Win Contest At UNL



- Photo courtesy of Tracy Chapelle -

Several Spanish 4 students had some big wins at the **First Annual Calaveras Contest at UNL**. Students had to write a fake obituary in Spanish with an English translation about a living celebrity. **Haley Heibel, Will Nelson, and Michael Mabie** won first prize, \$100, with their calavera, "La pelirroja loca" about Lindsey Lohan. **Ashley McAndrew** and **Nate Smith** won honorable mention with their calavera, "La muerte del infiel" about Tiger Woods. A Pius X alum, **Meghan Moser '10**, won \$100 in the college division. Spanish 4 classes are taught by **Katie Hayes** and **Tracy Chapelle**.

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### Spanish 4 Classes Display Papel Picado



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### French Classes Field Trip To Omaha



Mrs. Imler's French 3 class

- Photo courtesy of Jeanie Imler -



Mrs. Imler's French 4 class

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On Friday, November 5, 2010, **Mrs. Jeanie Imler's** 41 French 3 and French 4 students left Pius X at 10:00 a.m. for a delicious, fun and elegant lunch prepared by **Chef Cedric Fichelain at Le Voltaire**, an upscale French restaurant in west Omaha. The following parents graciously volunteered their time to drive the students for the field trip: **Laura Erskine, Mike Fitzgerald, Dann Husmann, Cheryl Kapustka, Jim & Debra Kula, Dennis Martin, Scott Meradith, Byron Merrill, Greg & Cindy Thomas, and Luann Zastrow**. Choices for lunch included: Soupe 'a l'oignon gratinee or tomato bisque with chevre cheese, Croque Monsieur (rich grilled ham and cheese sandwiches) with "frites" (French Fries) or une salade verte, Quiche Lorraine, Tartines Parisiennes (hot open-face ham sandwich with cheese, tomatoes and onions in a light cream sauce), or a vegetarian sandwich (similar to ratatouille) on a grilled baguette. The meal was completed by a choice of divine mousse au chocolat, heavenly crême brulee or delicious chocolate and banana crepes.

From Le Voltaire, students went to the **Joslyn Art Museum** where they viewed original Impressionist paintings by Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir and the famous "Little Dancer" statue, sculpted by Edgar Degas. Students also completed a museum activity designed by Mrs. Imler while viewing the other exhibits and works of art. The lovely and unusual gift shop in the museum was an appropriate ending to a fun-filled day.

As they returned to Pius X at 3:45 p.m., the weather was a typical Nebraska autumn day: bright blue skies, lots of sunshine and a crisp breeze was blowing. Everyone agreed that it had been an extra special day and the juniors said they are looking forward to returning to Omaha next year.

### AP Biology Visits UNL's Beadle Center

On Wednesday, November 12, 2010, the **AP Biology** class with their instructor, **Susan Kelly**, culminated a three-day lab experiment at the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln Beadle Center**. The Beadle Center is a world-renowned science research center studying everything from Plant-Pathogen Interactions, Fungal Infections, and Transgenic Plants to Cancer Research and HIV/AIDS. These students were led through an experiment in order to determine whether they had one, two or no copies of an Alu sequence on their Chromosome 16. Although this particular sequence has no ties to any disorders, the presence of the sequence on other chromosomes has been linked to a form of breast cancer and a genetic disorder involving high blood pressure.

The students had the opportunity to use real-world laboratory equipment and techniques as seen on popular forensic TV shows. The first two days were spent extracting DNA from their cheek cells and then using a technique called PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) in order to make multiple copies of this specific Alu sequence so that it would be visible on Day 3. These first two steps were done in their Pius X classroom thanks to a program through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Molecular Biology for the Secondary Classroom, which loans out all the necessary equipment for use in Nebraska high schools. The third day was spent on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus where the students had the experience of using a University classroom laboratory in the Beadle Center to run their DNA using Gel Electrophoresis. This technique separates DNA fragments based on size, and in this case, it allowed the students to visibly determine if they had the Alu sequence in their genome or not.

While in the Beadle Center they had the opportunity to visit a Microbiology lab. Here they were exposed to life in a lab and were able to see equipment ultimately providing them with real-world experience and opportunities in the scientific research profession.

### Boys Tennis District Champs & State Runner-Up



- Photo courtesy of Thomas Milburn -

Congratulations to the Pius X **Boys Tennis Team**, **Head Coach Bill Rice**, and **Assistant Coach Nick Vuko, Jr.** on winning Class B Districts and earning Runner-Up at the State Championship. District Champions with 26 points: #1 Singles- **Trevor Milburn** (21-5) placed 2nd, # 2 Singles- **Trey McGill** (18-8) placed 2nd, #1 Doubles- **Brian Harshman & Nick Jenkins** (17-3) placed 2nd, and #2 Doubles- **Ted Kirkpatrick & Vinnie Warner** (14-4) placed 1st. State Runner-Up with 18 points: #1 Singles- **Trevor Milburn** (Junior) placed 3rd and #1 Doubles- **Brian Harshman & Nick Jenkins** (both seniors) placed 3rd.

### Girls Cross Country District Champs & State Runner-Up



- Photo courtesy of Yearbook -

Congratulations to the Pius X **Girls Cross Country Team**, **Head Coach George O'Boyle**, **Assistant Coach Tim Anderson**, and **Assistant Coach Josh Kramer** who won the Class B District Championships and earned Runner-Up at the State Championships.

Having impressive runs at Districts and qualifying for State: **Megan Drozda** (2nd), **Sarah Nickman** (4th), **Hannah Schafers** (8th), **Kayla Stewart** (10th), and **Paola Mwentanda** (15th). At State: **Megan Drozda** (5th), **Sarah Nickman** (14th), **Kendra Stewart** (22nd), **Hannah Schafers** (25th), **Megan Asselein** (38th), and **Paola Mwentanda** (43rd).

### Boys Cross Country District Runner-Up & 8th At State



- Photo courtesy of Yearbook -

Congratulations to the Pius X **Boys Cross Country Team**, **Head Coach George O'Boyle**, **Assistant Coach Tim Anderson**, and **Assistant Coach Josh Kramer** who was Class B District Runner-Up and 8th in the State Meet.

Having impressive runs at Districts and qualifying for State: **Mark Edwards** (7th), **Steve Byers** (8th), and **William Hynes** (14th). At State: **Mark Edwards** (17th), **Nathan Schlautman** (28th), **Matthew Schilmoeller** (41st), **William Hynes** (44th), and **Nolan Border** (70th).

### Forensics Team Begins Season With Success

The Pius X **Forensics Team** has already seen some success to start the 2010-2011 competition season. At the Millard North novice invite on November 5, 2010, the first tournament of the year, junior **Kathryn Kopetzky** brought home a championship trophy in Informative Speaking, while sophomore **Jessika Lierz** placed 6th in the event. The next day at the Bellevue West T-Bird Invite, juniors **Brooke Punteny** and **Ben Voita** placed 5th in Duo Interpretation, with seniors **Jessica Albin** and **Brenden Love** placing 6th in the same event. The team hosted the 3rd Annual Pius X Invite on November 20, 2010, welcoming over a hundred competitors from schools throughout the state. Next up for the Thunderbolt talkers are tournaments at Millard West (December 3, 2010), Lincoln High (December 10, 2010), and Lincoln Southeast (December 17, 2010). It's not too late to join the Pius X Forensics Team for the 2010-2011 season. If you are interested, talk to **Mr. DeWispelare** in Room 264.



- Photo courtesy of Yearbook -

### Football 2010

The Pius X **Football Team** finished the 2010 season with a record of 7-2, losing only to Boys Town and Crete. The team did well in competition against some of the top teams in the state during the regular season. Rated 2nd in District B-5 with 42.3333 points and just behind Crete with 43.3333 points, Pius X advanced to Class B Playoffs. In Class B Playoffs, #3 Pius X was able to defeat #6 Gretna on October 29th with a win of 14-13. On November 5th, the Thunderbolts lost to #2 Blair 34-13. Congratulations to **Coach Tim Aylward and his staff: Jim Hansen, Ryan Psota, Ryan Kearney, Scott Burns, Mike Aldrich, Mark Stoley, and Cory Hachiya**; as well as to **all of the players** who worked so hard in 2010. Thank you to the senior players who showed their leadership and dedication to the Pius X family and athletic program: **Michael Aylward, Will Bachmann, Zach Birkel, Michael Blue, John Carey, Joe Finegan, Aaron Frey, Joe Gardner, Tom Gillan, Joel Hachiya, Alex Hain, Alex Heimes, Paul Hoebelheinrich, Jake Houlihan, John Jablonski, Brett Jamrog, Jon Kipper, Taylor Kreifels, Austin Kreifels, Jordan Lardenoit, Mike Liescheski, Michael Mabie, Blake Merritt, Joe Naumann, Will Nelson, Adam Pfeiffer, Sam Raetz, Matt Reinhart, Ben Schneider, Taylor Tvrdy, Derek Ullman, Nick Unger, Matt Ward, and T.J. Westfall.**

### Thanks to Our Booster Club Board Members

As co-presidents of the 2010-2011 Pius X **Booster Club**, we would like to thank our board members for their hard work and commitment to our school. Our concessions committee, **Tim & Mary Otto** and **Bob & Becky Codr**, are working daily to provide concessions at all home athletic events. They organize inventory and schedule volunteers to work the games...which is often four events per week. Our treasurer, **Mary Hugo**, works with all aspects of income & expenses and helps coordinate the student physicals & golf scramble.

Our merchandise group is **Joel & Mary Schlautman** and **Dean & Lisa Steffensmeier** (Lisa is also our secretary). They have done an outstanding job to offer items that our Pius X fans can wear proudly.

**Ken & Peggy Hain** keep the Pius X community informed of Booster Club happenings through various communication channels, organize team photos and athletic programs, and work with the school on facility maintenance projects. **Mark & Beth McElroy** lead the membership effort and this year the membership has continued to grow. **Terry & Lisa Heimes, Chris & Teresa Raun, and Steve Sousek** joined the Booster Club board this year and are working on various projects. In addition, Terry is serving as vice president.

Also on the board are representatives from the school: **Superintendent Fr. Meysenburg, Activities Director Tim Aylward, and Assistant Activities Director Jake Moore.**

The Pius X Booster Club Board thanks the entire Pius X community for their support. Go Bolts!

**Duane & Mary Hugo**, Pius X Booster Club Co-President  
**Ron & Claire Schinkel**, Pius X Booster Club Co-President



8 priests concelebrated All Soul's Mass at Pius X on November 2, 2010. Photo courtesy of the Foundation Office.



Over 50 guests attended the Mass and reception. Photo courtesy of the Foundation Office.



Left to right: Jack Wunderlich, Leona Brown, Mary Ann Coulter, Sister Veronica Volkmer, and Mary Dodd. Photo courtesy of the Foundation Office.

### All Soul's Day Mass

On Tuesday, November 2, 2010, Pius X staff and students remembered and honored loved ones with an all-school Mass for **All Soul's Day**. The Mass celebrant was **Fr. Haschke** of St. Teresa's parish with 7 other priests concelebrating including **Superintendent Fr. James Meysenburg, Msgr. James Dawson, Fr. Joseph Bernardo, Fr. Nicholas Kipper, Fr. Leo Seiker, Fr. Lee Jirovsky, and Fr. Leo Kosch**. Special guests in attendance included family members whose deceased loved ones are members of the Pius X family and also individuals who have established an endowed scholarship or endowed fund at Pius X in memory of their family members.

Before Mass there was a slide show presentation listing the names, class year, and date of death of each of the deceased Pius X students or alumni. At the end of Mass there was another slide show listing prayer intentions for deceased friends and family of the Pius X student body and staff. Following Mass, guests were invited to a breakfast and social reception in the Commons area.

Special thanks to **Miss Emily Wyatt**, Lay Campus Minister, and the following who assisted with the Mass: Readers- **Anna Arndt, Brenden Love, Hannah Reiling, Carly Twehous, and Ben Woita**; Altar Servers- **Noah Applegat, Jackson Deterding, Cole Felber, Santiago Izquierdo, Tanner Lockhorn, Trevon McGill, Emilio Ramirez, Matthew Schilmoeller, and Brandon Utrup**; Gift Bearers- **Christopher Lauer, Ashley Mejstrik, Devin O'Brien, and Sam Williams**; and Music- **Mrs. Odgaard, Mr. Chad Houk**, and the **Pius X Vocal Music Department**. Special thanks also to the Pius X Food Service led by **Tini Van-Oehlertz** for preparing and serving the breakfast and social reception.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### Red Ribbon Week

On Friday, October 22, 2010, as a kick-off to "Red Ribbon Week" (October 25-29, 2010), the Pius X **SOADA Club** and their sponsor **Mrs. Laurie Barnes**, held a red balloon release event at the football game in memory of those who have lost their life due to their own drug or alcohol use, or because of the alcohol or drug use of another person. "Red Ribbon Week" originally began to commemorate the life of a special agent who was brutally murdered by drug traffickers. It has now grown to a nationwide effort to renew our pledge to lead drug-free lives. At Pius X this also expanded to our students pledging to remain free from alcohol. Participants wore red ribbons during the week, and a red shirt/jeans on the last Friday of the week to signify a desire for a drug-free society. Students also signed a "Drug-Free Pledge" banner that will be displayed at Pius X.



- Photo courtesy of Jan Frayser -

### FCT Fall Retreat

On November 6-7, 2010, 143 teenagers from Pius X High School attended the 10th annual **FCT Fall Retreat**. The retreat was held at Calvin Crest Retreat Center near Fremont on a warm and sunny weekend under the direction of **Mr. Tom Korta** and **Ms. Emily Wyatt**. **Fr. Bernardo** and **Fr. Haschke** spent the weekend with us and celebrated Mass on Saturday and Sunday. The theme of the retreat was "I would turn to God and let His love and forgiveness protect and save me"- a quote from Immaculee Ilibagiza. **Grace Morin** (Class of '09) spoke on forgiveness of self. **Fr. Meysenburg** spoke on forgiveness with God. **Mel Zierke** (Class of '94) spoke on forgiveness of others. On Saturday night, ten priests were present to hear confessions as part of a Eucharistic holy hour. The retreat also included several group games and activities, a campfire, and free time to go hiking, play games, or rest. The retreat was sponsored by **Fellowship of Christian Teens (FCT)**. Small group leaders were **Fr. Bernardo, Nolan DeWispelare, Laura Foley, Jan Frayser, Lindsay Frey, Sandy Hartman, Fr. Haschke, Shane Kennett, Tom Korta, Katie Kudron, Janet and Lauren Kurtenbach, Rhonda Litt, Ashley Meradith, Grace Morin, Lori Morin, Meghan Moser, Teresa Raun, Amy Roberts, Bill Schlautman, Kristin Smith and Mel Zierke**. Nearly 125 parents supplied prayers, donations, snacks, drinks, and rides for the students attending the retreat. Thank you to all students who attended and made the retreat go so well, and thank you to all of the parents, chaperones, priests, and other volunteers who made it possible. God bless you!

### Pro-Life Conference Held For Teens

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, approximately 75 students participated in the **Reclaiming Our Generations For Life Conference** held at Pius X High School. **Dr. Alveda King** and **Mary-Louise Kurey** were the featured speakers. Students from Pius X, Lincoln, Omaha, Tecumseh, Wahoo, David City, Roca, Fremont, Unadilla, Panama, Grand Island, Eagle, Madison, Fairmont, Platte Center, Raymond, Doniphan, Palmyra, Murdock, and Arlington attended. The purpose of the conference was to serve as a springboard to launch new pro-life clubs and revitalize existing ones. An expense paid trip to the National Walk for Life in January was given away in a drawing.

### STARS Share Their Message

The story of Joseph in the Old Testament is the focus of the **STARS** curriculum this year. Joseph always knew God had a plan for him even though he did not know what that plan was. When faced with adversity from others, even his own brothers, Joseph's good character and love of God allowed him to stand strong. The **STARS Mentors** have shared this message with the 7th graders at St. Joseph's and St. John's during two separate sessions emphasizing avoidance of risky behaviors (cheating, smoking, drugs, alcohol, lying, etc.) and standing strong by choosing friends who exhibit good character also.

In the area of abstinence education the **STARS Mentors** discussed with each other the different levels of intimacy and where each level falls within the green, yellow, orange or red zones. They also discussed the definition of abstinence as it relates to marriage. Simply put, abstinence equals a healthy marriage and no negative consequences. As in the story of Joseph, one knows if he/she is ready to be sexually active by simply asking, "Am I married?"

For more information about **STARS**, contact **Shane Kennett** at [skennet@neb.rr.com](mailto:skennet@neb.rr.com) or **Janet Kurtenbach** at [janetk@inebraska.com](mailto:janetk@inebraska.com).



Saint of Forgiveness  
St. Stephen  
The First Martyr  
December 26, 2010

## Spirituality Committee

By: Rhonda Litt, Committee Member

**Saint Stephen**, whose Feast Day is December 26, is our Saint of Forgiveness this month in keeping with our theme for our Pius X families this year, “forgiving others as we have been forgiven”. *Stephen is the first martyr for Christ.*

*Just as Jesus died, St. Stephen was falsely accused and brought to an unjust condemnation because he spoke the truth fearlessly. He died with his eyes fixed on Our Heavenly Father, dying with courage, total trust and forgiving love.*

Chapters Six and Seven in the Acts of the Apostles tells us what kind of man St. Stephen was and of his martyrdom. He is listed among the seven “reputable men filled with the Spirit and wisdom”, chosen to supervise the public tables. The title of deacon, which came to be linked with their function, derives from the Greek verb meaning “to minister”. These men served the Christian community in temporal and charitable affairs; later on they were to assume minor religious offices.

Saint Stephen, already a leader, began to speak in public with more vigor and “filled with grace and power, working great wonders and signs among the people”. His speech brought anger from the crowds. But he, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to Heaven...and said, “Behold, I see the Heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God”. The crowd rushed Stephen, and drove him outside the city to the place appointed, and began to stone him. *“As they were stoning Stephen to death he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit...Lord, do not hold this sin against them’.”*

Three of our Committee members helped at the FCT Retreat the first weekend of November. The theme was “Forgiveness of self, God’s forgiveness, and forgiveness of others”. What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to assist the Pius X Administration and Faculty with a weekend Retreat for your students to grow deeper in their love for Our Lord and one another. The presence of the Holy Spirit and God’s grace poured forth through the love shown by our Principal Tom Kortz, Superintendent Father Meysenburg, Guidance Director Jan Frayser, Director of Campus Ministry Emily Wyatt, and many others to the over 150 students present! We are so blessed to have this Catholic High School in Lincoln with an Administration and Faculty second to none! There are as many opportunities for us as parents to become connected with and support Pius X through prayers and volunteering as there are clubs and activities to meet our student’s varied interests and needs. God always blesses us ten-fold when we give of ourselves to build His Kingdom here on earth as it is in Heaven!

Our Committee encourages Pius X families this year to pray together, especially the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary of The Seven Sorrows, and to forgive others as Our Lord has forgiven us.

For more information about the Spirituality Committee, please contact Emily Wyatt, our Pius X staff liaison, or Shane Kennett, Committee Chair.

## Advent Services In The Pius X Gym

Please join us for **Advent Services** from 9:37-10:00 a.m. on the following dates: **Monday, December 6, 2010**, and **Monday, December 13, 2010**. Students will follow the Prayer Service Schedule for classes on these dates. Please visit the Pius X website at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net) for a complete list of Pius X’s bell schedules. All are welcome.

## Advent With The Fullness Of Our Faith

**Advent** is a time to prepare for the birth of our Savior and Redeemer at Christmas. Encourage your student to participate in the following:

- ◆ **Daily Mass** at 7:30 a.m. on school days in the Pius X Chapel. If you’d like a 7:30 a.m. Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the Theology Office at Pius X to schedule a date. The usual stipend is \$10.00.
- ◆ **Daily Confessions** after morning Mass from 7:50-8:00 a.m. and after school on school days in the Pius X Chapel: Monday with Fr. Snitily, Tuesday with Fr. Kosch, Wednesday with Fr. Bernardo, Thursday with Fr. Barvick, and Friday with Fr. Thomlison.
- ◆ **Weekly Advent Services** from 9:37-10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, 2010, and Monday, December 13, 2010.
- ◆ **Weekly Mass** during your student’s Theology class.
- ◆ **Weekly Rosary on Tuesdays** at 4 p.m. during regular school days in the Pius X Chapel.
- ◆ **Weekly Rosary on Fridays** after school during school days in the Pius X Chapel. They will pray for our students and their opponents in upcoming sporting events and activities.
- ◆ **First Friday Adoration** in the Pius X Chapel. The Theology Classes take turns spending time worshipping before the Blessed Sacrament.
- ◆ **Second Friday “Friends of Pius” Mass** in the Pius X Chapel at 6:30 a.m. to pray for our school and our benefactors.

## National March For Life In Washington D.C.

Each year hundreds of thousands of ardent pro-lifers, Catholic and non-Catholic, attend the **National March for Life** in Washington, D.C. on January 22nd, the unfortunate anniversary of the legalization of abortion by the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. It is a peaceful and prayerful way to give a voice to the voiceless unborn children. Students who are **juniors in high school or older** and chaperones of the Diocese of Lincoln will join others throughout the nation at this event. This year’s trip will be **Thursday, January 20, 2011**, through **Tuesday, January 25, 2011**. Many of the nation’s premier sights and monuments will be included in the trip. The trip is highlighted by a Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a youth rally and Mass at the Verizon Center, and of course the March for Life itself. Cost of the trip is \$375 each which includes round-trip transportation, lodging, some meals, and touring of Washington D.C. and other sites. Space is limited and filling up fast. You may obtain an application in the Pius X main office or you may register online at [http://www.dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/youth\\_march-for-life.aspx](http://www.dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/youth_march-for-life.aspx). For more information, please contact **Jeff Schinost** of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team in the Family Life Office at 488-2040.

## World Youth Day 2011 In Madrid, Spain

For more information on World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain, from August 7-22, 2011, please visit the website: [http://www.dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/youth\\_world-youth-day.aspx](http://www.dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/youth_world-youth-day.aspx)

## Pray For Our Seminarian/Novice/Postulant Of The Week

All members of the Pius X community are encouraged to pray, especially in the month of November, for the following seminarians, novices, or postulants studying for the Diocese of Lincoln:

Week	Name	Place of Study
11/27-12/03	Stephen Graeve	St. Gregory The Great
12/04-12/10	Corey Harrison	St. Gregory The Great
12/11-12/17	Brent Heyen	St. Gregory The Great
12/18-12/24	Ricardo Izquierdo	St. Gregory The Great
12/25-12/31	Ryan Kaup	St. Gregory The Great

# BOLT DOWN THE NILE

A BENEFIT FOR PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL AND THE PIUS X BOOSTER CLUB

GOURMET DINNER, LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS, AND LOTTERY

PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011

On Saturday, April 30, 2011, Pius X High School is hosting the 26th annual BOLT benefit dinner, with live and silent auctions. Mark your calendars now to join us for "BOLT Down the Nile"! You will be dazzled by our interpretation of Egypt! Our committees are truly inspired and have many surprises in store for you including many wonderful auction items and our famous lottery with cash prizes totaling \$15,000. We hope you will plan to attend. Seating is limited, so book your reservation early. We know you won't want to miss the boat!

BOLT has become larger and more successful each year. To continue, it takes a commitment from all of us. Please consider sharing your time, talent, and treasure to make BOLT 2011 a success. There are many areas and levels of participation: pray for the event's success, volunteer with one of the committees, donate to the auctions with cash or items, purchase a lottery ticket, and/or attend the event.

- ◆ Coming in January: Lottery tickets will go on sale. Purchase a ticket for \$100 for a chance to win: \$1000, \$1500, \$2500 or the Grand Prize of \$10,000.
- ◆ We are in need of auction items: donations of timeshares, airfare, items for both live & silent auctions, and any cash donations to help underwrite auction items. Donations are never too big or too small.

Visit us online at <http://www.piusx.net/Bolt/default.aspx>. For more information, to volunteer your time, or to donate, please email **Deb Schulte** at [deb.schulte@piusx.net](mailto:deb.schulte@piusx.net) or contact her at 488-0931 or 489-7326.

## 7th Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

MARCH MADNESS THUNDERBOLT STYLE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2011  
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2011

Mark your calendars to be a part of the Seventh Annual Thunderbolt Alumni Basketball Tournament, "March Madness - Thunderbolt Style." The tournament will be held **Friday, March 18, 2011**, and **Saturday, March 19, 2011**, in the Pius X gym. On Saturday, March 19, 2011, there will also be a social for all the participants and their guests.

Start forming your team now! Remember, classes can have more than one team and you need not have played basketball in high school to play in this tournament; you just need to be a Pius X graduate.

More information is available on the website <http://alumni.piusx.net/events/basketball.htm>. To register to be a contact person (captain) for your graduation year, to be a part of the planning committee, or if you would like more information, please contact **Greg Lesiak** at (402) 488-0931 or via email at [alumnbasketball@piusx.net](mailto:alumnbasketball@piusx.net).

## Teacher/Staff Wish List - Christmas Idea!!!



Every school year, the faculty and staff at Pius X prepare a "wish list" of items they would like to have for their classroom.

Donating toward the Teacher's Wish List for your child's classroom is a great gift idea for the Christmas season!

For more information, or to donate to the Teacher's Wish List, please contact the Foundation Office at (402) 488-1046 or email **Michelle Birkel** at [michelle.birkel@piusx.net](mailto:michelle.birkel@piusx.net). Donations may also be made online at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net) [Pius X Foundation - Online Donation - Teacher's Wish List - Donate Now]. Thank you so very much for your generosity!

### English Department

- English Vocabulary Books (30) \$9 each
- Ergonomic Chairs (2) \$300 each
- Classroom Set of Paperback Dictionaries (30) \$210
- Classroom Set of Paperback Thesauri (30) \$180

### Entire School

- Tablecloths To Be Used at Multiple Functions at Pius \$250

### Family & Consumer Science Department

- Cuisinart 77-7 Chef's Classic Stainless 7-Piece Cookware Sets (4) \$107 each

### Fine Arts

- Wireless Headsets for Pius Players (10) (microphone pieces that clip into student's hair) \$500 each

### Foreign Language Department

- Readers for Native Spanish Speakers (15) \$5 each
- Children's Spanish story or chapter books (for ages 8-14) any donation
- Sony Handycam DVD Camcorder \$350 (includes S&H)
- For Classroom Projects

### Foundation Office

- Endowment Fund any donation

### Math/Business Department

- TI Navigator System for Classroom \$2,500
- Math Classroom Posters \$15 each
- TI Inspire Calculators for Classroom (30) \$120 each
- Large Geometry Tools for White Boards (3) \$40 each (Protractor, Compass)

### Religion

- Student Response System (Clickers) \$3,150
- Refurbishing of Monstrance \$750-\$1,000

### Science Department

- Biopacs and Software (6) \$3,000
- Anatomy in Clay Skeletal Models & Curriculum \$3,000
- Lab chair stools (12) \$3,600
- Student Response System (clickers) \$3,150
- Document camera (1) \$800

### Youth Ministry Department

- Funding For FCT Retreat any donation

## Alumni & Friends Of Pius X Family Fun Run



Are you interested in joining a committee to plan the 1st Annual Alumni and Friends of Pius X Family Fun Run? We will be having our first meeting on **Monday, January 10, 2011**, at **6:00 p.m.** (location to be determined). If you are interested, please contact

**Kristin Heath** at 488-0931 or [kristin.heath@piusx.net](mailto:kristin.heath@piusx.net) OR **Lori Morin** at 435-0108 or [lorikmorin@gmail.com](mailto:lorikmorin@gmail.com).

**Auditions For CWA Benefit Concert**

Sign up for an **audition slot** for the **Club World Aid Benefit Concert** on the vocal side room door starting **Monday, November 29, 2010**. Auditions for the **Club World Aid Benefit Concert** will be held on **Tuesday, December 14, 2010**, and **Wednesday, December 15, 2010**. Auditions are held in the **vocal side room** from **3:45-5:45 p.m.** each day. Any Pius X student is eligible to audition. Students selected will present a review style production of solos, duets, and small group at the benefit concert on **Monday, January 31, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.**

**One-Act "The Raft Of The Medusa"**

The NSAA Class A-2 District Play Production Contest will be held on **Saturday, December 4, 2010**, at Papillion-LaVista South High School. This year's one-act will be Georg Kaiser's drama, *The Raft of the Medusa*. Based on actual events, *The Raft of the Medusa* is the story of a collection of British children who find themselves in a lifeboat out in the middle of the North Atlantic in September 1940. During the destruction of British cities from the wrath of the Nazi Blitzkrieg in the early years of World War II, hundreds of children were evacuated and put on ocean liners and sent off to Canada. "...*Medusa*" is the story of when one of those ships were torpedoed and 13 children ended up on a lifeboat out in the middle of the ocean.

**Dino's First Tuesday On December 7th**

Enjoy dinner at **Dino's** on the **first Tuesday of every month** and support Pius X activities. Visit **Dino's Eastside Grill**, 2901 S. 84th Street, from **5-11 p.m.** on **Tuesday, December 7, 2010**, and **Pius X Booster Club** will receive **10% cash back on every dollar spent**. Be sure to tell your server that you are part of the Pius X Booster Club group.

**Band Department Christmas Concert - December 12th**

The **Band Christmas Concert** will be held on **Sunday, December 12, 2010**, at **2:00 p.m.** in the Flavin Gym.

**Vocal Department Christmas Concert - December 13th**

The **Vocal Department Christmas Concert** will be held on **Monday, December 13, 2010**, at **7:00 p.m.** Doors open at **6:30 p.m.** with **free admission**. The location will be announced at a later date.

**Granite City's Third Friday On December 17th**

Visit **Granite City** at 6150 O Street on **Friday, December 17, 2010**, and every **third Friday of the month**, and the restaurant will donate 10% of sales to Pius X. Guests need to inform their server upon arrival that they are participating in the Pius X event. **Ten percent of sales** raised from those participating will be given to the **Pius X Booster Club** for the support of school activities.

**Finals Bell Schedule**

**Finals** will be held **Monday-Wednesday, December 20-22, 2010**. Pius X will have an **open campus** during this time. Students need to be at Pius X **only when they are testing**. Students may use the **Commons** for relax time & group study, the **Library** for quiet study, or the **Chapel** for prayer. Finals can be a high-stress time for many students. Please be aware of this fact and talk with your student(s). Encourage frequent prayer and remind them to begin studying several weeks ahead of time.

**Monday, December 20, 2010**

Period 1 8:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.  
Period 2 9:15 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.  
Period 3 10:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 21, 2010**

Period 4 8:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.  
Period 5 9:15 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.  
Period 6 10:25 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 22, 2010**

Period 7 8:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.  
Period 8 9:15 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

**Merry Christmas From Pius X**

**Pius X wishes you a most blessed and merry Christmas!** To celebrate this time with our families and friends, there will be no school from **Thursday, December 23, 2010, through Tuesday, January 4, 2011**. May God's blessings be on you and your family during this holy season. "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

**Testing Day For Freshmen And Juniors**

Testing day(s) for Freshmen and Juniors will begin in January. Freshmen will meet Wednesday, January 5, 2011, and Thursday, January 6, 2011, from 8:05 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Juniors will meet Thursday, January 6, 2011, from 8:05 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will have no school on Wednesday, January 5, 2011; and Sophomores and Seniors will have no school on Thursday, January 6, 2011. All students will report to their regular school day on Friday, January 7, 2011, at 8:05 a.m. with a celebration of the Epiphany Mass at 9:25 a.m.

**Epiphany Mass To Be Held January 7, 2011**

Please join us in the Pius X gym on **Friday, January 7, 2011**, to celebrate the **Pius X Epiphany Mass at 9:25 a.m.** All are invited. Please visit the Pius X website for the modified bell schedule.

**Monday, January 17, 2011 - No School**

There will be no school on Monday, January 17, 2011, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**Winter Formal Dance - Saturday, 1-22-11**

The **Pius X High School Cheerleaders** would like to invite you to this year's **Winter Formal Dance**. The festivities will be held at Pius X on **Saturday, January 22, 2011, from 8:30-11:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars to dance the night away! For information on the Pius X dance guidelines and appropriate attire, please see **pages 31-32** of the **2010-11 Student/Parent Handbook**.

**Spring Musical Announced**

**Mrs. Odgaard** and the **Vocal Music Department** are pleased to announce that the Pius X 2011 Spring Musical will be **Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. In this retelling of the Biblical story, Joseph is a young man who is his father's favorite child, able to interpret dreams, and given an amazing coat by his father. These facts lead Joseph's eleven brothers to become insatiably jealous and they sell Joseph into slavery telling their father that Joseph died. Years later, Joseph's now starving brothers ask Joseph, whom they do not recognize, for assistance. **Auditions** for the musical will be held **January 24-25, 2011**, with the **performances** being held **Thursday, March 24, 2011, through Sunday, March 27, 2011**.

**Auditions For The Spring Musical**

**Mr. Joe Moser** and **Mrs. Mary Odgaard** are pleased to announce that the 2011 Spring Musical will be **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. **Auditions** will be held **Monday, January 24, 2011, and Tuesday, January 25, 2011**, with callbacks on Wednesday, January 26, 2010. If you are interested in auditioning for a lead role, please pick up the audition music from Mrs. Odgaard **BEFORE** Christmas break. All students are encouraged to audition. Performances will take place March 24-27, 2011.

**Catholic Schools Week Begins 1-30-11**

Catholic Schools week will be held from Sunday, January 30, 2011, through Saturday, February 5, 2011. The theme is, "Catholic Schools: A+ For America." The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2011 celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value ("a plus") for the nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite contribution to American society.

**Club World Aid Benefit Concert 1-31-11**

The **Vocal Department** and **Club World Aid** will be hosting a benefit concert on **Monday, January 31, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.** in the L/PAC. Vocal students will present a review style production of solos, duets, and small groups. All proceeds of the concert will support Club World Aid. Sign-up for auditions will occur on **Monday, November 29, 2010**. Auditions will be held **Tuesday, December 14, 2010, and Wednesday, December 15, 2010**. Any Pius X student is eligible to audition.

**Mass For Catholic Schools Week 2-1-11**

Mass will be held **Tuesday, February 1, 2010, at 9:25 a.m.** in celebration of Catholic Schools week. The **Most Reverend Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz** will be the main celebrant. All are invited. Please visit the Pius X website for the modified bell schedule.

**Athletic Passes For Pius X Home Games**

Athletic passes for the 2010-11 school year may be purchased in the Pius X main office. The **student athletic passes** include 10 punches for \$25 (\$2.50 per game). The student athletic passes may be used only by students and shared with their siblings. New this year are **adult athletic passes** which include 10 punches for \$45 (\$4.50 per game). All athletic passes may be used for any sport held at Pius X and at any level of game including Varsity, JV, 10th, and 9th. They are to be used only at games at Pius X and **MAY NOT** be used at district or state games. If they are lost or stolen, they are not replaceable.

**Pius X High School Sportsmanship**

*Sportsmanship* can be defined as playing fair, following the rules of the game, respecting the judgment of referees and officials, treating opponents with respect, and being gracious in victory and defeat. Good sportsmanship is an obligation of everyone involved in athletic contests at Pius X including participants and spectators. It is a matter of character, of being able to choose what is right even in the heat of competition. Not only should this be expected when our teams compete, but because we are a Catholic school, we are many times held to a higher standard, and we need to measure up to that higher standard. Since perception becomes reality, bad behavior, and unsportsmanlike conduct in particular, will become our reputation.

- ◆ Interscholastic competition exists for its educational value. Although winning is important, the prime objective is to appreciate the educational and athletic development of the players.
- ◆ Spectators and participants are all guests at this educational experience and have a responsibility to uphold the ideals of good manners and sportsmanship.
- ◆ Officials do their best to make quick, fair, and unbiased decisions and should be treated with respect.

**Your Responsibilities As A Spectator:**

- ◆ Show interest in the contest by enthusiastically cheering and applauding the performance of both teams.
- ◆ Understand that a ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally attack others, or to be obnoxious. Maintain self-control.
- ◆ Don't "boo", stamp your feet, or make disrespectful remarks toward players or officials. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- ◆ Learn the rules of the game, so that you can understand and appreciate why certain calls are made or not made.

Tim Aylward, Activities Director - [tim.aylward@piusx.net](mailto:tim.aylward@piusx.net)

**NSAA Website**

Stay up-to-date with all of the state school activities by visiting the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) website at [www.nsaahome.org](http://www.nsaahome.org).

**www.highschoolsports.net**

The Pius X athletic schedules can now be found at [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net). Click on "My School" then "Select School". Type in "Lincoln Pius X" then select the highlighted school, "Lincoln Pius X HS - Lincoln, NE". The winter sports schedule will be available as well as a link to MapQuest to find the location of away games.

**Swim Team Enters Its 3rd Season**

The Pius X **Swim Team** is entering its third consecutive year at Pius X after qualifying 13 team members for State last year with 3 individuals & 1 relay placing in the top 12: current Junior Lauren Smith placing 3rd, Pete Moeschen (Class of 2010) placing 11th, Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay (Max Miller, Mark Hugo, Austin Safranek, and Austin Hagge) placing 11th, and current Junior Hanna Wackel placing 12th in the State finals. Returning are 11 members from the State team with many others capable of qualifying for State as well. The team will have its first meet of the 2010-11 season on Thursday, December 2, 2010, and end the season with the State Meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on February 24-26, 2011. The Pius X Swim Team has approximately 14 swim meets during the 2010-11 swim season with only 3 of them in Lincoln. Please come and cheer on the Thunderbolts in its home town of Lincoln and discover a life-long love of swimming:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
Thu	Jan 6	4:30 PM	Lincoln North Star & Fremont @ LNS
Tue	Jan 25	4:30 PM	Lincoln Southwest
Thu	Feb 24-26	TBA	State @ Devaney (on NET tv- Sat)

For the Pius X Swim Team's complete schedule or for more information, please visit the Pius X website at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net) [Activities, Sports, Swimming] or contact **Coach Cindy Nash** at [cindy.nash@piusx.net](mailto:cindy.nash@piusx.net). Thank you for support!

**Booster Club - How Do I Join?**

The Pius X **Booster Club** provides financial support to students who participate in our school activities. Family membership and participation in Booster Club helps our dance, cheer and athletic teams; music and drama groups; and other school activities be successful. Your membership dues are used for uniforms, equipment, facility maintenance, transportation, competition fees, and much, much more. If you haven't joined yet, we invite and encourage you to do so. You may join for as little as \$25. Find an application form on the Pius X website at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net) or in the main office.

**Pius Gear = Great Holiday Gifts**

**Pius X merchandise** makes great gifts! You can pick up these items in the school office or at the Booster Club table during a few home basketball games in December: black zip jacket, wind shirt, adult green polo, hooded sweatshirt, lounge pant, crew sweatshirt, sweatpants, boxer shorts, long sleeve t-shirt, adult & youth t-shirt, ball hat, stadium seat, tote bag, floor mat, lanyard, water bottle, coffee cup, and face tattoo. Happy shopping, and happy holidays from your Pius X Booster Club!

**Winter Sports Have Begun**

**NSAA Winter Sports** offered at Pius X High School include Boys Basketball (Coach Ray Foryicki), Girls Basketball (Coach Bill Rice), Boys & Girls Swimming/Diving (Coach Cindy Nash), and Wrestling (Coach Jerry Clinch). Visit the Pius X website for the most current up-to-date weekly calendar and join us in cheering on the Thunderbolt teams! Go BOLTS!

"Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be."  
- St. John Berchmans (1599-1621) -

Tune in to Catholic radio at 102.7 FM or [www.kvss.com](http://www.kvss.com)

**Advertise In The X-Change Student Newspaper**

The **Pius X-Change**, our very own **student newspaper**, is seeking advertisers for our upcoming issues. There is one more edition of the X-Change this semester, with the paper coming out on **Friday, December 17, 2010**. Ads are generally due the week before publication. The newspaper is funded through ad sales, and your support is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in advertising in the X-Change or if you have any questions, please contact **Nolan DeWispelare** (adviser) by phone at 488-0931 or via e-mail at [nolan.dewispelare@piusx.net](mailto:nolan.dewispelare@piusx.net). Thank you for your continued support of the X-Change!

**2010-11 Yearbooks For Sale**

The **2010-2011 yearbooks** are on sale for **\$65.00**. The price will increase the 2nd semester, so be sure to purchase your yearbook early. Students may order yearbooks through **Mrs. Sullivan** in **room 101** after school. Please make checks out to "Pius X Yearbook". **NEW! Order Your Yearbook Online!!!** Yearbooks may be purchased online for a fee. Go to the Pius X home page, click on "students", click on "yearbook" and click on the banner to purchase a yearbook.

**Uniform Shop At Pius X**

The **Pius X Uniform Shop** is located in the **Pius X Commons**. It will be open on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** after school from **3:35-4:00 p.m.** on regular school days that end at 3:26 p.m. (not on early dismissal days). The uniform shop will be open on **Saturday, December 4, 2010, from 10am-12pm**. It will be closed on Saturdays after December 4, 2010, until after the new year. For updates and to check for changes in the schedule, please visit the Pius X website at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net) [Parents Tab-Uniform Shop]. If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Hartman** in the Pius X main office at **488-0931** or via email at [sandy.hartman@piusx.net](mailto:sandy.hartman@piusx.net).

**Dennis Uniform**

**Uniform items** may be ordered online from **Dennis Uniform** or purchased at the Dennis Uniform store in Omaha, Nebraska. The website is [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com) and the **Pius X school code** is **PPK**. Note: Items purchased via the Dennis Uniform website or store requires you to pay the Dennis Uniform full price.

**Uniforms**

All students must be in uniform when they are in the building between the first bell of the day (8:00 a.m.) and the final bell (3:26 p.m.) of the day. Only uniform approved sweatshirts, fleece jackets, or sweaters are allowed. Pius X sport, club, or activity shirts or sweatshirts are not allowed. Socks and belts must be worn. Boys may not wear earrings, must be clean shaven, and their hair must be off their shirt collars. These, as well as all other aspects of the uniform dress code will be enforced everywhere in the building at all times. Shorts may not be shortened. Shorts must at least reach the length of your fingertips with your hands at your sides. Students will be sent to the office to replace shorts that are not long enough and a detention will be issued for whatever classes are missed to do so. Please review pages 30-31 of the current 2010-11 Student/Parent Handbook.

**Lost And Found Items**

Please mark your student's possessions with a permanent marker. If there is a name, we will return them to their owner. Please claim your unmarked items in the main office.

**Book Required For Junior Composition**

**From the English Department:** All **juniors** are required to purchase the *Write for College* book for **Junior Composition**. The price is **\$24.00**. Checks made out to Pius X High School will be collected by the teacher during the first week of class. If you have any questions, please contact **Katie Elsener** at [katie.elsener@piusx.net](mailto:katie.elsener@piusx.net).

**Supplies May Need To Be Replenished**

Just a reminder that we are in the 2nd quarter of our school year and students may need more school supplies. Please check with your student as to what supplies need replenishing such as batteries for his/her calculator, notebooks, pencils, pens, etc.

**Student Directories Available In Office**

Student Directories are available in the main office. They may be purchased for \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

**Hand Sanitizer & Tissues Needed**

We are in need of **tissues** and **hand sanitizer** for our students. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the main office. One box of tissues and one hand sanitizer bottle per student would be greatly appreciated. Larger refill bottles of hand sanitizer are also welcome. Thank you in advance for helping keep our Pius X family well. As we are often in short supply of these items, please remind your students to carry their own.

**School Delays/Closings Due To Weather**

School delays/closings may be found on the radio stations, KFOR (1240 AM) or KLIN (1400 AM); on the television stations, Channel 8 and Channel 10/11; and on the LPS District website at [www.lps.org](http://www.lps.org). If Lincoln Public Schools close, Pius X will automatically close. Parents always retain the right to make decisions they feel are in the best interest/safety of their family. On days in which there is school with wintry weather, please remind your students to leave at least 15 minutes early for the school day to allow for adverse conditions. It is important for students to be safe and not to hurry on wintry weather days, but to also know that it is important to be on time.

Parents of students involved in activities should stay updated on the postponement or cancellation of events. If weather improves and there is no way to reschedule, events may take place as planned. Activities will be considered on a case-by-case basis and sometimes these decisions will vary from school closing decisions.

**Discounts Available On Microsoft & Dell Products**

For discounts on **Microsoft & Dell** products, visit **Journey Education Marketing** at <http://www.journeyed.com/select> or the **Dell EPP Program** at [www.dell.com/epp](http://www.dell.com/epp) (our Diocese of Lincoln ID number is **PS91906606**). All purchases are the responsibility of the individual.

**Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices**

Cell phones are to be off and out of sight during the school day. If a student's cell phone is seen or heard during the school day, it will be confiscated and only a parent/guardian may pick it up in the office. I-pods, MP3 players, and other electronic devices are not to be used during the school day either. Please make calls and texts to your student before or after school.

## Online Databases - Pius X Library Media Center

Pius X students are reminded of the online databases available from the Pius X Library Media Center. **ELibrary**, **SIRS** and **Opposing Viewpoints** provide full-text access to a variety of magazines, journals, newspaper articles, wire service stories, tv and radio transcripts, pictures, maps, encyclopedia articles and more. **NebraskaAccess** provides links to magazines, biographies, **Fiction Connection**, genealogy, business information, **Books in Print** and more.

For links to these websites, visit the Pius X website at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net) [Students - Media Center - Online Information Service].

This page also includes links to the web sites from Lincoln City Libraries, U.S. Government and State of Nebraska, plus literature and MLA citations.

### ELibrary

<http://www.elibrary.com/elibweb/elib/do/search>

User ID: SUBNEB341 Password: CHILD341

### NebraskaAccess

<http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov/> (Wilson Web)

Password: housed4

(provided by the Nebraska Library Commission)

### Opposing Viewpoints

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/linc11569rpa>

Password: remote

### Social Issues Resource Series (SIRS)

---access at Pius X HS or from Pius X website: [Ars.sirs.com](http://Ars.sirs.com)

USER: NE0139 Password: 68510

## Travel To Costa Rica & Improve Your Spanish

This past summer **Carly Ficke** ('10) and **Abbie Larsen** ('11) went on the **Spanish Immersion program** of their life. Here is what Abbie had to say about it: "I got to do things that I never thought I would have a chance to and my Spanish improved greatly! This was definitely a trip of a lifetime!" If you would like to improve your Spanish this coming summer, learn more about it at [www.CostaRicaImmersion.com](http://www.CostaRicaImmersion.com). Early registration for summer 2011 ends December 31, 2010.

## 4 Chicago Cubs Tickets to Go to Highest Bidder

The Pius X High School **Pro-Life Club** is auctioning off **four Chicago Cubs tickets** as a fund raiser for their 2010-2011 year of pro-life activities. The tickets are for good seats during the 2011 season. Opening Day and games against the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals are not available.

Those placing bids are to send their name, address, phone number, and amount of their bid in a sealed envelope and mail to Pius X High School Pro-Life Club, 6000 A Street, Lincoln, NE, 68510, by Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Bids will be opened Thursday, December 16, 2010, in time for a surprise Christmas gift to the family.

Thank you for supporting the Pius X High School Pro-Life Club.

## Replacement ID Card

Replacement **ID Cards** may be purchased for **\$5.00** before or after school in the Pius X **main office**.

Tune in to Catholic radio at 102.7 FM or [www.kvss.com](http://www.kvss.com)

## Freshmen Corner

December means that  
the end of the 1st semester is almost here!!!

WHERE DID THE SEMESTER GO???

Suggestions for **studying for final exams**:

- ◆ Review your old quizzes/tests.
- ◆ Review your notes.
- ◆ COMPLETE any final exam review assignments.
- ◆ Study with a buddy.
- ◆ Be creative in making your review fun!
- ◆ ASK FOR HELP when needed!!!!
- ◆ Keep stress as low as possible.
- ◆ Get lots of sleep.
- ◆ Don't put off studying to the last minute. Start studying NOW!

And finally, PRAY for God's help.

(but don't expect Him to do it all, you need to do your part too!)



## Brick Of Remembrance

Honor special friends or family members, celebrate graduations, weddings or special events, or give a great Christmas gift to the person who has everything by purchasing a Brick Of Remembrance from the Pius X Garden Club. Each inscribed brick will be placed under the newly redesigned arbor in the renovated Pius X Courtyard. A standard brick requires a contribution of \$100 for an inscribed paver measuring 5.5" x 8". There are 3 lines available for your message with no more than 16 letters per line. Only 40 bricks are left to inscribe. All proceeds will go to the Pius X Garden Club to continue renovation of the courtyard. For more information, please contact **Georgia Miller** at Pius X at **488-0931**.

## Landscaping Club Fundraiser



This year, **Landscaping Club** will construct a seating wall around the tree in front of the L/PAC. It will be made with keystone and a smooth cap on the top. The center will be filled with dirt and decorative plants will be installed. Our design was drawn up by Nebraska Nursery and Color Gardens – Ben Hastreiter class of 1995. Our club is working on several fundraisers to collect over \$1,000 to complete construction. Most recently members sold **wooden door ornaments**. Thank you to all that have purchased an ornament. Ornament prices vary from \$15 - \$25. Students will be selling **carnations for Valentine's Day** and will have a **bake sale on Fat Tuesday** to help raise funds for this project. For more information, please contact **Georgia Miller** at Pius X at **488-0931**.

## Do We Have Your E-mail Address?

Pius X uses e-mail to communicate with parents about a variety of topics. We use e-mail addresses for teachers to send progress reports home, to alert parents of student detentions, for other occasional communication between the home and school, and to deliver Mr. Korta's updates of the week, "*This Week at Pius.*" Please update your records today and send an e-mail to **Jolene Ritzman** at [jolene.ritzman@piusx.net](mailto:jolene.ritzman@piusx.net) so that she may get you added to our database.

### SCIP - Making An Intervention

Do any of the following statements sound familiar to you? Have you heard yourself saying something like this or thinking this way?

- “The first time I found out my son was using drugs, I was shocked because he and I were really close.”
- “Not my kid.”
- “My gut tells me that my child is using drugs, but I don’t want to talk about it without concrete evidence.”
- “With the signs of alcohol/drug use, I want to hide it. I don’t want anybody to know. I want to keep it a secret because it’s shameful.”
- “I don’t want anyone to think badly about my son/daughter.”
- “What will people think of me if they find out about my son/daughter?”
- “I am a recovering alcohol/addict. I would know if my kid was using.”
- “I know where my son/daughter is every minute and who they are with.”
- “I did that and I turned out okay.”
- “All kids do that.”

These statements or thoughts are all in the realm of helping a parent not see what may be happening before their very eyes. As a parent, we want to believe our child when he/she tells us they aren’t drinking or using drugs. But parents also need to remember that sometimes kids aren’t completely truthful. It’s a nice fit, isn’t it? You want to believe your child, he/she tells you what you want to hear, so then you are assured they aren’t using. Have you ever heard the saying: “**D-E-N-I-A-L is not a river in Egypt**”?

That’s funny, but denial is a strong feeling/action that is easy to fall into when alcohol or drug use or mental health concerns affect someone we love, especially a child. These issues are way too important to deny, look the other way or sweep under the carpet as “normal adolescent behavior.” Not only do parents need to recognize the seriousness of these issues, but their children need to know where their parents stand.

An intervention need not be a scary idea. It can be as simple as a conversation in which you express your concern to someone about his or her drug use or behaviors. This may be an uncomfortable chat to start, but you can never be too safe or intervene too early. Research shows that kids do listen to their parents and the messages their parents send are powerful; in fact, sometimes kids are looking to their parents for advice and guidance and even an excuse as to why they can’t use alcohol or drugs. The sooner you intervene, the more pain and danger you may save your child, yourself, and other family members.

Make sure the time is right. You want the discussion to be productive. DON’T attempt the conversation if:

- Your child is drunk or high.
- You are angry.
- You aren’t prepared.

Your intuition is your best parenting tool. And give yourself permission to parent. Kids have lots of friends; they need a parent. It’s okay to ask questions, provide rules and restrictions, and even “snoop” on your kids. It is called being a responsible and loving parent.

For more information and answers to your questions, please visit The Partnership for a Drug-Free America, [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org) and review the Intervention eBook, Time to Act. There are lots of tips and suggestions as well as conversation starters and what to say if your child reacts defensively.

Source: [www.drugfree.org/intervene](http://www.drugfree.org/intervene)

SCIP is funded in part by: Lincoln Public Schools • Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, *Division of Behavioral Health* • Region V Systems • United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County

### Guidance Office

#### Health Careers - Bryan LGH Discovery Day

**Bryan LGH Discovery Day** will be held on **Wednesday, December 8, 2010**, from **8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Please stop by the **Guidance Office** for more information and a registration form. The Discovery Day will have the following subject areas for students to tour and visit: Cardiovascular Technology, Laboratory, Physical Therapy, Radiology, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Biomedical Electronics, Pharmacy and Star Care/Emergency Service. The registration deadline is **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**.

#### ParentCONNECT

One of the great tools that we offer to help you monitor your student’s academic progress is called “**ParentCONNECT**”. ParentCONNECT is an online portal that allows you to see each of **your student’s grades as they are updated daily in the teachers’ gradebooks**. For returning parents, your username and password are the same as last year. For new parents, you should have received your username and password in the mail. Even though it is called ParentCONNECT, you are encouraged to **share your username and password with your student** so that your student may grow in his/her own responsibility in monitoring his/her progress. If you have any questions with getting logged on, please contact **Georgia Miller** in the main office at **488-0931**.

#### Reading Tutorial Sessions

The **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** is offering **reading tutorial sessions** through the College of Education and Human Sciences at the Kit and Dick Schmoker Reading Center. The reading instruction offered at the **Schmoker Reading Center** is designed to serve **elementary and secondary school students** who are **reading 1-3 years below grade level**, and whose **primary difficulties in school are results of reading problems**. The tutors are UNL students who are practicing teachers or individuals trained to be teachers. The services include one-on-one individual reading instruction based on the needs of the student. For more information, please contact **Melisia Bieber** at **472-3532** or via email at [readingcenter@unl.edu](mailto:readingcenter@unl.edu). Applications are available in the Pius X Guidance Office.

#### Advanced Scholars Program At UNL

The **Advanced Scholars Program** at UNL is designed as a partnership linking the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) with your high school. Advanced Scholars gives qualified seniors and students identified as high ability or gifted students the opportunity to enroll in online University courses. All UNL Advanced Scholars courses are regular first-year offerings from the various colleges within the University system. The course syllabi, textbooks, assignments and grading practices are the same as those used by the faculty for on-campus classes. As an Advanced Scholar you will:

- ◆ get used to the rigors of college-level coursework;
- ◆ stay challenged and strengthen your study habits;
- ◆ earn University credit, giving you more flexibility once you arrive on campus;
- ◆ learn from UNL faculty at a major research institution.

For more information, please contact the Guidance Office or logon to: <http://advancedscholars.unl.edu/step1/>

**Naviance/Family Connection**

Seniors, check your Latest News bulletins on the home page of **Family Connections** frequently. This is a live bulletin board with information primarily for senior students and their parents. We will continue to list activities on this news bulletin board for you to stay informed about activities that could be important to you and your parents. Just log on to Family Connections and check out the home page information.

**Scholarships For Colleges (Seniors)**

It is the time for seniors to find and apply for scholarships to attend college. The most up-to-date opportunities are on **Naviance/Family Connection** which may be accessed on the Pius X website under Guidance Office. If you have not used Family Connection before, please contact the Pius X **Guidance Office** for your **personal access code** and **instructions** to create your own Family Connection account. This account cannot be viewed by other students or parents as each student/parent has a different access code to register. This account can be viewed by the counselors at Pius X High School who will assist you by monitoring information that you provide. Be sure to apply for all scholarships ahead of the deadline. If you have any questions, please contact the Pius X Guidance Office.

**Requesting Transcripts & Record Information**

All current students **MUST** log on to [www.connection.naviance.com/pxhl](http://www.connection.naviance.com/pxhl) to request transcripts. Students need transcripts for college applications, scholarship agencies, to register for the NCAA Eligibility Center, to get a personal copy and for other reasons. If you do not have your username (which is your email address) or your password, come to the Pius X **Guidance Office** for assistance. Once you have logged on to the website:

- Click on “colleges” at the top.
- On the left side of the screen under the heading “resources”, click on “transcripts.”
- You will be able to choose from three options:
  - ◆ Request transcripts for my college applications.
  - ◆ Request transcripts for scholarships or athletics.
  - ◆ View the status of all my transcript requests.
- Determine which option fits your needs, click on it and complete the form.

**Seniors - ACE Scholarship Information**

For more information about the **ACE Scholarship** (for students in high school taking college courses), log into your **Family Connection** site and open the Scholarship List on the left hand column under the “About College” link. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please obtain an application in the Senior Resumes. If you have your resume on a word document and will potentially need recommendations for college acceptance or scholarships from teachers and/or counselors, please bring it to the Guidance Office so we can upload it into Family Connection on Naviance. This allows any teacher or counselor access to valuable information in order to write recommendations. Even if you have only a paper copy of your resume, please submit it to the Guidance Office. We will be able to scan it and upload it for you into Family Connection.

**Seniors - Report Scholarships Received**

Please turn in any scholarships you receive from a college or organization to the **Guidance Office** by **Monday, May 2, 2011**. This information is needed so that all scholarships can be published in the program for the graduation ceremonies.

**College Representatives Visiting Pius X**

The schedule of **college representatives** who will be visiting Pius X is found in **Family Connections** under Colleges. Students interested in visiting with a representative should sign up in Family Connections.

**Seniors Applying To UNL**

To be considered for **merit-based scholarships** to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, students must be fully applied to UNL by **Friday, January 14, 2011**.

**Red Letter Day At UNL**

Senior Open House at UNL for **all majors** will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011, and Monday, February 21, 2011. **Special Visit Events** include: **Greek Preview** on Saturday, February 26, 2011; **Big Red Open House** on Monday, March 7, 2011, Friday, April 15, 2011, and Friday, April 22, 2011; and **Super Saturday** on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The deadline to apply is two weeks prior to event date. Interested students may apply online at [admissions.unl.edu/visit](http://admissions.unl.edu/visit).

**Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award**

Are you a young woman between the ages of 14 and 17 who volunteers in your community or school? You may be eligible to win a **Violet Richardson Award**. Tell about your community service in a 750 word essay. Local winners will be eligible for one of twenty eight \$1,000 awards. For more information and an application form, please contact the Guidance Office or go to [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org). The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**.

**ACT/SAT Dates For 2010-11**

**Juniors and Seniors** are encouraged to take the **ACT** and/or **SAT**. Juniors planning to attend college should consider beginning the testing process sometime during their Junior year. For most students, there is no need to take both tests. Most students do better on the ACT. The ACT has an optional essay; the SAT has a mandatory essay. Students may obtain a practice test in the **Pius X Guidance Office**, or may apply online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT). The Pius X High School code number is **281-315**.

ACT Test Date	Deadline	Late Fee Required
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8-21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5-18, 2011
SAT Test Date	Deadline	Late Fee Required
January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010	Dec 24, 2010 - Jan 7, 2011
March 12, 2011	February 11, 2011	February 12-25, 2011
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011	April 9-22, 2011
June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011

**Visit Us On The Pius X Website**

Please visit the Pius X website at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net) and click on “**Guidance Office**” for excellent information about college testing and preparation for testing, college selection, financial aid, and scholarships.

## December 2010 - Pius X High School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> <b>Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">                     * All dates and times are subject to change without notice.*                 </div> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">                     Visit the Pius X website at <a href="http://www.piusx.net">www.piusx.net</a> </div>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  B.G.Swimming @ Omaha Roncalli Catholic 4pm (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball vs Waverly 6:15/8pm (H)  G.JV.V.Basketball @ Lincoln Christian 6:15/8pm (A)	<b>3</b> First Friday	<b>4</b> First Saturday TEC Retreat - McCook  Uniform Shop open 10am-12pm  NSAA District Play Production Contest  Wrestling - Pius X Invitational 8:30am (H)  B.G.Swimming @ Beatrice Invitational 9am (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball vs LH 5:15/7pm (H)
<b>5</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent  Pray for seminarian, Corey Harrison  TEC Retreat - McCook	<b>6</b> TEC Retreat - McCook Advent Service 9:37am  B.10th.Basketball vs Waverly 6:30pm (H)	<b>7</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  Dino's First Tuesday	<b>8</b> No School  Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  B.Swimming @ Omaha Bryan Invita- tional 4:30pm (A)	<b>9</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  9th.Wrestling @ LNE 5pm (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball @ Crete 6/7:45pm (A)  G.B.9th.Basketball vs Beatrice 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>10</b> V.Wrestling @ Omaha South Invite tba (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball @ Seward 5:30/7pm (A)	<b>11</b> JV.Wrestling @ Omaha Skutt Invite 8:45am (A)  B.G.Swimming @ Columbus Relays Invitational 12pm (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball vs Thomas Jeffer- son 5:15/7pm (H)
<b>12</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent  Pray for seminarian, Brent Heyen  Band Department Christmas Concert 2pm - Flavin Gym	<b>13</b> Advent Service 9:37am B.10th.Basketball vs York 6:30pm (H)  G.10th.Basketball @ Gretna 6:30pm (A)  Vocal Department Christmas Concert 7pm	<b>14</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  CWA Auditions 3:45-5:45pm  V.JV.Wrestling @ Omaha Westside 6:30pm (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball @ Elkhorn South 6/7:45pm (A)	<b>15</b> CWA Auditions 3:45- 5:45pm	<b>16</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  G.B.9th.Basketball @ Fremont 5:45/7pm (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball vs Seward 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>17</b> G.JV.V.Basketball vs Beatrice 6:15/8pm (H)  Granite City's Third Friday  X-Change student newspaper distributed	<b>18</b> V.JV.Wrestling @ Wahoo Invite 9am (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball vs Waverly 5:15/7pm (H)
<b>19</b> 4th Sunday of Advent  Pray for seminarian, Ricardo Izquierdo	<b>20</b> Final Exams 8:05-11:30am (Periods 1-3)	<b>21</b> Final Exams 8:05-11:30am (Periods 4-6)  B.JV.V.Basketball @ Norris 4:30/7:30pm (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball @ Norris 4:30/6pm (A)	<b>22</b> Final Exams 8:05-10:20am (Periods 7-8)  NSAA Activities Moratorium	<b>23</b> No School  NSAA Activities Moratorium	<b>24</b> No School  NSAA Activities Moratorium	<b>25</b> The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas  NSAA Activities Moratorium
<b>26</b> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph  Pray for seminarian, Ryan Kaup  NSAA Activities Moratorium	<b>27</b> No School  B.V.Basketball @ Gretna Holiday Tournament tba (A)  G.V.Basketball @ Gretna Holiday Tournament tba (A)	<b>28</b> No School  B.V.Basketball @ Gretna Holiday Tournament tba (A)  G.V.Basketball @ Gretna Holiday Tournament tba (A)	<b>29</b> No School	<b>30</b> No School	<b>31</b> No School  V.Wrestling @ Omaha Creighton Prep 9am (A)	

## January 2011 - Pius X High School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* All dates and times are subject to change without notice.*		Visit the Pius X website at <a href="http://www.piusx.net">www.piusx.net</a>		Daily Mass 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday		<b>1</b> First Saturday
<b>2</b> The Epiphany Of The Lord  Pray for seminarian, Shawn Koranda	<b>3</b> No School	<b>4</b> No School  9th.Wrestling @ LSE Tournament 3:30pm (A)  V.JV.Wrestling @ Millard North 6/6:30pm (A)  B.G.9th.Basketball vs Norris 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>5</b> Testing Day Seniors- No School Juniors- No School Sophomores- No School Freshmen- 8:05am-12:30pm	<b>6</b> Testing Day Seniors- No School Juniors- 8:05-11:30am Sophomores- No School Freshmen- 8:05am-12:30pm  B.G.Swimming vs LNS&Fremont @ LNS 4:30pm (A)  B.10th.Basketball vs Omaha Creighton Prep 6:30pm (H)	<b>7</b> First Friday  Epiphany Mass 9:25am  V.Wrestling vs LNS Invitational 3pm (H)  B.G.V.Basketball @ Lexington 6/7:45pm (A)	<b>8</b> JV.Wrestling @ Malcom Invitational 9:30am (A)  B.G.9th.Basketball vs LSE 9:15/10:45am (H)  B.G.Swimming@Kearney High Invitational 12pm (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball @ LNS 5:15/7pm (A)
<b>9</b> The Baptism Of The Lord  1st Sunday in Ordinary Time  Pray for seminarian, Caleb LaRue	<b>10</b> B.10th.Basketball @ Millard West 7pm (A)  B.G.9th.Basketball vs Lincoln Lutheran 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>11</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  V.JV.Wrestling @ Omaha Gross Catholic 6:30pm (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball vs Gretna 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  G.JV.V.Basketball vs Hastings 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>14</b> B.Diving@Omaha Skutt Invitational 5pm (A)  G.Diving@Millard North Invitational tba (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball @ Elkhorn 4:15/7:45pm (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball @ Elkhorn 4:15/6pm (A)	<b>15</b> B.Swimming vs Omaha Skutt Invitational @ Ralston 8am (A)  G.Swimming vs Millard North Invitational tba (A)  V.Wrestling @ LPS Classic @ LH 9am (A)  JV.Wrestling @ LPS Tournament @ LNS 9am (A)  B.G.9th.Basketball @ GINW 10am (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball @ Ralston 5:30/7:15pm (A)
<b>16</b> 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  Pray for seminarian, Steven Mills	<b>17</b> No School  G.JV(10th).Basketball vs Gretna 6:30pm (H)  B.G.9th.Basketball @ Lincoln Christian 6:15/8pm (A)	<b>18</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  B.G.Swimming vs Omaha Roncalli & S. Sioux City @ Brownell-Talbot 4pm (A)  JV.Wrestling vs Pius X Invitational 4:30pm (H)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  G.JV.V.Basketball @ Crete 6/7:30pm (A)  B.G.9th.Basketball vs LSW 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>21</b> B.JV.V.Basketball @ Lincoln Christian 6:15/8pm (A)	<b>22</b> V.Wrestling @ Plattsmouth Invitational 9:30am (A)  Winter Formal Dance 8:30-11pm
<b>23</b> 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  Pray for seminarian, James Morin	<b>24</b> B.10th.Basketball @ Beatrice 6:30pm (A)  Auditions for Spring Musical	<b>25</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  B.G.Swimming @ LSW 4:30pm (A)  V.Wrestling @ LSE 6:30pm (A)  B.G.9th.Basketball vs Crete 6:15/8pm (H)  Auditions for Spring Musical	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm  V.JV.Wrestling vs Millard West 6:30/7pm (H)  B.10th.Basketball @ LSE 7:30pm (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball @ LNE 5:45/7:30pm (A)	<b>28</b> B.G.Diving @ Omaha Westside Invitational 4pm (A)  B.JV.V.Basketball vs LNE 6:15/8pm (H)	<b>29</b> B.G.Swimming @ Omaha Westside Invitational 8am (A)  V.Wrestling @ Omaha Roncalli Tournament 9am (A)  G.JV.V.Basketball vs Omaha Gross Catholic 5:15/7pm (H)
<b>30</b> 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  Catholic Schools Week begins  Pray for seminarian, Denton Morris	<b>31</b> Catholic Schools Week  B.G.Swimming @ Beatrice 4:30pm (A)  B.G.9th.Basketball vs Seward 6:15/8pm (H)  Club World Aid Benefit Concert 7pm					



**Questions Regarding Food Service?**

If you have any questions regarding the Pius X Food Service Program, please contact **Tini Van-Oehlertz**, R.D. via email at [tini.van-oehlertz@piusx.net](mailto:tini.van-oehlertz@piusx.net) or 488-0931.



**Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

The **Third Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest** was held in the Commons area on October 29, 2010. The display made a festive addition to the cafeteria. Thank you to all that participated.

**Thank You For Purchasing Pumpkin Pies**



Special thanks to all those that purchased pumpkin pies from the Pius X Food Service in November 2010 in an effort to raise additional funds to support equipment purchases for Pius X's onsite kitchen facilities. Thank you for your support!

**St Nicholas Day, Monday, December 6th**



**St. Nicolas of Bari**, the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the real Santa Claus. Exactly how a kindly cleric from present-day Turkey got associated with an overgrown, red-suited elf from the North Pole is hard to figure.

The real Santa Claus was well known for his kindness and generosity, especially to the poor. One legend says he tossed bags of gold in the open window of a poor man's house to help with his daughters' dowries. The gold is supposed to have landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which would account for the custom of hanging stockings for Santa Claus to fill. At any rate, St. Nicholas was linked with gift giving, and, in many countries, children still put out their shoes on his feast day to be filled with presents.

Santa Claus has become a symbol for the Christmas holidays, but Santa is a commercial contrivance. St. Nicholas, the real Santa, is just that---real. As we move into the holiday season with its excitement and bustle, let us take a few minutes to remember that love and joy won't magically appear unless, like the real Santa did, we make them happen.



*How can I be a St. Nicholas to someone needy this Christmas season? Pius X Food Service will be collecting donations throughout this day for the Matt Talbot kitchen. Please be generous in supporting this worthwhile cause.*

**Christmas Meal For Pius X Students And Staff**



The holiday meal for students and staff is **Wednesday, December 15, 2010**. Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Dinner Roll and complimentary Dessert will be served. Come and enjoy.

**Finals Week Breakfast Schedule - No Lunch**



Finals are Monday-Wednesday, December 20-22, 2010. Breakfast will be served **7:30-9:30 a.m.** each morning. **NO lunch** will be served these 3 days.



**Veggies Do A Body Good**

Women who load up on vegetables while pregnant have children who are less likely to have Type 1 diabetes according to a Swedish study. Of nearly 6,000 children who were studied from birth to age 5, the ones whose mothers ate vegetables only a few times a week during pregnancy were twice as likely to have Type 1 diabetes, or high levels of antibodies that point to a risk for the disease, as those whose mothers ate veggies every day. The researchers can't say for sure whether the vegetables themselves prevented diabetes or if the factors related to veggie intake were at work. Source: Pediatric Diabetes, September 2009.



**A "Tini" Fact**

A high-quality protein, also called a complete protein, is a protein that provides all of the essential amino acids in the amounts the body needs to digest and absorb. Egg is one of the foods with the highest biological value.....yeah, eggs!!

**Christmas Goodies For Sale**



**Proceeds Will Be Used To Support Equipment Purchases For Pius X's New Kitchen**

**Glazed Sugar Cookies, Coffee Bars, and Chocolate Crispies**  
- packed 2 dozen to a box -

- Orders need to be placed 48 hours in advance -

- Payment is due with the order -



Pick-Up Dates:

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Friday, December 10, 2010

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Friday, December 17, 2010

Questions? Please contact **Tini Van-Oehlertz**, R.D. via email at [tini.van-oehlertz@piusx.net](mailto:tini.van-oehlertz@piusx.net) or at 488-0931.

**Christmas Goodies Sale - Pius X High School**

- Orders need to be placed 48 hours in advance -

- Payment is due with the order -

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie Boxes (2 dozen):

Thursday, December 9, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, December 10, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, December 16, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, December 17, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

# of boxes \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00/box or 4 dozen for \$20.00

Total due: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Menu - December 2010**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>December 1</b> <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items  <u>Lunch</u> Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad - or - Chicken Pot Pie Biscuit	<b>December 2</b> <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Breakfast Burrito Bar  <u>Lunch</u> Hamburger/Wheat Bun Corn - or - Chicken Rice Soup String Cheese Crackers Wheat Dinner Roll	<b>December 3</b> <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items  <u>Lunch</u> Macaroni & Cheese - or - Fish Sticks Green Beans Wheat Dinner Roll
<b>December 6</b> <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items  <u>Lunch</u> <b>St. Nicholas' Feast Day</b> Meatball Sub/Mozarella Cheese - or - Chef's Choice	<b>December 7</b> <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Breakfast Pizza  <u>Lunch</u> Potato Bar - or - Italian Dunkers Meat Topping Fixin Bar	<b>December 8</b> No School <b>Immaculate Conception Of                      The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>December 9</b> <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Pancakes & Sausage  <u>Lunch</u> Beef Gyros/Cucumber Sauce - or - BBQ Chicken Drumsticks Baked Potato Wheat Dinner Roll	<b>December 10</b> <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items  <u>Lunch</u> Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad - or - Broccoli Cheese Soup Yogurt Crackers Wheat Dinner Roll
<b>December 13</b> <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items  <u>Lunch</u> Chicken Fajita Brown Rice Fixin Bar - or - Corn Dog	<b>December 14</b> <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Chef's Choice Breakfast  <u>Lunch</u> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Peas Garlic Bread - or - Chef Salad	<b>December 15</b> <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items  <u>Lunch</u> <b>Christmas Dinner</b> Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Dinner Roll Complimentary Dessert	<b>December 16</b> <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Breakfast Burrito  <u>Lunch</u> Chef's Choice Chicken Potato Corn - or - Fiestada	<b>December 17</b> <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items  <u>Lunch</u> 4 Cheese Ziti Breadstick - or - Chef's Choice Soup Cheese Crackers Wheat Dinner Roll
<b>December 20</b> <b>Finals</b> Breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m. Fruit, Yogurt and Muffin Bar PBJ Sandwiches available  <b>No Lunch</b>	<b>December 21</b> <b>Finals</b> Breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m. Breakfast Pizza PBJ Sandwiches available  <b>No Lunch</b>	<b>December 22</b> Finals Breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m. Chef's Choice Hot Breakfast PBJ Sandwiches available  <b>No Lunch</b>	<b>December 23</b> No School <b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>December 24</b> No School <b>Christmas Break</b>
<b>December 27</b> No School <b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>December 28</b> No School <b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>December 29</b> No School <b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>December 30</b> No School <b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>December 31</b> No School <b>Christmas Break</b>