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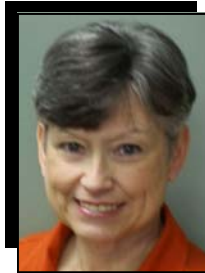
" Restore All Things In Christ "

May 2011



Saint of Forgiveness

- Tuesday, May 3**
Uniform Shop reopens at Pius X
Dino's First Tuesday 5-11pm
- Monday, May 9**
Awards Night (old gym) 7pm
- Tuesday, May 10**
Spring Vocal Concert 7pm
- Wednesday, May 11**
Senior Service Hours due
- Wed-Tues, May 11-17**
Boys & Girls State Soccer
- Friday, May 13**
X-Change newspaper distributed
- Sat-Thurs, May 14-19**
State Baseball
- Sunday, May 15**
Spring Band Concert 7:30pm
- Monday, May 16**
Senior/Parent Mass & Breakfast
9:30am-1:00pm
- Wednesday, May 18**
Senior Finals (Periods 5-8)
- Thursday, May 19**
Senior Finals (Periods 1-4)
- Thurs-Fri, May 19-20**
State Tennis
- Friday, May 20**
Granite City's Third Friday
- Fri-Sat, May 20-21**
State Track & Field
- Saturday, May 21**
*Last day to order uniforms to
assure delivery before the start
of the 2011-12 school year
- Sunday, May 22**
Graduation 1:30pm
- Monday, May 23**
Final Exams 8:05-11:30am
(Periods 6-8)
Junior Meeting (Washington
D.C. trip) L/PAC at 7pm
- Tuesday, May 24**
Final Exams 8:05-11:30am
(Periods 3-5)
Sports Physicals 6-9pm
- Tues-Wed, May 24-25**
Boys State Golf
- Wednesday, May 25**
Final Exams 8:05-10:20am
(Periods 1-2)
- Friday, May 27**
Incoming Freshmen Weight
Lifting Orientation 9-11:30am
- Tuesday-Friday, May 31-June 3**
Baseball Camp 9am-12pm
Basketball Camp 8:30-11am
Basketball Camp 12:30-2:30pm
Basketball Camp 3:00-5:00pm



From The Guidance Office Director - Jan Frayser

May is the month of graduations and celebrations. More importantly, May is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary in Nazareth, he announced to her, "...Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus....the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." Mary replied, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done according to your word." Then, the angel departed from her. [Luke 1:31-38]

When I consider Mary's answer and willingness to accept God's will, it inspires me. She bore the Son of God, raised Him with Joseph on Earth and stood on Calvary at the foot of the cross to witness his sacrifice. I cannot fathom the anguish she felt as she watched her Son die. Yet, she never questioned nor turned away from His will. What an incredible example she is for all of us as we struggle to accept and live God's plan for our lives.

It is so easy to get caught up in the "things" of life and focused on them rather than on "being the handmaid of the Lord." Each day, I desire to live according to God's will knowing that His path will lead me to peace, joy and Heaven. Kneeling in front of the Blessed Mother's statue at St. Peter's Church, a wonderfully serene and holy place, allows me to continually ask our Mother Mary to help me in my daily journey, to intercede for me to her Son and to help me to know His plan for my life.

Too often when the month of May comes around, I allow myself to worry and questions such as these bombard me:

- Did I remember to rent the Lied Center?
- Will the line-up be correct?
- Will the program be accurate?
- Will the Bishop remember to come?

Last May was especially challenging. My niece (love you, Jessica) had the audacity to schedule her wedding in far western Nebraska (about seven hours from Lincoln) for the evening prior to Pius's graduation. I just kept thinking: how are we going to pull this one off? To the rescue, my dear husband. We drove out to Rushville on Thursday following the Senior-Parent Mass and breakfast, helped my sister with final preparations and attended the wedding. Then, we went to the reception which was held in a horse barn, quite legal and acceptable there. At about 10:30 p.m. (mountain time), Steve and I got back in the car and drove to North Platte, arriving around 2:30 a.m. (central time). Five hours later, we were headed to Lincoln. Steve delivered me to the Lied Center by 11 a.m. and by God's grace (and my wonderful co-sponsors), a lovely graduation commenced (pun intended) on time at 1:30 p.m. Thanks be to God.

So again this year, I dedicate myself to letting go of these May worries and focusing instead on our Blessed Mother and her "yes" to God. May her presence in all of our lives bring us closer to her Son and assist us in seeking Him each day. May our 2011 Pius graduates rely on Mary to help them through each day and give them the courage to walk with Him and to Him.

O holy Mother, I commend my soul and body to your blessed and special trust today and every day. To you I entrust all my hope and consolation, all my anguish and miseries, my life and the end of my life, that through your most holy intercession and your merits, all my actions may be directed and disposed according to God's will. Amen.

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 To Restore All Things In Christ**

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**Zach Dickman Speaks To All-School Assembly
 About His Experience With The K-2 Drug**

The SOADA Club (Students Organized Against Alcohol and Drugs) sponsored speaker **Zach Dickman** from Sidney, Nebraska, to share his experience at an all-school Lenten service. Last September, sixteen year old Zach Dickman thought he was smoking marijuana, but instead, it was the synthetic marijuana K-2. He nearly killed himself and others when he drove his vehicle through the small town and into a home while under the influence of the drug. He spoke about the consequences of making poor decisions. Synthetic marijuana is currently one of the major drug threats to the safety of Nebraska high school students according to Nebraska Assistant Attorney General, Corey O'Brien. Pictured left to right: (back row) **Zach Dickman, Jim Dickman, Principal Tom Kortz** (middle row) SOADA Club Sponsor **Laurie Barnes, Angela Dickman, Colby Dickman**, SOADA Club Co-Presidents **Emma Contreras and Kaitlin Slattery** (front row) **Sawyer Dickman**.

Lenten Services

Six weekly Lenten services were held for the Pius X students and staff, with meditations on **The Stations of the Cross**. Each week we focused on a few stations by praying them and listening to students share their personal experiences as they related to each station.

The first week, **Dominic Dongilli**, a senior, recalled the compassion he had for a homeless man he saw at a young age and spoke about the importance of not judging others, unlike Pontius Pilate, who, as in the first station, condemned Jesus to death. **Nolan Pribnow**, a junior, reflected on the second station, 'Jesus Accepts His Cross,' and shared about the cross of a hand injury he suffered while practicing his passion: playing the piano.

We co-opted with **SOADA Club**, sponsored by **Mrs. Laurie Barnes**, and brought in **Angie and Zach Dickman**, from Sidney, Nebraska, to speak about how peer pressure led Zach to fall into the bad choice of using the K-2 drug. They spoke about the effects this had on their family and community, and just as the third station tells us that Jesus fell, the Dickmans have since received help from their family and friends to continue on life's journey. Fr. Seiker concluded our service with a brief reflection on the third station and a blessing.

Our third Lenten service focused on the sixth and seventh stations. **Sarah O'Hearn**, a junior, spoke about the selfless act of Veronica wiping the face of Jesus and how her youngest brother Samuel has taught her the importance of unconditional love. **Sam Kurtenbach**, a junior, then spoke about a period in his life when he fell into depression and relied on God to pull him back up, just as Jesus did after he fell the second time. **Fr. Bernardo** concluded our prayer service with a prayer and blessing.

Our fourth Lenten service focused on stations four, 'Jesus Meets His Mother,' and five, 'Simon Helps Carry the Cross.' **Stephanie Springer**, a junior, reflected on the fourth station and revealed a story from her childhood in which she became aware of Mary's presence in a tangible way. She said that it was this image and her relationship with Mary that has helped her through the pain she has experienced through bullying. **Lauren Wilcox**, a senior, shared about the cross of caring for her grandmother which she has carried as well as how her mother has helped her carry her own cross in life.

Our fifth Lenten service focused on stations eight, "Jesus Speaks to the Women," nine, "Jesus Falls a Third Time," ten, "Jesus is Stripped of His Garments," and eleven, "Jesus is Nailed to the Cross." **Carolyn McDermott**, a junior, reflected on station 8 and spoke about the importance of being kind to others, even when we are hurting. We prayed the ninth and tenth stations and then **Sarah Benal** reflected on the eleventh station and how she has experienced the need to forgive others in her life, even when it's hard.

The final Lenten service included a prayer and reflection of stations twelve, "Jesus Dies Upon the Cross," thirteen, "Jesus is Taken from the Cross," and fourteen, "Jesus is Laid in the Tomb." We prayed the twelfth and thirteenth stations and then **Jessica Albin** shared her reflection on the fourteenth station. She focused on the realization that life is too short to take others for granted, just as Jesus' followers may have taken him for granted. She then spoke about the importance of patience and just as Jesus' followers needed to be patient in waiting for the resurrection, we must be patient in our own lives to see great rewards.

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Mr. Adam Bauman** and **Ciprian Galarneau** who help with our technology every week.

Thank You to the First Friday Adorers

May 6th will be the last day for **First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist** for the current school year. A big thank you goes to all the Pius X supporters who gave an hour of their time each month to make First Friday Adoration possible. Without you, we would not be able to provide the theology classes with the opportunity for adoration and meditative prayer throughout the school year. Thank you again for your presence and your prayerful support.



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Safranek Receives Appointment To U.S. West Point Military Academy

Austin Safranek has received an appointment to the **United States West Point Military Academy** in New York. He was one of eighteen students from eastern Nebraska nominated by **Congressman Jeff Fortenberry**. Austin, son of **Tom & Ann Safranek** of the Blessed Sacrament parish, will graduate from Pius X in May 2011 and will become a cadet at West Point in the beginning of August 2011. At Pius X, he has a 3.97 grade point average and is involved in Swimming and the X-Change Student Newspaper. In the community, he volunteers at BryanLGH West and works at Amigo's. His goal is to work at the Pentagon sometime in his future.

The **U.S. Military Academy** at West Point, New York, is one of five military academies in the United States. Nominees are evaluated on their academic, physical, and leadership potential. Admission is open to all young men and women, and is extremely competitive. It is renowned as the world's premier leader development institution. It develops cadets intellectually, physically, militarily, ethically, spiritually, and socially to prepare them to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



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Aylward Selected To Attend U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar

Congratulations to **Jeff Aylward**, junior, who has been selected to attend the **United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar** during the summer of 2011. At this fast-paced, six day seminar, students experience all aspects of the Naval Academy including the academic program and midshipman life, and they get an overview of Navy & Marine Corps service options. Candidates for the summer seminar program are young men and women who have just completed their junior year of high school. The following general selection criteria are considered: United States citizen; academic performance (grades, class rank, etc.); demonstrated achievement in athletics & extracurricular activities, especially demonstrating leadership potential in these areas; physically fit & in good health; and positive attitude, self-disciplined, and of good moral character.

Jeff is the son of **Tim & Gaylene Aylward** of the Cathedral parish. At Pius X, he is involved in Football, Soccer, Band, Cribbage Club, and is the Student Manager for Basketball. In the community, he volunteers for the Matt Talbott Kitchen with his GodTeen group. He is currently interested in pursuing an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and majoring in either Economics or Nuclear Engineering.

Did You Know?

Pius X High School was opened on October 1, 1956, by Bishop Louis B. Kucera, and was established as the central Catholic high school for the city of Lincoln and the Diocese of Lincoln. Since its earliest years, Pius X has grown to over 1,000 students in grades 9-12, with over 70 faculty and staff made up of both religious and lay people. When the school was named after Pope St. Pius X, it took its patron's motto, "To restore all things in Christ", as its guiding mission. This mission is evident in the academic opportunities and the variety of activities (clubs, athletics, and organizations) offered to students.

Baker & Heibel To Represent Pius At The "Best Of The Class" Program At NWU



Lucy Baker



Haley Heibel

Lucy Baker and **Haley Heibel**, both seniors, will represent Pius X at the **"Best of the Class"** program at Nebraska Wesleyan University on Thursday, May 5. This program is sponsored by Channel 8 KLKN-TV to salute top academic achievers in Nebraska. The students chosen will be treated to a program and a luncheon then interact with other students representing their respective high schools as Channel 8 KLKN-TV camera crews video tape them. The video tape shot will be incorporated into **"Best of the Class"** commercial announcements which will air on Channel 8 KLKN-TV. Lucy is the daughter of Jonathan & Ann Baker of the Cathedral parish and Haley is the daughter of Mark & Karen Heibel of the St. Joseph parish. - courtesy photos -

Medill Selected To Participate In ESSi



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

Rose Medill has been selected to participate in the 46th **Kansas State University College of Engineering Science and Summer Institute (ESSi)**. The institute will be held May 30 - June 3 on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. The institute is for high school students who have completed their sophomore or junior year and have a strong background in math and science. Last year, more than 75 students from four states attended. In an effort to create a higher learning atmosphere, not all applicants are accepted. Selection is based primarily on career interests and academic performance. The quality of students has been high. Participants must have taken math & science courses, have a high school GPA of 3.5 or above, and have scored well on ACT, PSAT or Iowa Basic tests.

The purpose of the institute is to offer students an opportunity to learn about engineering as well as physics, chemistry, biology, and math. Participants will engage in hands-on activities and labs in an effort to illustrate some of the problems and challenges that face us in the 21st century. They will have a chance to explore nuclear energy & nanotechnology, to work with a wind tunnel, to discuss sustainability & energy efficient designs, design a balsa structure in a team environment, test strength/loading using engineering laboratory equipment, reverse engineer a common household item to evaluate the manufacturing process, costs, & design, have opportunities for leadership, and to learn about campus life. The morning sessions focus on career discovery and learning about the various engineering and science disciplines, the afternoon sessions provide a time to focus on the discipline in more detail using a laboratory experience, and the evenings are designed for social interaction.

Rose is currently a sophomore and is the daughter of **Steve & Colleen Medill** of the St. Joseph parish in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gustafson Earns Rank Of Eagle Scouts



Logan Gustafson, sophomore, of Boy Scout Troop #45 of Lincoln received his Eagle Scout award at a ceremony held April 10, 2011, at St. Joseph's Church. Logan is the son of **Kirk & Julie Gustafson**. Congratulations to Logan on earning this prestigious award!



- photo courtesy of Foundation Office -

Nebraska Capitol Forum

Congratulations to **Mr. Tom Seib, Liz Husmann, Austin Safranek, Dominic Dongilli, and Regina Merrill** who represented Pius X at the **13th Annual Nebraska Capitol Forum** on Monday, March 28. They were among other high school students and teachers from 27 high schools in Nebraska who gathered for the day-long forum to discuss the U.S. role in today's world.

Capitol Forum is a civic education initiative designed to give high school students a voice in public policy. For six months, students studied and deliberated foreign policy issues in the classroom. On March 28, student representatives from each school engaged in discussion among themselves and with policymakers on such issues as immigration, nuclear weapon proliferation, terrorism, international trade, and the global environment. They deliberated on four distinct options for the future of U.S. foreign policy, culminating in a conversation with members of Nebraska's congressional delegation.

After the forum, the teachers and students returned home to share their experiences with classmates. Their classes completed a ballot describing their view of America's future role in the world. Results of the ballot will be compiled and distributed to elected officials, Nebraska schools and news media. For additional information, please visit www.nebraskahumanities.org.

Students Named for Boys/Girls State



- Photo courtesy of Foundation Office -

The **American Legion Auxiliary** has announced that three boys and three girls from Pius X who applied to attend Cornhusker Boys or Girls State have been selected to attend the 71st annual session this summer on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus from June 5-11, 2011. Those chosen to attend Boys State are **Steve Byers**, son of John & Anne Byers of North American Martyrs parish; **Tanner Lockhorn**, son of Roger & Deb Lockhorn of St. John's parish; and **Richard Rice**, son of Richard & Mary Beth Rice of St. Peter's parish. Those chosen to attend Girls State were **Mary Margaret (Maggie) Dawson**, daughter of Brian & Cathy Dawson of St. Joseph's parish; **Shannon Kelly**, daughter of Joseph & Susan Kelly of St. Peter's parish; and **Allison Zastrow**, daughter of Dave & Luann Zastrow of St. Peter's parish.

Boys and Girls State is an unique citizenship training program in which Auxiliary members guide the youth of our nation toward an understanding, comprehension and appreciation of their roles as United States citizens. Participants are divided into two instructional political parties, and elections are held to fill city, county and state positions. Activities include legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies, debating, voting and special instruction in parliamentary procedure.

Pro-Life Essay Contest Announces Winners



- photo courtesy of Foundation Office -

Congratulations to **Emily Coffey, Marie Wathen, Cassie Effken, and Hanna Wackel** for placing in the Diocese of Lincoln's Pro-Life Essay Contest. **Emily Coffey**, daughter of **Greg & Kim Coffey** of the St. Teresa parish, placed 2nd in the 10th grade division; **Marie Wathen**, daughter of **Jim & Carol**

Wathen of the St. Peter parish, placed 1st in the 11th grade division; **Cassie Effken**, daughter of David & Kellie Effken of the St. Peter parish, placed 2nd in the 11th grade division, and **Hanna Wackel**, daughter of **Tom & Ann Wackel** of the St. Joseph parish, placed 3rd in the 11th grade division. First place winners, including Marie Wathen, were honored at an Awards Dinner with **Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz**. In addition to her award, Marie received a \$40 prize and her entry has been forwarded on to the Knights of Columbus' state-wide contest which will be judged separately and awarded in the fall of 2011.

The pro-life contest was conducted between January and March 2011. Students in grades 7-11 were eligible to submit a 300-500 word essay, and prizes awarded to each grade level. The essay was to make a persuasive argument as to why various national and international groups are wrong in saying that the world is overpopulated. The theme of the contest was: **Mother Teresa said, "How can there be too many children? That's like saying there are too many flowers."** The judges selected winners based on the entry's understanding of the pro-life message, clarity in communicating this message, and creativity & originality. Congratulations to all for being great witnesses to our faith! Pictured left to right: Emily Coffey, Marie Wathen, Cassie Effken, and Hanna Wackel.

Interior Courtyard Chosen For Lincoln Garden Tour



- Photo courtesy of Yearbook -

The Secret Garden is a children's classic tale that came to life at Pius X High School in the fall of 2006. A student inquired about what could be done to improve the looks of the courtyard created in 1995 when the new addition was added to the school. At that time the green area, bordered on two sides by classrooms and on two by

hallways, came to life as the **Landscaping Club** was formed from this single inquiry. The first year, with about 8 students helping, everything was removed from the area necessitating seven pickup loads, and we started with a blank canvas.

The students worked very hard for the next two years putting in a new flagstone path, rerouting sprinkler heads and planting hundreds of plants. To date we have 20 active members who are solely responsible for the maintenance of this sanctuary. Not only do students and faculty appreciate the area, but the enticing new sanctuary also provides an idyllic nesting site for our annual visit from one lucky duck family and other migratory birds.

All funds used for the courtyard are earned through fundraisers conducted by the Landscaping Club and private donations. This year, the club will also be helping out Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center with a landscaping project they have on "L" street at the Emergency Entrance. The Pius X Landscaping Club is sponsored by **Georgia Miller** and **Sheila Mehlhaff**.

The Pius X interior courtyard will be on the **Lincoln Garden Tour** on **Saturday, June 11**, from **1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** This will be the first time that a school has been included on the tour. Come and spend a moment with Our Lady in this beautiful area the next time you're visiting Pius X.



- photo courtesy of Yearbook -

Thunderbolts Donate Blood To Save Lives

As winter turns to spring, many are thankful for the efforts of Pius X volunteer blood donors. Students and staff rolled up their sleeves to help patients while raising scholarship funds for Pius X. Donations from the March 31 drive helped area patients facing serious surgeries and life-saving treatments. Since partnering with the **Nebraska Community Blood Bank (NCBB)** in 1999, over 1,588 Pius X donors have provided 1,185 units of life-saving blood products for patients from across Nebraska and beyond. Since Pius X has met goals at both of this school year's blood drives, Pius X is eligible for scholarship awards from the **NCBB Educational Scholarship Program**. Created as a way to say thank you for being a part of blood drive program, it also helps educate students on the importance of being a volunteer blood donor.

The Nebraska Community Blood Bank (NCBB) has been the area's blood provider for more than 40 years and depends on thousands of blood donors every month throughout the year to help maintain the community's blood supply. For more information about blood donation, visit www.ncbb.org.



- photo courtesy of Tracy Chapelle -

Language Fair

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Foreign Language Fair on the UNL campus April 5. The following students competed:

Sam Kurtenbach, Brian Morehouse, Jessica Tran, Ruth Jaros, Trevon McGill, Maria Hotovy, Nolan Pribnow, Maggie Dawson, Sam Williams, Alison Vasquez, Jason Flink, Melody Claus, Alana Tucker, Kenzie Bailey, Carolyn Soukup, Erin McManus, Kelsey Konecky, Anne Marie Schneider, Noah Javadi, Conny Fiedler, Chloe Johnson, Sawyer Kreikemeier, Kayla Malizzi, Ben Woita, Tyler Minchow, Lauren Largen, Drew Miller, Gabby Bruckner, Lucy Baker, Ashley McAndrew, Morgan Birkel, Jill Benes, Josh Burks, Abbie Larsen, Hannah Schinkel, Lizzy Wiest, Margaret Johnson, Kathryn Kopetzky, Deidre Richard, Tony Finley, Jennine Kottwitz, Sara Vondracek, Cheo Zárate, Sophie Connot, Sierra Weber, and Carolyn McDermott. All students did an excellent job competing in poetry and music competitions. They all earned ribbons in their competition areas. A special congratulations to **Jessica Tran** for placing first overall in the poetry competition, **Josh Burks** and **Lucy Baker** for placing first overall in the music competition, and **Cheo Zárate, Sophie Connot, and Sara Vondracek** for placing second overall in the song competition.

Modern Literature Classes Take Field Trip



- photo courtesy of Claire Hicks -

The **Wessels Living History Farm** near York, Nebraska, was the site for the **Modern Literature** field trip on April 6. Twelve students along with their teachers, **Mr. Jim Hansen** and **Ms. Claire Hicks**, were able to step back in time to the 1920's and 1930's to experience what life was like during the Roaring Twenties and Dirty Thirties.

The tour guide, **Dale Clark**, took the group through a farm house set in the 1920's, a barn with a Model A Ford and a machine shed complete with a variety of farming equipment used in the early 20th century. The trip was in connection with the novels *The Great Gatsby* and *Of Mice and Men* which the students are currently reading.

Geometry Students Tour NET



- photo courtesy of NET -

Students in **Mr. Schlautman's geometry class** had the wonderful opportunity on March 30 to take a field trip to **NET** (Nebraska Educational Telecommunications) in Lincoln. Students have been studying circles. Tangents, arcs and chords

have a purpose in geometry but they also play a HUGE role in communications in a much broader sense. Since many students have a wide variety of interests, touring NET exposed the students to a wide variety of skilled professionals...people who had an interest in something and pursued it into a career. The field trip included:

- An overview of what NET does, its purpose, what makes it unique.
- An overview of the radio broadcast booth.
- An overview of a "set" for a television broadcast.
- A tour of the HD broadcast semi-truck and information about the amount of work that goes into a live remote broadcast like the state high school championship games or state speech.
- An explanation of all the satellite dishes outside on the "satellite farm".
- A quick overview of the technical/computer server room.

Many thanks go to the parent volunteers who provided transportation. Their assistance allowed the trip to cost \$0!! Also special thanks to **Cathy Lund** at NET for coordinating the learning experience.

Yearbook Qualifies 3 For State Competition



- photo courtesy of Yearbook -

Pius X Yearbook placed second in Yearbook Theme and Development in the preliminary State Journalism Contest. Members of the yearbook staff are: **Preston Sparks, Hannah Hovis, Kathy Do, Brendon Love, Kaitlin Slattery, Lily Kennett, Jessie**

Kapustka, Rebecca Beecham, Kayla Condello, John Knobbe, Mary Sievert, Mary Sullivan, Abby McClure, Chloe Johnson, Drew Miller, Mikayla Tremain, Katie Krick and Daniel LeDuc. The squad competing at State will be **Rebecca Beecham, Jessie Kapustka, and Preston Sparks.**

Richard & Marsolek Medal At State Speech



- photo courtesy of Patty Richard -

Congratulations to **Deidre Richard** and **Mary Marsolek** on medaling at the State Speech Tournament on Thursday, March 24 at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Deidre finished 4th in Entertainment Speaking and Mary placed 5th in both Informative Speaking and Humorous Interpretation. Pius X finished in 8th place

in Class A with 3 medals and only 2 members representing the school. Pictured: Deidre Richard, Coach Nolan DeWispelare, and Mary Marsolek.

Marsolek Qualifies For National Tournament



photo courtesy of Patty Richard

Junior **Mary Marsolek** has qualified for the **NIETOC (National Individual Event Tournament of Champions)** national tournament, which will be held May 13-15 in San Antonio, Texas. Mary will be competing in Humorous Interpretation against students from all across the country.

To qualify, Mary had to receive a "bid" at two of the four largest tournaments in the state – she received three bids. A competitor receives a bid by advancing to at least the semifinal round (top 18) at a regular-season bid tournament or by advancing to the finals of the state tournament. Mary is the daughter of **Paul & Barb Marsolek** of St. Teresa's parish. Congratulations to Mary and Coach Nolan DeWispelare!

Spanish 4 Students Write Children's Book



- photo courtesy of Tracy Chapelle -

All Spanish 4 students were required to write a children's book in Spanish with a positive message geared toward kindergarten age students. After presenting the books in class, the class voted on its favorite books and those books were chosen to visit kindergarten classes in Lincoln. **Mrs. Chapelle's students** visited Mrs. Kathie Rynearson and Mrs. Rebecca Grooms from St. John's School and **Mrs. Hayes' students** visited Mrs. Julie Ehlers at Sheridan Elementary. ALL students young and old enjoyed themselves.

Spanish 3 Classes Host Guest Speakers

On Wednesday, April 13, Mrs. Hayes' Spanish 3 students got a visit from two guest speakers from Union Bank. The bankers spoke about their jobs at the bank, working with Spanish-speaking customers, and answered a number of questions from the students about the ins and outs of banking. The entire visit was conducted exclusively in Spanish.

Senior Student-Athletes Honored At Pius X



Pius X High School held a ceremony on Wednesday, April 13, honoring 12 student-athletes from the class of 2011 that have **committed to participating in inter-collegiate athletics** either as a scholarship student-athlete or as a student-athlete walk-on. The following students have made their commitment during the 2nd semester of this year: [Baseball] **Trevon McGill** - Creighton University - Omaha, NE, and **Dylan Oberembt** - Southeast Community College - Beatrice, NE; [Football] **Aaron Frey** - Colorado School of Mines - Golden, CO; **Taylor Kreifels** - Midland University - Fremont, NE; and **Blake Merritt** - Midland University - Fremont, NE; [Soccer] **Caitlin Cooney** - Midland University - Fremont, NE; **Abbey Hellem** - University of North Alabama - Florence, AL; **Kelsey Nealon** - Hastings College - Hastings, NE; and **Shannon Spethman** - Saint Xavier University - Chicago, IL; [Softball] **Whitney Hinn** - Doane College - Crete, NE, and **Jalyn Meyer** - Southeast Community College - Beatrice, NE; [Volleyball] **Gabby Kuhl** - Northwest Missouri State University - Maryville, MO. Note: There may be more Pius X student athletes attending colleges or universities, but these are the confirmed athletes acknowledging their intent on April 13, 2011. Photo courtesy of Yearbook.

Frey's Team Wins NWBA National Championship



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

Andrea Frey, senior, competed with the Nebraska Red Dawgs in the **National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament** in Denver, Colorado, in April 2011. The Nebraska Red Dawgs were the winners of the 2011 NWBA National Championship - Varsity Division.

The teams came from all over the country. The Red Dawgs defeated teams from Philadelphia, Chicago, Minneapolis and Baltimore in the tournament. In the semi-finals they gave the three-time national champions, the Minnesota Timberwolves, their first loss in almost three years. They also defeated the Bennet Blazers from Baltimore 63-60 in overtime in the championship game.

Each year, the Northern Conference All-Academic Team Selection Committee selects members to the All-Academic Team based on careful consideration of all the nominations, grade transcripts and essays. Andrea was selected as the Northern Conference All Academic Team Captain for the second year in a row and was named Academic All-American second team. Andrea is the daughter of **Keith & Mary Lynn Frey** of the Cathedral parish.

In pursuit of excellence, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association provides qualified individuals with physical disabilities the opportunity to play, learn and compete in the sport of wheelchair basketball. The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) is comprised of over 200 basketball teams across twenty-two conferences and seven divisions. The NWBA was founded in 1948, and today consists of men's, women's, intercollegiate, and youth teams throughout the United States of America and Canada. For more information, please visit their website at www.nwba.org.

Kathleen Kean Selected Cheerleader At UNL



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

Congratulations to **Kathleen Kean**, senior at Pius X, who has been selected as a 2011-12 cheerleader for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Students from all across Nebraska and several other states tried out for the prestigious position while only 18 were chosen. The try-outs for the **UNL Cheer Squad** were held for a full day on Saturday, April 10, 2011. Try-outs consisted of four different components: academic profile, fitness & health, attitude & commitment, and technical skill. The cheer squad supports the University of Nebraska and its athletes by motivating & entertaining the crowd, promoting school spirit, and representing the university as ambassadors at campus & community events. Kathleen is the daughter of **Patrick & Shawn Kean** of the St. Mary parish in Denton, Nebraska.

Haley Noel Selected For UNL Scarlets



- Photo courtesy of LifeTouch -

Congratulations to **Haley Noel**, senior at Pius X, who has been selected as a 2011-12 **UNL Scarlets Dance Team** member. Auditions were held on April 9, 2011, during a day-long process. Applicants not only had to show their technical dance skills, but had to undergo fitness training, academic review, and an interview to assess their poise & confidence. Students from all across Nebraska and several other states tried out for the prestigious position while only 14 were chosen. The UNL Scarlet Dance Team was founded in 1992. They bring exciting performances to the sideline and center court at a variety of Husker sporting events with incredible routines, dazzling choreography, and astonishing grace. They also serve as public relations ambassadors for the University of Nebraska. Haley is the daughter of **Scott & Jackie Noel** of the Cathedral parish.

Thunderettes Announce 2011-12 Team

The **Pius X Thunderettes** would like to thank the Pius X Booster Club, fans, students, parents, supporters, and staff/faculty for coming out and supporting us and the Pius X teams this past year. We look forward to the 2011-12 school year! Special thanks to the senior dancers, **Haley Noel, Molly Dunbar, Meredith Hoxmeier, Megan Meagher, Sophie Connot, and Morgan Birkel, Coach Shamene Dixon**, and the underclassmen Thunderettes for their leadership and example. Congratulations to **Haley Noel** who has made the UNL Scarlets Dance Team! We wish you all well in your future endeavors. Congratulations to the members of the 2011-12 Thunderette Dance Team: [Freshmen] **Kristen Benes, Rachel Merrill** (Communications Director), **Emma Petersen, Hannah Terrell**; [Sophomores] **Anna Arndt** (Social Director), **Maddy McMeen, Natalie Pieper, Mary Sharkey**; [Juniors] **Ashley Andersen, Ashley Alexander, Avery Appleget, Allie Lang** (Captain), **Meredith Power, Jordan Verplank** (Social Director); and [Senior] **Marie Bertrand** (Captain).

West Lincoln Sertoma Winter Sports Awards

The West Lincoln Sertoma Club presented Winter Sports Awards to student-athletes from nine Lincoln high schools at an awards luncheon at The Nebraska Club last week. Athletes from Pius X honored included: **Aaron Frey** (wrestling), **Alex Heimes** (basketball), **Kelli Rice** (basketball), **Austin Safranek** (swimming), and **Kasey Utrup** (swimming).

Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat



- Photo courtesy of Yearbook -

Congratulations to **Mr. Joseph Moser** (Director, Scenic Design & Concept, Costume Design, Light Design, Make-Up, Hair Design, Program Format), **Mrs. Mary Odgaard** (Music Direction, Stage Choreography, Costume Design, Make-Up, Hair Design), **Sarah**

Vaggalis (Choreographer), **Jessica Happold** (Orchestra Conductor), **Michael Fujan** (Technical Director, Scenic Design & Concept, Light Design), and the entire cast and crew of their production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Weber.

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 began in late January and the cast began rehearsing in early February. The musical opened at Pius X on Thursday, March 24, with the first of five shows. The show was sold out for several performances, and was particularly successful this year because of the *collaboration* between the directors, cast and crew. Every person understood the ensemble nature of the production and worked very hard to keep it collaborative.

Mr. Moser recently said that he "...continues to be impressed with the consistently strong artistic work that Mrs. Mary Odgaard brings to the fine arts department here at Pius - Because with her supervision of the multiple choirs here at Pius, there are certain musicals that stylistically require strong musicianship and a savvy to tell a story musically and *Joseph-Dreamcoat* is one of those kinds of musicals. What Mary Odgaard is able to get these students to do on stage is nothing short of remarkable! She's quite impressive and the talent of the students here at Pius is also a sight to behold -- I was very pleased with the work ethic of this entire department this semester with this musical."

Cast: Nolan Pribnow, Josh Burks, Ryan Murphy, Esteban Benton, Dayne Buresh, Tyler Minchow, Joe Kotopka, Trey McGill, Alex Theisen, Derrick Gossard, Joey Murphy, Ben Swanson, Stephen Kotopka, Jacob Swanson, Griffin Knotwell, Josh Essenburg, Trey Montanez, Alec Talbott, Cole Sartore, Drew Reese, Will Roeder, Matthew Sievert, Nicholas Theisen, Drew Valaika, Eric Zimmerman, Kathleen Meradith, Claire Ficke, Shannon Kelly, Alana Tucker, Ashley Anderson, Avery Appleget, Lucy Baker, Lucy Barie, Adrianna Benton, Maggie Dawson, Bridget Fitzgerald, Katelyn Geary, Amanda Hilger, Maria Hotovy, Kathleen Kean, Shauna Krause, Bridget Lang, Lauren Largen, Margaret Mattem, Abbie McElroy, Megan Meagher, Erica Pieper, Katrina Pierce, Marisa Pribnow, Amanda Timm, and Marie Wathen.

Orchestra: Ms. Jessica Happold, Dr. Cary Ward, Mr. Chad Houk, Dominic Dongilli, Mr. Kevin Moore, Mr. Mike Murphy, Mrs. Karen Murphy, Mr. Scott Meradith, and Daniel Firestone.

Behind the Scenes: Katelyn Tucker (Assistant to the Director), Gabby Bruckner (Stage Manager-2nd Assistant to the Director), Mary Marsolek (additional Assistant to the Director), Jess Koelzer (additional Assistant to the Director), Carolyn McDermott (Costume Design, Cover Art, Show Logo Graphic Design), Megan Meagher (Scenic Backdrop Design), Taylor Niemann (Light Design), Kelsey Konecky (Light Design), Brianna Jimenez (Assistant to the Technical Director), Thomas Boman (Scenery Shop Foreman), Nolan Pribnow (Publicity), James Rashilla (Publicity), Kelsey Konecky (Publicity), and Mrs. Georgia Miller (Ticket Sales).

Scenery Construction Crew: Thomas Boman, Mark Fiedler, James Rashilla, Marc Eickhoff, Jacob Whalen, Sarah Williams, Connor Aylor, Dillon Vestecka, Ethan Feltes, Drew Reese, Matthew Sievert, Josh Essenburg, R.J. Gibson, Maria Hotovy, Myra McKee, Quinn Conzemius, Carolyn McDermott, Sally Jacobsen, Bridget Fitzgerald, Katelyn Geary, Drew Valaika, Taylor Niemann, Anna Hanzl, Amanda Timm, Erin Thomas, Nicole Weedman, Brianna Jimenez, Devin Aylor, Sara Ward, Scott Wenzl, Kelsey Konecky, Megan Meagher, Wade Bakhtit, Will Thorpe, Maggie Dawson, Shauna Krause, Amanda Hilger, Alana Tucker, Alec Talbott, Lauren Largen, Lucy Baker, Eric Zimmerman, Mary Marsolek, Gabby Bruckner, and Katelyn Tucker.

Sound Crew: Erin Thomas (Head), Anna Hanzl, and Sally Jacobsen.

Light Crew: Taylor Niemann (Head), Kelsey Konecky (Assistant Head), Brenden Love, Kelsey Patzel, Abby Miller, and Lauren Gibson.

Costume Crew: Carolyn McDermott (Head), Maura Gillan, Nicole Weedman, and Mary Chambers.

Props Crew: Amanda Timm (Head), Devin Aylor, Erica Thomas, and Lawrence Nguyen.

Hair & Make-Up Crew: Emily Dawson (Head), Dani Wilkerson, Brianna Jimenez, and Sara Ward.

House Crew: Beth Boman (Co-Head), Rachel Hobbs (Co-Head), Marc Eickhoff, R.J. Gibson, David Cao, Nicole Weedman, Scott Wenzel, Sarah Williams, and R.J. Gibson.



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Wordstruck Live!

Pius X High School student writers and visual artist have been showcased for the past eleven years in the school's literary magazine, *Wordstruck*. This magazine was first created as a mimeographed class project for students in the senior writing classes. It has since evolved into a professionally printed, award winning magazine (awarded by the Nebraska Council of Teachers of English).

In 2002, the decision was made to add a live event to celebrate the writers & artists and thus, **WORDSTRUCK LIVE!** was born. This annual April event was held Saturday, April 16, and planned by the second semester senior writing students. It included a coffeehouse atmosphere complete with a stage, art displays, live music, readings of published pieces by their authors, and refreshments. The audience laughed, cried, and were in awe of the talent displayed by the participating students.

The 2011 **WORDSTRUCK LIVE!** edition is available for purchase. It includes works from 66 Pius X students from all grades and has 85 printed pages. The entire process of producing the magazine was accomplished by both semesters of the Senior Writing Class, and all of the work was completed outside of class time, with the exception of the selection process. Over 400 pieces were submitted for review for the 2011 publication, and anonymous selections were made by the first semester class. In the production process, students volunteered for managing, layout, and copy editor positions, and also for art, publicity, and sales committees. Students shared in these responsibilities. The cost is \$10.00 and will be available for purchase in room 254 and the Pius X main office while school is in session and also available in the main office over the summer.

Members of the senior writing classes in both semesters are: **Jessica Albin, Sarah Benal, Abbie McElroy, Hannah Schinkel, Holly Stejskal, Sierra Weber, Brandi Younghans, Rachel Hobbs, Hannah Hovis, Ruth Jaros, Jessie Kapustka, Megan Meagher, Kelly Ulrich, Morgan Birkel, John Carey, Liz Husmann, Haley Noel, Esther Ostasuc, Alana Tucker, T.J. Westfall, John Witte, Ellen Cunningham, Haley Heibel, Abbey Hellem, Abbie Larsen, Ashley Patzel, Camrie Seier, Sara Vondracek, Josalyn Wittwer, Mike Blue, Alex Heimes, Jon Kipper, Adam Pfeiffer, Will Roeder, Rebecca Waters, Joey Werning, Laura Kramer, Kaitlin Slattery, Yaryna Volynska, Becca Lang, and Megan McKeegan.**

Vocal Music Department Lenten Concert

The **Vocal Music Department** held a Lenten Concert at St. John The Apostle Church on Monday, April 11, directed by **Mrs. Mary Odgaard** and accompanied by **Mr. Chad Houk** (piano), **Mr. Tim Paeck** (cello), **Miss Rosa Egge** (oboe), and **Miss Katrina Pierce** (flute). It was a beautiful, solemn occasion with readings given by **Mrs. Jan Frayser & Mr. Tom Korta** from the four Gospels, the book of Lamentations, and "Everyone's Way" Stations of the Cross, as well as seventeen songs on the Passion of Christ performed by the Vocal Music Department (Cantabella, Spectrum, Resonance, Sotto Voce, and the Pius X Singers). Sincere thanks to **Mrs. Ellen Soukup** for her assistance in setting up the concert as well as her technical aid and to **Father Johnson** and **Father Jirovsky** for allowing the Vocal Music Department to use the beautiful sanctuary at St. John's.



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Prom 2011 "Pretty In Pink"

The Junior and Senior Prom took place on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the Cornhusker Marriott in the Grand Ballroom. The prom dinner and dance was attended by 503 students.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who made the prom such a success, including: **Fr. Meysenburg, Tom Korta, Greg Lesiak, Jan Frayser, Georgia Miller, Jolene Ritzman, Karen Francis, Shiela Sievert, Susan & Joe Kelly, Adam & Megan Bauman, Emily Wyatt, Lindsay Frey, Connie Freudenberg, Shari Ullman, Chris Timm, Ann Baker, Mary Beth Rice, Mike & Thelma Smith, Joan Stuchlik, Ron & Michelle Votipka, Bill & Kathy Rentschler, Eric Sack, Dave & Luann Zastrow, Joe & Deb Kerr, Laura Erskine, Ronna Meyer, Deb Kula, Mary Yeates, Cindy Wiebeck, Melissa Hartman, and Mitch Hartman.** Also, we would like to express a huge thanks to

the Junior Class Student Council members who spent many hours planning, decorating and cleaning up! These students are amazing!

The Pius X Prom is a very large event, and could not have taken place without all your help in front and behind the scenes. We sincerely apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone. Please contact the main office so we can recognize you in our next newsletter.

The following is a list of candidates for 2011 Prom Royalty. **Senior Candidates For King:** Esteban Benton, Aaron Frey, Gabi Gutierrez, Alex Hain and Trevon McGill. **Senior Candidates For Queen:** Sophia Connot, Molly Dunbar, Megan Meagher, Emma Morin and Sierra Weber. **Junior Candidates For Prince:** Drew Miller, Cole Sartore, Alex Sasse, Alex Theisen and Ben Woita. **Junior Candidates For Princess:** Ann Essay, Amy Kula, Abby McClure, Katrina Pierce and Stephanie Springer. **Alex Hain & Molly Dunbar** were crowned King & Queen. **Drew Miller & Ann Essay** were crowned Prince & Princess.

On behalf of Pius X High School, the Post-Prom Committee would like to thank the following businesses, organizations, and individuals for generously supporting the 2011 Post-Prom Celebration!

Ackerman, Mark & Janice	Conroy's Bakery	Juice Stop	Ones	St. Teresa's Men's Club
A.T. Thomas Jewelers	Conzemius, Tim & Jennifer	Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC)	Outback Steakhouse	Subway
American National Bank	Cornhusker Bank	Kidwell Electric	Papa John's	Sullivan, Jack & Anna
Ameritas Life Insurance	Cunningham, Andrew & Sheri	Kingery Construction	Papa Murphy's	Sunset Equities, Inc.
Amigo's Corporate Office	Damm, Jason & Jeannie	Kipper, Denny & Maureen	Parkway Lanes/Hollywood Bowl - 48 Bowl Inc	Super C
Anderson Auto	Dean Hoy - State Farm Insurance	Kirkpatrick, Tom & Sue	Partner's 'N Hair	Super Taco
Anderson Studios	Designers on the Avenue	Krauter Bosh Service Co	Peed, Tom & Rhonda	Sutton & Ryan
Animal Care Clinic	Dietze Music	Kurtenbach, Mark & Janet	Pepsi Cola of Lincoln	Taco Bell
Applebee's	Don & Millie's	KX 96 Radio Station	Perkins Restaurant	Taco Inn
Arby's-DRM, Inc.	Dino's Eastside Grille	LaPaz Mexican Restaurant	PieZano's	Taco John's
Art F/X	Dongilli, Paul & Marilyn	Laser Quest	Pinnacle Bank	Target
Attitudes	Double Eagle Beverage	Laser Tag of Lincoln	Pioneer Hybrid	Tasty Inn
Auto Owners Insurance	Effken, David & Kellie	Lauer, Ken & Alice	Pius X Booster Club	Texas Road House
Aylor, Mark & Michelle	Egge, Peter & Susana	Lazlo's/Fireworks Restaurant Corporate Office	Pius X Home & School	The AV Café
Backstage Hair & Nail Salon	Eye Surgical Associates	Lied Center	Prairie Life Center	The Buckle
Balfour	Famous Dave's	Lierz, Jason & Mary	Q.P. Hardware, Inc.	The Cookie Company
Barb's Hallmark	Fazoli's	Lincoln Benefit Life	Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers	The Fish Store
Barnett, Scott & Maryann	Fayad's Auto Sales & Service	Lincoln Glass Co.	Rashilla, Richard & Georgeanne	The Fort
Baumert, Jim & Krystal	Ficke Orthodontics	Lincoln Lighting Center	RBC Wealth Management	The Knolls
Ben Franklin Store	Fine Line	Lincoln Racquet Club	REGA Engineering Group	The Mill
Benefit Management	First Investors	Lincoln Running Company	Reese Construction, Inc.	The Pantry
Billings Photo Company	First National Bank	Lincoln Stars Hockey	Richert, Wesley & Monica	The Steakhouse
Black Hills Energy	Flesher, Chris & Kathleen	Linweld	Roeder, William & Susan	Theisen, Dale & Kimberly
Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club	Forsyth Insurance Agency, Inc. (Ken Olsen)	Love, Cynthia	Romano's Macaroni Grill	Thompson, Danny & Teresa
Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus	Fortune Palace	Maguire, Joe & Ruth	Rosenthal, Dan & Margie	Tico's
Blessed Sacrament Ushers Club	Frey, MaryLynn & Keith	Mahoney Golf Shop	Royse, Mike & Ruth	Tiger Coaching and Personal Training
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Boes, Brian & Kathy	Gale Breed Insurance Agency	Marmie, Craig & Patricia	Russ's Market	Troia, Anthony (Dr.)
Braeda	Gary Michael's Clothiers	Max Tan	Sacred Heart Altar Society	True Photography
Bruner, David & Barb	Gloria Deo	McCashland - Kirby Insurance Agency	Sacred Heart Men's Club	True Value Hardware
Bryan/LGH Medical Center	Godfather's Pizza	McClure, Bill	Salon 27 Eleven	Ullman, Dan & Shari
Bryant Agency, Inc.	Goldworks	McDonald's General Office	SaltDog's Baseball	Union Bank & Trust
Byers, Anne & John	Goodyear Fitness Center	Menard's	Sam & Louie's	Unique Nail Salon
Buffalo Wild Wings	Grandmother's	Messineo, Laura	Sandhills Publishing Company	US Bank
Butherus, Maser & Love	Great Western Bank	Midwest Bank	Sartor Hamann Jewelry	U-Stop
Buzzard Billy's	Green Gateau	Miller Contracting, Inc.	Schoettger Orthodontics, PC	Valentino's
Carey, Doug & Mary	Gutz, Dennis (Dr.)	Miller, Kim	Schumacher, Jeff & Laura	VanAckeren, Christine
Carlos O'Kelly's	Hachiya, Ron & Debra	Miller, Phillip & Ginnine	Security First Bank	Van Brunt Visitors Center
CarpetLand	Hafner, Gerald & MaryBeth	Miracle Mile Motors	Sentry Electric	Vernon Sales Promotion
Cathedral Altar Society	Hair by Claire	Morehouse, John & Kelly	Sid Dillon Nissan	Village Inn
Cathedral Knights of Columbus	HairMasters	Morehouse, Kevin & Lisa	Skeeter Barnes	Walgreens District Office
Catholic Daughters of America	Hall Electric	Morin, Peter & Lori	Solution One	Walmart - North
Catholic Health Initiatives	Harre Orthodontics	Mum's Spiritis	Soukup, John & Ellen	Walmart - South
Central Lumber Sales, Inc.	HBE Becker, Meyer, & Love, CPA's	Nebraska Bookstore	Sowers Club	Warday, Daryl & Ann
Champion's Fun Center	Headlines Salon	Nebraska Union	Spirit of America Federal Credit Union	Waters, Laura
Cherry Hill Salon	Heibel, Mark & Karen	New England Financial Co.	Stacy's Locker Room	Wathen, James & Carol
Chipotle	Hiway Diner	Noodles & Company	St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center	Wendy's
Chuck Clifford State Farm Insurance	Hotovy, Lee & Steve	North American Martyrs	St. John's Altar Society	West Gate Bank
City Bank and Trust	Hovis, Philip & Ann	N. American Martyrs Altar Society	St. John's Knights of Columbus Council 11280	Westfall, Thomas & Fran
Clark, Eric & Carol	Hugo, Duane & Mary	N. American Martyrs Knights of Columbus	St. Joseph's Altar Society	Whitehead Oil
Claus, David & Laura	HuHot Mongolian Grill	Northeast YMCA	St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus - #4923	Wildbird Habitat Store
Coffee Emergency	Husker Car Wash	Northwest Family YMCA	St. Mary's Altar Society - Denton	Wilhelm, Ronald & Theresa
Colby Ridge	Hy-Vee	NU Alumni Association	St. Patrick's Altar Society	WingFoot
College of St. Mary's	Infinity Promotions	Old Chicago	St. Patrick's Knight of Columbus	Wolfe Ace Hardware
College View Dairy Queen	In Vogue Salon & Day Spa	Olive Garden	St. Peter's PCCW	
Conoco Phillips	Jet Splash	Olsson, John & Judy	St. Teresa's Altar Society	

Senior Service Hour Opportunity

Pius X High School will be hosting middle school track meets on the dates listed below. These hours count for church/school credit. Please see Mr. Hansen to sign up:

- Saturday, April 30 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 11 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

May Crowning Mass On Monday, May 2

The **May Crowning Mass** will be held in the Pius X gym on **Monday, May 2, at 9:25 a.m.** The school will follow a modified bell schedule that may be found on the Pius X website at www.piusx.net. All are welcome.

Dino's First Tuesday On May 3

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, May 3**, 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.

Advanced Placement Tests

Students taking Advanced Placement Tests need to arrive at **least 10 minutes prior** to the time listed, as these tests will begin promptly. The AP tests will be administered in the Mother Teresa room. Before the test date, students are responsible for reading the Bulletin For AP Students and Parents 2010-11. If you have misplaced yours, please pick up an extra one in the Guidance Office. Students need to bring #2 pencils, ink pen and a calculator if your test requires it. **DO NOT BRING ANY CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

Schedule of AP Tests:

Computer Science	Tuesday, May 3	8:00 a.m.
Calculus AB	Wednesday, May 4	8:00 a.m.
English Literature	Thursday, May 5	8:00 a.m.
U.S. History	Friday, May 6	8:00 a.m.
Biology	Monday, May 9	8:00 a.m.
Physics B	Monday, May 9	12 Noon
Physics Elect/Mag	Monday, May 9	2:00 p.m.
U.S. Government	Tuesday, May 10	8:00 a.m.
English Language	Wednesday, May 11	8:00 a.m.
Statistics	Wednesday, May 11	12 Noon

Advertise In The X-Change By May 6

The **Pius X-Change**, our very own student newspaper, is seeking advertisers for our upcoming issues. There is one edition of the X-Change left this year on **May 13**. Ads are due a week before publication and must be approved by the adviser before being placed in the paper. 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) at Pius X High School at 488-0931 or by e-mail at nolan.dewispelare@piusx.net. Thank you for your continued support of the X-Change!

Awards Night - Monday, May 9

Pius X is hosting the district soccer tournament on Aldrich Field on Monday, May 2, when Awards Night was originally scheduled. Because of the concern with parking, **Awards Night** has been moved to **Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.**

Spring Vocal Concert - May 10

Please join the Pius X **Vocal Music Department** for their **Spring Concert** on **Tuesday, May 10**, in the new gym. The concert will begin at **7:00 p.m.**

Senior Service Hours Due May 11

The final deadline to turn in senior service hours is Wednesday, May 11. All students who have not met the requirement by this date will not be able to graduate with their class. Once hours are completed, students will receive their diploma.

Return Library Materials By May 13

Students are reminded that all library materials must be returned and missing/damaged items paid for before the end of the school year. Most materials are checked out for 15 school days, with **Friday, May 13, 2011**, being the last date available as a due date. Please see **Mrs. Buckley** if you have any questions or concerns. Online resources remain accessible throughout the summer. The library website can be accessed from the Pius X website, clicking on "students" then "media center".

Band Concert To Be Held May 15

The **Pius X Spring Band Concert** will be held on **Sunday, May 15**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Flavin Gym. The Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band will be featured. In addition, special recognition will be given the band seniors.

Final Exams To Take Place In May

Each class has a year-end comprehensive final exam in the month of May. While "Finals Week" can be a stressful time for students, some of this stress can be diminished by helping your son or daughter adequately prepare. It is not too early to begin studying for finals! Please continue to monitor Parent Connect so that we don't have any year-end surprises.

Students who are not in full dress code for their finals will not be allowed to take the exam until they are in compliance. Uniform shirts that are marked on and/or torn will not be considered in compliance with our school's uniform. Students will not be allowed to make up lost time due to getting themselves into the proper uniform. Seniors are asked to consider donating their uniforms back to Pius X to be used as "loaner" uniforms for other students in the future.

The **seniors** will be taking their final exams on the following dates:

- ◆ **Wednesday, May 18, periods 5-8** (The finals will take place during the normal class periods in the afternoon. The seniors do not have to attend periods 1-4 in the morning).
- ◆ **Thursday, May 19, periods 1-4** (The finals will take place during the normal class periods in the morning. Immediately after 4th period, all seniors must attend the graduation practice in the L/PAC).

The **underclassmen** will be taking their final exams on the following dates:

- ◆ **Monday, May 23, from 8:05-11:30 a.m. (periods 6-8)**
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 24, from 8:05-11:30 a.m. (periods 3-5)**
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 25, from 8:05-10:20 a.m. (periods 1-2)**

Pius X will have an **open campus** during your student's finals. 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.

Parking At The End Of The School Year

As the school year draws to an end, more and more sophomores have turned 16 and are driving to school. PLEASE visit with your student about respecting the parking rules on surrounding streets and about being respectful of our neighbors' property.

After seniors have completed their finals, beginning on **Friday, May 20**, parking on the Pius X property will transition to a first-come/first-serve status for all students. This means that all students that drive will be allowed to park on the Pius X property. However, students will not be allowed to park in faculty parking. Faculty parking is the first two rows on the west side of the building, and the lot between the Commons and the Clark Jeary building. **Parking stall numbers that students cannot park in are (1-55); (295-301); and (589-678). Any student car that is parked in a faculty spot will be immobilized and fined.**

Granite City's Third Friday On May 20

Visit **Granite City** at 6150 O Street on **Friday, May 20**, 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.

Matthew Kelly - May 21 At Cathedral

Save the date: **Matthew Kelly Passion and Purpose Event-- "Becoming the Best Version of Yourself", Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, at **Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church**. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail **Jill Korta** at 432-8083 or korta@inebraska.com.

Graduation To Be Held Sunday, May 22

Graduation for the Class of 2011 will take place on Sunday, May 22, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lied Center for Performing Arts by advanced ticket only.

Washington D.C. Junior Trip Meeting - May 23

There will be a very important parent / student meeting on **Monday, May 23**, in the L/PAC at **7:00 p.m.** concerning the **Washington D.C. Junior Trip** to discuss any last minute questions and procedures.

From the Business Office

The **final tuition statement** for 2010/2011 school year was mailed to your home the last week of April. Your prompt payment of the outstanding balance will be greatly appreciated. All tuition must be **PAID IN FULL** before report cards are mailed.

Please be sure that your student's **lunch account** has a positive balance as we end the school year. Beginning May 16, no purchases will be allowed for anyone with a negative lunch account balance. All account balances will carry over to the next school year. Any auto transfers set up through **mylunchmoney.com** will be discontinued on May 16. Check payments to a lunch account will be accepted during the last two weeks of classes.

Senior lunch account information: If you want a balance transferred to a sibling, please e-mail **Karen Francis** at karen.francis@piusx.net. Lunch account balances over \$10.00 will be refunded to you.

CASH PAYMENTS - Please remind your student to always get a receipt when making a payment with cash.

Drop/Adds For The 2011-12 School Year

A listing of the courses that students have selected for next year will be distributed to students in early May. Changes to the 2011-12 schedules are free until the end of the school year. After that time, all schedule change requests must be made using the Schedule Change Form and include the required \$30. If you have any questions regarding your student's schedule for the 2011-12 school year, please contact the Guidance Office.

Recycling Fundraiser Program

Are you looking for a safe way to recycle your old cell phone or MP3 player? The **Pius X Recycling Club** can safely recycle these items for you through the **Recycling Fundraiser program** (formerly EcoPhones). It will even help us support our recycling service at Pius X. Please drop off any cell phones or MP3 players that you would like recycled in the office with a note saying, "Recycling Club" on them. If you have any questions please contact **Claire Hicks** at claire.hicks@piusx.net or visit the recycling fundraiser website at www.recyclingfundraiser.com.

* Important Uniform Shop Information! *

The Pius X Uniform Shop re-opens at Pius X on Tuesday, May 3. Due to an increase in cost from Dennis Uniform, Pius X has slightly increased the price of some of our items. The Pius X Uniform Shop is located in the Pius X Commons. Please enter the Commons area through the east doors only. The uniform shop 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) and some Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The remaining Saturdays are May 7, May 14, and May 21. Please order your 2011-12 uniforms on or BEFORE SATURDAY, MAY 21 to assure fall delivery. Orders placed after this date may not arrive before the first day of school. The uniform shop will be closed from May 22-July 5 and will open on Wednesday, July 6. For updates and to check for changes in the schedule, please visit the Pius X website at 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.**

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 and the **Pius X school code** is **PPK**. Items purchased via the Dennis Uniform website or store requires you to pay the Dennis Uniform full price.

Daily Mass In The Pius X Chapel

Daily Mass is offered in the **Pius X Chapel** at **7:30 a.m.** each morning. If you'd like a 7:30 a.m. Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the **Theology Office** at Pius X High School to schedule a date. The usual stipend is **\$10.00**.

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 (our Diocese of Lincoln ID number is **PS91906606**). All purchases are the responsibility of the individual.

Dress Requirements For 2011-12 Yearbook & I.D.



All students, **grades 9-12**, must be dressed following these guidelines for the **2011-12 class pictures** sections of the Thunderer Yearbook and I.D.:

Girls: Tops or dresses that reach the neckline with no obvious cleavage and cover the shoulders; no words or symbols on clothing including Pius X or Husker symbols. Pictures with facial or body piercing, tattoos, or hats are not acceptable.

Boys: Suits or sport coats with long neckties or bowties; sport shirt (polo shirts) with top button open; turtle-necks, v-neck sweaters with shirts, crew neck sweaters, or shirts. No words or symbols on clothing including Pius X or Husker symbols. Pictures with facial hair, any piercing, tattoos, or hats are not acceptable.



Senior Photograph Submission Policy

Specifications:

- Size & Shape:** A professional JPG image, vertical print of approximately 2" X 3", or a standard wallet size is required.
- Background:** The background may be indoor or outdoor but should be simple and devoid of any writing or symbols that may detract from the student's face.
- Tone:** Faces must stand out from the background and have sufficient contrast to avoid a flat, faint, or shallow appearance.
- Poses:** All photos must be head/shoulder shots only. Students shall be conservatively posed, preferably full front or slightly to the side. Avoid extreme angles, profile views, or gazing into space.
- Clothing:** Please review the dress requirements listed in the Student/Parent Handbook [Dress Requirements For 2011-12 Yearbook & I.D.], and follow them closely. Your photo will not be included if these requirements are not met.

Procedures:

- Deadline:** The deadline for yearbook/senior photo submission will be **Friday, November 11, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.**
- Schedule Photos Early:** Seniors are urged to have their pictures taken during the summer and early fall months to allow enough time to meet this deadline. Photographers often take months to return the photos.
- Follow The Requirements:** If an acceptable photo is not submitted by the deadline, the Pius X Yearbook Advisor will review the photo taken by the school photo company for ID purposes and use it instead. If a photo was not taken or is inappropriate, the student will not be pictured in the senior mugs pages.

Note: If you want the yearbook staff to take your photos, we are thrilled to practice on our seniors. Schedule an appointment with **Mrs. Sullivan** in the fall and bring a change of clothing with you.

Photographer Submission:

Your photographer may submit photos to us in JPG form. Please ask them to do so well ahead of the deadline to help us account for students who are unable to afford to have their pictures taken and help them.

Wallet-Size Hard-Copy Submission:

Please submit your wallet-size photograph to the Yearbook Advisor in an envelope labeled with the following: 1). Attention: Yearbook Advisor 2). senior picture 3). student's name.

Yearbooks Sales On Hold - Wait List

The Yearbook Department needs to put a hold on the 2010-11 yearbook sales for now. Please place your name on the wait list in the Pius X main office or see Mrs. Sullivan in 251.

Incoming 9th Grade Retreat Information

Important! All incoming 9th graders must attend the mandatory 9th grade retreat on August 14 and 15, 2011, at Pius X. The retreat is from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2011, and from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon on Monday, August 15, 2011. Check-in starts at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday. **Students who miss this retreat will need to attend another retreat during the school year.**

Sunday night is the orientation part of the retreat and includes physical activities and ice breakers, so students should dress modestly and appropriately. **There will NOT be Mass or supper on Sunday night.** There will be informal tours throughout the retreat so students may bring their schedules with them if they desire. Monday is the reflective part of the retreat which includes speakers and group discussions. The retreat will conclude with Mass on Monday. Since August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mass will fulfill this Holy Day of Obligation.

On Sunday, students with last names beginning with:

- A-E should bring a ½ dozen cookies or desserts
- F-I should bring fruits or vegetables for a ½ dozen people
- J-M should bring a box or a bag of chips, crackers, or granola bars
- N-Z should bring 1 dozen bottles of water

On Monday, students should eat breakfast before they come to the retreat.

The retreat committee could use around **fifteen parents** to help with various aspects of Sunday night, so if you would be interested in and willing to help, please contact **Emily Wyatt** at emily.wyatt@piusx.net or at 488-0931 ext. 10136. Feel free to contact her with any questions as well!

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 **\$25.00**. 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.

Calculator Recommendations

Pius X High School Mathematics Department recommends the use of the **Texas Instruments TI 30X Series scientific calculator** for use in Algebra A through Geometry courses. Algebra 2 and above we recommend **Texas Instruments TI 83+ or TI 84 Series graphing calculators**. These are the calculators most used in classroom demonstrations and have been observed to be most easily used by students. We do NOT recommend the TI-34 or TI-89. Please consider this when purchasing calculators for your students. College dorm bulletin boards, pawn shops, Craigslist, or e-Bay may be good places to buy a good used calculator for a decent price. If buying new, please save the Purchase Points and bring them to the school. We can submit them for classroom equipment.

"Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, [and] each of us is necessary."
-Pope Benedict XVI-

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.

www.highschoolsports.net

The Pius X athletic schedules may be found at www.highschoolsports.net.

Incoming Freshmen Baseball Try-Outs

If you are an incoming freshman and interested in playing summer baseball with the Pius X Baseball Team, come to try-outs on **Monday, May 16**, and **Tuesday, May 17**, both at **4:00 p.m.** If you have any questions, please contact **Coach Charf** at troy.charf@piusx.net.

Incoming Freshmen - Friday, May 27

On **Friday, May 27**, Pius X will hold a weight lifting orientation camp for **incoming freshmen** from **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** There is no fee for the camp. The purpose of the camp is to introduce incoming freshmen to the summer weight lifting program at Pius X and to teach them lifting techniques. Participants should come dressed ready to exercise.

2011-12 Sports Physicals On May 24, 2011

The **Pius X Booster Club** will sponsor **2011-12 Sports Physicals** on **Tuesday, May 24, 2011**, from **6:00-9:00 p.m.** at Pius X. All 2011-12 Pius X students are welcome to attend. Lincoln area physicians and staff will conduct the exams. The cost will be \$15 with checks payable to the Pius X Booster Club. Participants must bring a completed NSAA 2011-2012 Physical Form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Forms will be available in the Pius X main office after May 1, 2011, or on the NSAA (Nebraska School Activities Association) website at www.nsaahome.org. If you have any questions, please contact **Mr. Jake Moore** at jake.moore@piusx.net. If you cannot afford the cost of the physical, there are financial waiver forms available. Please contact Mrs. Francis in the Pius X Business Office for more information at 488-0931 or karen.francis@piusx.net.

2011 Thunderbolt Softball Camp

June 21-23

Grade (4-8) 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Grade (9-12) 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Location: University Place

Cost: \$45

(includes t-shirt if registered by May 25th)

Questions: **Coach Don Rempe** at dr74034@windstream.net



Broadway Dance Prep Summer Camp

July 18-21

Incoming 9th-12th Graders

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Location: Pius X High School - L/PAC & Music Room

Cost: \$40.00

If you love to perform, this is the camp for you! The week will be filled with dance, show choir, musical steps, and audition prep! If you have any questions, leave a message for **Sarah Vaggalis** in the school office at (402) 488-0931.



Football 2011 Information

- ☐ **Spring conditioning and weightlifting** for 2011 football began the week of March 23. It is being held after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday for any boys not involved in a spring sport. Players need to attend as much as possible. If you have any questions, please contact **Coach Hansen**, **Coach Kearney** or **Coach Aylward**.
- ☐ **Summer weightlifting** will begin Tuesday, May 31. Juniors & seniors will start at 7 a.m. and sophomores & freshmen will start at 7:30 a.m. Weightlifting will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Wednesdays will be conditioning days and will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the track.
- ☐ **Summer Football Camps:** Pius X team camp is July 18-22, from 8 a.m.- noon. The cost is \$40. Anyone wanting to go to an individual camp such as UNL, Wesleyan, or any other camp may check out equipment. See **Coach Aylward**.
- ☐ **Football practice** for grades 10-12 will begin **Monday, August 8, 2011**. Due to liability and insurance reasons, players **may not** buy their own football helmet to use. Please contact **Coach Aylward** if there are any questions or problems.

Summer Conditioning – Female Athletes

Conditioning/weight lifting will begin on **Tuesday, May 31**. The female athletes train together during the summer and meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Pius X tennis courts every **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** mornings. The conditioning consists of weightlifting, speed/agility drills and an abs workout. You are encouraged to bring a water bottle with you to each session. There is NO requirement of attendance for athletes; however, attendance is highly encouraged in order to be physically prepared for the various tryouts. Every **Wednesday** morning there will be coed multi-sport training at the track/soccer/football stadium. Check future Pius X newsletters for time updates.

Fall Sports Begin in August

- ☐ **Monday, August 8, 2011** – Football, Girls’ Golf and Softball practices begin
- ☐ **Monday, August 15, 2011** – Volleyball, Cross Country, and Boys’ Tennis practices begin

Physical & Forms Required For Sport Participation

All athletes participating in any sport during the 2011-2012 school year must have had a physical after May 1, 2011, in order to try out for a team. Students need to turn in two forms in order to tryout and participate in athletics (1) the **Clearance Form** (part 3 of the NSAA Pre-Participation Physical Form) completed AFTER May 1, 2011, signed by the examining physician conducting the student’s physical and (2) **NSAA Student and Parent Consent Form**. Both forms are available in the Pius X main office or on the NSAA (Nebraska School Activities Association) website at www.nsaahome.org. If you have questions regarding these forms, please contact **Mr. Moore** in the Activities/Athletics Office.

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



Summer School Office Hours

The school office will be open during the summer, **Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Diocesan Summer Activities

For diocesan summer activities, please visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseoflincoln.org (click on “offices” then “youth ministry”).

TEC Retreat For Incoming Juniors & Seniors

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a 3-day retreat program (Saturday-Monday) for current and incoming high school juniors and seniors focusing on the Paschal Mystery. It is a fun, relaxing retreat where students meet new people, have great conversations, are brought closer to Christ, and enjoy lots of surprises along the way! For more information, contact the Family Life Office at (402) 488-2040. You may apply online at: <http://www.dioceseoflincoln.org/green/flo/tec.htm>

TEC #74 June 11-13, 2011 David City, NE

Totus Tuus

Who: all incoming and current high school students.
 What: a week long Catechetical high school program taught by four trained college students.
 When: a parish based program...check with your Pastor, or watch your parish bulletin.
 Where: at your parish this summer!
 How: register at your parish by following the directions in your parish bulletin.

Diocesan Canoe Trip

What: two day canoe trip down the Niobrara River
Who: incoming Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors in high school (No Freshmen)

When: July 10-12 AND July 12-14 (two trips available)

Where: trips begin in Valentine, Nebraska

Registration: Please contact the Family Life Office at (402) 488-2040 or visit the website:

http://www.dioceseoflincoln.org/FamilyLifeOffice/youth_canoe-trips.aspx

Driver's Education In The Summer

Driver's Education at Pius X will be **June 27 - July 8**. Class will be held June 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 July 5, 6 and 7 from 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in room 100. Drive time will be scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Perfect attendance is required. The cost of the program is \$275. Registration forms are available in the Pius X main office and checks should be made out to “All Metro”.

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 May, for the following seminarians, novices, or postulants studying for the Diocese of Lincoln:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Study</u>
04/30-05/06	Matthew Zimmer	St. Charles Borromeo
05/07-05/13	Luke Fleck	St. Gregory The Great
05/14-05/20	Timothy Cole Kennett	St. Gregory The Great
05/21-05/27	Andrew Litt	St. Gregory The Great
05/28-06/03	Benedict Mattern	St. Gregory The Great

Summer Camps

Pius X High School has announced the following **camp**s for the **summer of 2011**. All camp information is subject to change without notice. Please review these camps on the Pius X website as some changes may occur before the start date. The costs listed below are for early registration. Costs may increase after the registration deadline. Some camps offer a discount for a family that is registering more than one child. Please see the registration form for details. Registration forms for these summer camps are available in the Catholic elementary schools, at Pius X, and on the Pius X website at www.piusx.net [Activities/Summer Camps].

Summer Camp	Age	Dates	Start	End	Cost
Baseball	entering 6th-9th grades	May 31, June 1, 2, 3	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	\$ 70.00
Basketball (Boys)	entering 10th-12th grades	May 31, June 1, 2, 3	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	\$ 55.00
Basketball (Boys)	entering 7th-9th grades	May 31, June 1, 2, 3	12:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	\$ 55.00
Basketball (Boys)	entering 4th-6th grades	May 31, June 1, 2, 3	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	\$ 55.00
Soccer (Girls)	entering 2nd-9th grades	June 6, 7, 8, 9	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	\$ 75.00
Performing Arts	5-14 year old boys & girls	June 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	10:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	\$ 75.00
Basketball (Girls)	entering 10th-12th grades	June 13, 14, 15, 16	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	\$ 65.00
Basketball (Girls)	entering 7th-9th grades	June 13, 14, 15, 16	12:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	\$ 65.00
Basketball (Girls)	entering 4th-6th grades	June 13, 14, 15, 16	2:45 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	\$ 65.00
Golf	entering 2nd-6th grades	June 14, 15	8:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	tba
Golf	entering 7th-12th grades	tba	tba	tba	tba
Softball	entering 4th-8th grades	June 21, 22, 23	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	\$ 45.00
Softball	entering 9th-12th grades	June 21, 22, 23	10:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	\$ 45.00
Football	entering 6th-8th grades	July 11, 12, 13	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	\$ 30.00
Volleyball	entering 6th-8th grades	July 11, 12, 13, 14	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	\$ 75.00
Wrestling	entering K-4th grades	July 12, 13, 14	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	\$ 30.00
Wrestling	entering 5th-12th grades	July 12, 13, 14	7:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	free
Broadway Dance Prep	entering 9th-12th grades	July 18, 19, 20, 21	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	\$ 40.00
Volleyball	entering 9th-12th grades	July 18, 19, 20, 21	8:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	\$160.00
Football	entering 9th-12th grades	July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	\$ 40.00
Band (required)	entering 9th-12th grades	July 28, 29 Aug 1, 2,3,4,5	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	free
Cheerleader	3 years old-entering 8th grade	August 3, 4, 5	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	\$ 50.00
Thunderette Dance	preschool-entering 8th grade	August 8, 9, 10	9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	\$ 50.00

Creighton University Summer Reading Skills Program



phonics
comprehension
vocabulary
study skills
speed reading
love of reading



Several programs are offered as a community service by Creighton University, University College, a non-profit organization. These popular classes are taught by professional instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. Tuition is only \$299 which is less than half the cost of similar reading programs. Material fees are \$34. Please ask about their family discount.

The following programs meet once each week at Pius X:

Program 7 (for adults, college students, and students entering 12th grade) - Mondays, July 18-August 15, 2011, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Program 6 (for students entering 9th-11th grade) - Mondays, July 18-August 15, 2011, 4:00-6:30 p.m. Students double reading speed, improve comprehension by one to two grade levels, and learn study skills. This program is excellent preparation for college.

Program 5 (for students entering 6th-8th grade) - Tuesdays, July 12-August 9, 2011, 2:45-5:15 p.m. Students in this program improve comprehension one to two grade levels while doubling reading speed. They also learn the best way to read textbooks, take notes, and study for tests. As a result, students complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Program 4 (for students entering 4th-5th grade) - Wednesdays, July 13-August 10, 2011, 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. In fourth and fifth grade, students must read more complex books with strong comprehension. Students in this program gain more than one grade level in comprehension, and increase fluency and speed. Your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and become fully absorbed in books.

Program 3 (for students entering 3rd grade) - Wednesdays, July 13-August 10, 2011, 2:45-4:45 p.m. Students develop strong comprehension, and learn the long-word decoding and fluency skills required to read longer books with ease. Your child will become a more fluent, confident reader and enjoy reading more.

Program 2 (for students entering 2nd grade) - Wednesdays, July 13-August 10, 2011, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Students learn phonics and word-attack skills, build sight vocabulary, and improve fluency and comprehension. Your child will become a strong independent reader, build confidence, and develop a love of reading.

Program 1 (for students entering 1st grade) - Tuesdays, July 12-August 9, 2011, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Success in first grade requires a strong foundation of reading skills and a high level of confidence. In this program, your child will learn phonics, build sight vocabulary, improve comprehension, and experience success with independent reading.

Program R (for 4-year-olds and students entering Kindergarten) (must be age 4 when class begins) - Tuesdays, July 12-August 9, 2011, 10:00-11:15 a.m. Children in this program learn beginning phonics and reading readiness skills, build comprehension, and develop an enduring love of books and reading. Tuition for Program R is only \$239 which is less than half the cost of similar reading programs. Material fees are \$34.

More reading programs are available at nearby locations. For more information or to register, please call (800) 964-8888, Monday-Thursday 7am-9pm; Friday 7am-8pm; and Saturday 9am-3pm; or please visit our website at www.creighton.readingprograms.org. Inquire early! Class size is limited.

Bright Lights Summer Program



Contact: Becky Rock (402) 420-1115 ext. 43

Bright Lights has a Plan for Your Summer!

Summer is just around the corner. Students have worked hard this past school year to increase their reading and writing skills. And yet, summer can be a slippery slide with students losing as much as 2-3 months of reading and math skills if their skills are not kept active and alive during the summer months.

Does this mean sitting in a desk with a chalkboard in front of you?

One Lincoln summer tradition is Bright Lights. For over 20 years Bright Lights has captured the power of summer and made learning fun, engaging, creative, and focused on a student's passions and interests.

There are over 100 Bright Lights classes waiting for students from Kindergarten to Ninth Grade. Bright Lights also offers 7-day camps. Middle School students can explore Medical, Architecture or Engineering careers. Upper elementary students can participate in Crime Scene Investigation, Ultimate Wildlife Adventures or Hogwarts. Bright Lights also offers an international experience right here in town with a week of classes held with students from Japan.

Bright Lights classes will be held during the weeks of June 13-17, June 27-July 1, and July 11-15. The main program site will be at Randolph School on 37th & D. Two half-day classes can be combined with Before Care and Lunch Care to create a full day experience (7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

Register now for the 2011 summer Bright Lights program. Class and camp descriptions, registration and scholarship information can be found at www.brightlights.org or call 420-1115.

Capture the power of summer – it's within your reach!

LCL Summer Reading Programs

Be sure to register for this year's Lincoln City Library's Summer Reading Program: "One World, Many Stories." For more information, please visit the Lincoln City Library's website at www.lincolnlibraries.org.

Web Tutoring At Lincoln City Libraries

Homework HelpNow through the Lincoln City Libraries provides free homework help and online tutoring to any student who has a library card in good standing with less than \$15 in outstanding fines. The link may be found at the Lincoln City Libraries website at www.lcl.lib.ne.us/ or directly at lincolnlibraries.org/homework.



Spirituality Committee

By: Rhonda Litt, Committee Member

The "Saint of Forgiveness" we are presenting this month is a Saint for the Summer, **Saint Maria Goretti** whose Feast Day is July 6. This date is about midpoint of Summer break from School. Maria is the patron saint of chastity, purity, forgiveness, youth, teenage girls, rape victims, and poverty. Statistics reflect that our children's purity and chastity is most often compromised during the summer months and Christmas break. St. Maria Goretti is a special Saint most willing to intercede for us through our prayers to keep our children close to their Heavenly Father and their Catholic Faith.

Saint Maria Goretti was born in Italy on October 16, 1890 as the third child of six to a farming family. By the time she was six, her family had become so poor that they were forced to give up everything and move to work for other farmers. Her dad became sick with malaria when she was nine years old and died. Her three brothers, mother and other sister worked in the fields to support the family while Maria would cook, sew, clean the house, and watch her baby sister. It was a very difficult life but her family was very close and they shared a deep love for God and their Faith. The family had to move to find work and lived in a building sharing with another family that included a father, mother and 18 year old son, Alessandro Serenelli.

On July 5, 1902, finding eleven-year-old Maria alone sewing while watching her baby sister who was asleep, Alessandro came in and threatened to kill her if she did not do as he said. Alessandro's intention was to rape Maria. She would not submit, protesting that what he wanted to do was a mortal sin. She kept repeating, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!". She desperately fought to stop him from abusing her. Alessandro first choked her, and when she insisted she would rather die than to submit to him, he stabbed her. Maria's little sister woke up, Maria's mother and Alessandro's father heard her crying and ran to the house; finding the bleeding Maria. They took Maria to the nearest hospital and she underwent surgery without anesthesia, but her injuries were beyond the doctor's help. The following day, twenty hours after the attack, after having expressed her forgiveness for her murderer and stating that she wanted to have him in Heaven with her, Maria died of her injuries while looking at a very beautiful picture of the Blessed Mother. Her death did not end her forgiveness however.

Alessandro was captured and sentenced to thirty years in prison. He was unrepentant for three years until he had a vision in a dream of a garden and Maria was there giving him flowers. He awoke and was a changed man, repenting of his crime and reforming his life. When he was released from prison, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged for forgiveness. She said, "If my daughter can forgive you, who am I to withhold forgiveness?" and they attended Mass together the next day, receiving Holy Communion side by side. Alessandro reportedly prayed every day to Maria Goretti and referred to her as "my little saint". He attended her canonization in 1950 with her mother and four of Maria's still living siblings. Alessandro later became a laybrother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin Monastery and working as its receptionist and gardener until he died peacefully in 1970.

Pious families have many opportunities during the Summer months to grow in virtue and grace. Some ideas are praying together as a family at the end of each day before going to bed, or gather in your living or family room and share stories about your children's patron saints or the saint of the day (www.catholic.org/saints/sofd.php) before praying the Rosary and asking for our Blessed Mother's intercession. There is no greater "weapon" against evil.

Most importantly, try to attend Mass together as a family on Sunday and also any other day during the week when possible this summer. When you plan your family vacation, be sure to include pilgrimage sites to visit. There are many sites close to Lincoln if you're not vacationing or just for a weekend visit. A few ideas are: the beautiful little Schoenstatt Shrine near Crete (www.cormariae.com); our Holy Family Shrine off of I-80 near Gretna (www.holyfamilyshrineproject.com); The Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph near Agnew (www.lasvegasmariancenter.com/carmel.htm); Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters at Christ the King Chapel in Lincoln (www.holyspiritadorationsisters.org); St. Gregory the Great Seminary by Seward on Visitors Sunday (www.stgregoryseminary.edu); and many others.

Make summer vacation a wonderful family time to grow closer to Our Lord and one another. They will be memories you'll cherish forever and they will "bear fruit" for generations to come! When we put forth a little effort to grow closer to God He amazingly blesses us a hundred fold. Remember, our families are His Domestic Churches in which we give Him Glory and Honor!

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

Prayer to Saint Maria Goretti

Oh Saint Maria Goretti who, strengthened by God's grace, did not hesitate even at the age of eleven to shed your blood and sacrifice life itself to defend your virginal purity, look graciously on the unhappy human race which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation. Teach us all, and especially youth, with what courage and promptitude we should flee for the love of Jesus anything that could offend Him or stain our souls with sin. Obtain for us from our Lord victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we earnestly beg of thee (here insert intention), and may we one day enjoy with thee the imperishable glory of Heaven. Amen.



SCIP - The Next Craze

With the recent crackdown on alcohops and caffeine-infused alcoholic drinks, another new product has appeared on the market -- Adult Chocolate Milk.

This "milk" packs a kick of 40-proof vodka. The pour and serve drink is sold in a retro-chic glass bottle with a swing top closure.

It has become so popular the creator, Adult Beverage Company, plans to branch out with new flavors such as Adult Orange Cream, Adult Fruit Punch and Adult Limeade, making it another enticing product for our youth.

Adult Chocolate Milk currently is available in Nebraska.

(Sources: adultchocolatemilk.com; blogs.lawweekly.com)



What Is K-2

K-2 is a smokable, herbal mixture sold as an incense with chemical properties similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, but is synthetic. It is available for purchase on the Internet and in stores. It looks like potpourri and sells for about \$10 per gram. The substance doesn't show up on a drug test, which makes it an attractive alternative to marijuana. It comes in a variety of flavors and potencies.

Freshmen Corner

The month of May is the "home stretch"!!
This is the easiest month
to get distracted and have grades drop.
Parents, stay on top of student's progress.

HERE'S HOW:

1.) **Parent Connect:** You, as a parent/guardian, can check **grades online**. Some teachers update grades weekly, while others update almost daily. You need a username and password. If you need one or are having difficulties, please call the Pius X school office. We want you to have the information at your fingertips. Check Parent Connect often!!!

2.) **Blackboard:** Your student has a user name and password that allows access to **classroom information**...even at home. Ask your student to show you Blackboard. Many teachers post assignments, deadlines, directions and special notes to students AND to parents.

These are 2 very simple "tools" to help you and your student to stay on top of things. Too many parents (and students) wait until it's too late to check on things.

PLEASE check these often!

Come the end of the school year,
you'll either be glad you did or wishing you had.

Finally, pray for your child that God
gives the grace to finish the race!!!

2010-11 Pius X Booster Club Members As Of April 14, 2011

Pius X Booster Club Thanks You For Your Support

GOLD LEVEL - \$500 OR MORE

Brian & Kathy Boes
Bristol Windows
Dr. Bruce Condello, DDS
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Chris & Teresa Raun
Mark & Martha Resseguie
Wes & Monica Richert
Mike & Ruth Roysel
Eric & Angie Schafers
Mark & Cindy Schilmoeller
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Tim & Margo Schnell
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Brad & Sherry Thavenet
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Chris & Michelle Wagner
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Carl & Suzanne Zeutzius

WHITE LEVEL - \$25 OR MORE

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Dan & Genny Albrecht
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Michelle & Mark Aylor
Kevin & Theresa Aylward
Tim & Gaylene Aylward
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Jonathan & Ann Baker
Bob & Laurie Barnes
James & Connie Bayless
Ken & Joan Benes
Tom & Pam Beiermann
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Laurie Rodaway
Bill & Sue Roeder
Eric & Therese Sack
Ted & Janna Sasse
Ron & Claire Schinkel
Mike & Sandy Schleppenbach
Doug & Diane Schneider
David & Kristine Schoening
Ronald & Tammie Scholz
Tom & Cheryl Seib
Jack & Paula Sharkey
John & Ellen Soukup
Tyler & Bev Sprouse
Dean & Lisa Steffensmeier
Dan & Shelly Sullivan
Matt & Joan Tasler
John & Linda Thompson
Gary & Chris Timm
Mike & Jane Tobias
Jim & Juli Townsend
Jan Tvrdy
Rich & Marilyn Twehous
Greg & Deana Unger
Jeff & Deb Van Lent
Dan & Connie Van Slyke
Mike & Cyndi Vestecka
Rich & Celia Wahl
Paul & Jody Warfield
Chris & Lori Weskamp
Tom & Fran Westfall
Jim & Kathy Wilkerson
Paul & Bridget Woita
Rick & Lori Wordekemper
Dave & Luann Zastrow
Tom & Sonya Zimmerman
Troy & Jenny Zornes

Seniors Report Scholarships By May 6

Seniors, please provide a copy of any notification letters, certificates of awards, or scholarships that you receive from any college or organization to the Pius X Guidance Office for verification by **Friday, May 6**. This information is needed so that all scholarships can be published in the program for graduation ceremonies.

Naviance/Family Connection

The most up-to-date opportunities to find and apply for scholarships 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 **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.

ACE Scholarship

This scholarship is for financially needy students who desire to take college courses during high school. A Pius X senior this year applied for and got this scholarship both semesters of this year to take UNL Spanish classes. The value of his scholarships was nearly \$1600. If you are interested, log into your Family Connection site and open the Scholarship List on the left hand column under the "About College" link. An application may be found in the Senior Resumes area.

Summer Job?

Application forms are available in the Pius X Guidance Office from several detasseling companies. Applicants must be at least 13 years of age and 5 feet tall to apply for a detasseling job.

SCC Automotive Summer Camp

Southeast Community College is offering bright students the opportunity to experience what it would be like to pursue a career in the **automotive field**. This 2 day camp will be held on June 10 & 11 at the Milford campus. Tuition is \$25.00, which includes tools, meals, housing, and transportation to special activities. Participants must be 16 years or older. The registration deadline is **Friday, May 6**. For more information, please contact the Pius X Guidance Office.

Health Professions Career Workshop

The UNMC Youth Learning Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center will be holding its annual Summer Health Professions Career Workshop, August 2-5, 2011, on the UNMC campus. The workshop is for high school students who will be entering their junior year as an opportunity to visit UNMC in Omaha for an introduction and orientation to a variety of health professions. The cost of the program is \$275 and includes meals, dorm room expenses, transportation in Omaha, and learning supplies. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, June 1, 2011. There is a maximum enrollment limit of 14 students. For more information and an application form, please stop in the Pius X Guidance Office.

Reading Tutorial Sessions

The **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** is offering **reading tutorial sessions**. The reading instruction is designed to serve students whose **primary difficulties in school are results of reading problems**. For more information, please contact **Melisia Bieber** at 472-3532 or via email at readingcenter@unl.edu. Applications are available in the Pius X Guidance Office.

U.S. Service Academy Nominations

Juniors interested in applying for a nomination to a U.S. Service Academy should stop in the Pius X Guidance Office for an application form. Applications should be sent in anytime between the spring of junior year and the fall of senior year.

Job Shadowing

Are you interested in a career but not quite sure what the job entails? **Job shadowing** is an academically motivating activity designed to give students the unique opportunity of an up-close look at the world of work. The program invites students to see first-hand how the skills learned in school relate to the workplace. Interested **juniors or seniors** can pick up a form in the Pius X Guidance Office.

FAFSA Form For College Financial Aid

If you are planning on completing the **FAFSA form for college financial aid**, the following items will be needed to provide necessary information: personal identification number - apply at www.pin.ed.gov; federal tax returns and W-2s; driver's license number; social security number; birth dates; date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed; value of checking/savings account and investments (exclude home and retirement plans); value of business or investment farm; child support paid or received; ADC/TANF welfare benefits; social security payments from SSI or SSDI; workers compensation benefits; other untaxed income such as veterans' benefits, housing/food/living allowance for military or clergy; and alien registration number for eligible non-citizens. For details about your dependency status and filing the FAFSA, see "Your FAFSA Appointment" at www.educationquest.org or www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please contact **EducationQuest** for free assistance at (402) 475-5222.

Athletes Who Want To Participate In College Athletics

All students who want to participate in athletics after high school in any Division I, II or NAIA college must register in the NCAA or NAIA Eligibility Center. For information, please visit the websites: www.eligibilitycenter.org or www.playnaia.org.

ACT/SAT Scores For UNL

The **University of Nebraska Lincoln** will no longer accept any forwarded ACT/SAT scores from high schools. The only ACT scores they will accept will have to be sent to them directly from the ACT testing company. There are two ways to accomplish this: 1). include the ACT/SAT code number for UNL (2482) on the ACT/SAT registration form and the score will be sent directly to UNL. 2). If you do not include the number on the registration form you will need to request the scores from ACT/SAT with an Additional Score Report Request form which is available in the Guidance Office. **There is an additional fee for this request score form.**

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 (ACT) or www.collegeboard.com (SAT). The Pius X High School code number is **281-315**.

ACT Test Date	Deadline	Late Fee Required
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011
SAT Test Date	Deadline	Late Fee Required
June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011

BOLT 2011

THANK YOU FROM BOLT 2011
"BOLT DOWN THE NILE"

CELEBRATING 26 YEARS OF BOLT
PIUS X 26TH ANNUAL DINNER/BENEFIT AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011



Dear Pius X Family & Friends,

We want to thank all of you for your generous support of Pius X High School and of BOLT 2011 "Bolt Down The Nile". Our (620+ guests) event was a great success and could not have happened without all of you! You may not be aware of how many volunteers work on this exciting event, but there are over 300 parent volunteers, along with students who sell lottery tickets, bid run, valet park and help with clean up as well as singing at our Mass before BOLT. We also have tremendous support from all the Pius X High School staff.

One of our goals from BOLT is to provide a great environment for all students. 1/3 of the proceeds from BOLT will fund the Booster Club & special projects while 2/3 of the proceeds will help finance the building of the new kitchen. We are still working through the numbers, but feel we had a very successful event. Final numbers will be reported in the next newsletter.

Thank you from the Coordinating Committee:

- ◆ Rod & Michelle Arndt
- ◆ Joe & Penny Bachman
- ◆ Tim & Jennifer Conzemius
- ◆ Steve & Libby Jaros
- ◆ Father James Meysenburg
- ◆ Mark & Michelle Pieper
- ◆ Alan & Diane Pryor
- ◆ Ric & Georgeanne Rashilla
- ◆ Deb Schulte
- ◆ Carl & Suzanne Zeutius

Building Outstanding Leaders Today

The 7th Annual Thunderbolt Scramble

The Thunderbolt Scramble is a fundraiser sponsored by the Pius X Booster Club which has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception in 2005! Thanks to the Pius X community's generosity, these funds have helped repair the tennis courts, re-finish the basketball courts and resurface the track. Proceeds of this year's golf scramble will go toward the ongoing improvements and updating of the Pius X athletic facilities. Please help us continue our journey in making Pius X the best high school in Lincoln. Registration is due Friday, June 10, 2011, and is limited to the first 36 teams. Register early! There are multiple levels of sponsorship and registration available. Registration and more information may be found at www.piusx.net [Alumni - Alumni Home - Events - Thunderbolt Golf Scramble]. Entries include lunch & dinner (a guest dinner/wine tasting may be purchased for \$15), range balls, cart, golf, chance to win a car, flag prizes, and a Closest to the Pin Contest from the 18th Green.

Monday, June 20, 2011

Firethorn Golf Club

Registration	11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Shotgun Start	1:00 p.m.
Wine Tasting	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner, Music, & Awards	6:00 p.m.
Closest To Pin From Patio Competition	6:15 p.m.

2011 Class Reunions

If you would like to help organize a class reunion, please contact **Kristin Heath** in the Alumni Office at (402) 488-0931 ext. 10132 or via email at kristin.heath@piusx.net.

2011 Honor Years

1961 ~ 1966 ~ 1971 ~ 1976 ~ 1981 ~ 1986 ~ 1991 ~ 1996 ~ 2001
50 yr ~ 45 year ~ 40 year ~ 35 year ~ 30 year ~ 25 year ~ 20 year ~ 15 year ~ 10 year

Cathedral High School All Class Reunion - Friday, June 24

Class of 1961 - Friday, September 23 & Saturday, September 24

Class of 1966 - no reunion is being planned

Class of 1971 - Friday, September 23 & Saturday, September 24

Class of 1986 - Friday, July 29; Saturday, July 30; & Sunday, July 31

Class of 1991 - Friday, July 22 & Saturday, July 23

Class of 2001 - Friday, June 17; Saturday, June 18; & Sunday, June 19

If your class does not have a reunion planned yet and you would like to get one started, please call the **Pius X Alumni Office** at (402) 488-0931 or email at kristin.heath@piusx.net. For updated information on what is being planned for your class reunion, please visit <http://alumni.piusx.net/reunionschedule.htm> or the Pius X website at www.piusx.net [Alumni - Alumni Home - Reunions - Scheduled Events].

1st Alumni & Friends Of Pius X Family Fun Run

Join us and you can become a Running Thunderbolt too!

Saturday, August 27, 2011

Late Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

1.15 mile Fun Run/Walk at 8:00 a.m.
around the Pius X neighborhood

- OR -

5 K Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m.
around the Pius X neighborhood/track
Light Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Awards at 9:30 a.m.

Check out the details, maps, opportunity to support our Pius X scholarships, and registration forms at http://alumni.piusx.net/fun_run.htm

We are currently looking for a **volunteer Medic to be on standby if needed from 7:30-10:00 AM on the day of the event. To volunteer for Medic duty OR to volunteer in any capacity on August 27, please contact **Kristin Heath** at kristin.heath@piusx.net or 402-488-0931.



Reconnect With Pius X Alumni

Reconnecting with Pius X alumni is as easy as logging on to the web. Find us at www.facebook.com/lincolnpiusxalumni. Get the latest news and keep in touch with old friends. For more details, contact Alumni Director **Kristin (Edwards) Heath** '91 at alumni@piusx.net.

2011 Annual Appeal & Phone-A-Thon Hits New Record Of \$211,422.95

Summary Of Annual Appeal Donations As Of April 14, 2011

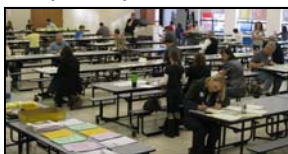
Group	Goal	Donations
Alumni/Cathedral	\$105,000	\$111,717.00
Parents/Former Parents	\$ 45,000	\$ 55,515.95
Businesses	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,210.00
Board Members	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,695.00
Friends	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,285.00
Total	\$200,000	\$211,422.95



Clancy Woolman '56 was our Cathedral Alumni Chair for the 2010-2011 Annual Appeal.



The 2010-2011 Annual Appeal Chair Therese (McCabe) Sack '78, Alumni Director Kristin (Edwards) Heath '91, Annual Appeal Co-Chair Sara (Odgaard) Fritsch '91, and Annual Appeal Co-Chair Amy (Gray) Zeleny '89.



Many alumni & adult volunteers helped make phone calls.



Pius X student volunteers worked hard to help us process our mailings.

Serving on the committee to head this worthwhile project were: Therese (McCabe) Sack '78 (alumni chair), Amy (Gray) Zeleny '89 (alumni co-chair), Sara (Odgaard) Fritsch '91 (alumni co-chair), Clancy & Charlene Woolman '56 (Cathedral High School alumni chairs); Greg & Darla Ernst and Rob & Koni Barie (freshman class chairs); Georganne Rashilla and Jill Morris (sophomore class chairs); Anne Wackel and Ann Geary (junior class chairs); and Paul Birkel and Joe & Sophia Werning (senior class chair). The enthusiasm shared by these chairpersons was fantastic and the momentum spread to once again guarantee the success of this important endeavor. The entire Pius X family appreciates all of the support the school has received in making this dream a reality for the young people we serve. Photos courtesy of the Pius X Foundation Office.

Congratulations and many thanks to all! Donations to this year's Annual Appeal not only brought together people by renewing friendships and making new ones, but set a new all-time record! Your contributions helped us surpass our goal. This accomplishment was achieved by the outstanding efforts of many alumni, parents, local businesses and friends from all over the country who so generously support Catholic education. Gifts to this year's appeal ranged anywhere from \$10 to \$5,000. **Each and every gift is truly appreciated!**

As of April 14, 2011, this successful campaign has brought in \$211,422.95 in cash and stock donations. Of this amount, \$3,732.50 has been designated for endowed funds & scholarships. Pledges are currently trickling in and every donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated. If you haven't given to the Annual Appeal yet, you still have time! We can receive donations for this year's appeal until June 30, 2011, which is the end of our fiscal year. You can make your gift online on the Pius X Foundation web page at www.piusx.net/foundation. Please click on the Annual Appeal link to either make a pledge or donate directly. For your donation, your name will be listed in the 2010-2011 Annual Report section of the fall 2011 *Pius Connections* newsletter.

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2nd Annual Appeal Memorial/Honorary Mass held April 13



- photo courtesy of Foundation Office -

On Wednesday, April 13, Pius X celebrated its second Memorial/Honorary Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the Pius X Chapel. During the 2010-2011 Annual Appeal, many donations of \$100.00 or more came from our generous alumni, parents and friends of Pius X that were made in memory or in honor of a loved one. We celebrated these tributes by having a Mass in their honor. We prayed for the happy repose of the souls who have gone before us, as well as those chosen to be honored by our donors.

Following Mass, we enjoyed a small reception in the Pius X Commons area. Coffeecake, fruit, juice and coffee were served. All enjoyed a slide show of all of our tributes with their names and photos if they were available.

The Lord has blessed us with wonderful alumni and their families, great parents and wonderful friends of Pius X High School. We thank all those that were able to attend as well as those that were with us in spirit!

Pictured are **Father James Meysenburg** with **Sarah (Keating) Trimble** '94 and her daughters **Katlyn** and **Faith**. They were here to honor Sara's mother **Jean Keating** who passed away April 29, 2009.

In Loving Memory of:

- Dorothy Achord
- Michael J. Anderson '60
- George & Elizabeth Banker
- Robert & Virginia Barlow
- Dennis C. Barry '72
- George & Irene Biggs
- Clarence Birkel
- Kristin Bottger '99
- Mary E. Brake '70
- Jackson S. Browning
- Barbara Burbach
- Sharon Christen
- Ann Clifford
- Marie Connelly
- Ralph Connelly
- Marilyn Coupe
- Jack Danek
- Beth Davis '88
- Karl Dickinson
- Jeffrey N. Dodd '91
- Joanne B. Easley
- Marvin D. Edwards
- Frank and Mamie Effinger
- Paul E. Fischbach
- Mary Saint Julian Flaherty
- James Garde
- Joseph Garde
- Lucille L. Garde
- Faith Gautreau
- Joseph J. & Dorothy H.K. Glenn
- Matt Grosserode '00
- Marcella Grosserode
- Joseph Haggerty
- Mary Haggerty
- Joe & Claire Hakenkamp
- Steven C. Hannasch '84
- Candice Harms '92
- Eileen Hartmann
- George and Arlene Hauschild
- Brian E. Heath '88
- Dorothy Henggeler
- Margaret Hesse
- Milo Horak
- Cec Hunsaker
- Jerome & Marlene Jamrog
- Louis and Frieda Janky
- Randall R. Karpisek
- Jean Keating
- Norman Kempkes
- John K. Kerr '58
- Kathi Krause

Eugene Landkamer

- Arleen Lempka
- Francis Lempka
- John Liescheski '09
- Betty Maguire
- Colette A. Malolepszy '64
- Carolyn Maynard
- Evelyn McCarty
- Adam McCabe '05
- Monsignor John McCabe
- Glenn E. & Ann J. Miller
- Elston Murphy
- Larry W. O'Brien '57
- Lorraine O'Grady
- Lucy Origer
- Don Overton
- Rita Overton
- Father Ronald E. Patterson
- Melvin & Darlene Rolfs
- Brett Romberg '00
- Benito Sanchez
- Laurie Schaefer '00
- John Schwindt
- Gail Sedlacek
- Harold Sherman
- Jean Shemek
- Edgar Steele
- Geoff Steinkuehler '96
- Beverly K. Stemper '60
- Arthur Sullivan
- Bernard P. Sullivan
- Clara Sullivan
- Robert W. Tracy '86
- Donald Urbanovsky
- Judith Valinch
- Mildred M. Vuchetich
- Peter F. Vuchetich
- Timothy Waite
- William and Martha W. Welch
- R. Scott Wickham '67
- Paul York
- Deceased Class Members of 1988 - Beth Davis, Brian Heath and Sean Varner

In Loving Honor of:

- Ed & Betty Dosek
- McGovern Family
- Cecelia Sherman
- Bill Welch '62
- All teachers of Pius X High School - Past and Present

Kitchen Construction Progressing



- photo courtesy of Foundation Office -

Pius X's vision of an on-site kitchen is coming to fruition with the help of a \$500,000 grant award received from the Kohl's Cares nationwide voting contest!

As Pius X continues to grow and thrive, the new kitchen facility is a greatly needed enhancement to our campus. The kitchen project will be completed and operational in August 2011.

In addition to the preparation of nutritional meals for students, faculty, staff, and friends, the kitchen will be a significant revenue source through enhanced concession services at athletic and school activities and facility rental for meetings, conferences, local events, and special occasion receptions. Each year, Pius X High School hosts numerous outside events including the Midwest Invitational Tournament, sponsored by the YMCA, which brings in basketball teams from all around the region to compete. Pius X also hosts the Diocesan Teacher's Institute and other diocesan meetings annually. The new facility will also assist in providing food service at the newly constructed St. Michael's School.

Help Is Needed To Fund Kitchen Items



- photo courtesy of Foundation Office -

While construction is quickly moving forward, additional funding is still needed to complete the project. Currently, we are asking for assistance in funding a portion of the \$184,000 needed for new kitchen equipment. Unfunded kitchen items will be purchased through a loan at a specific interest rate.

This is where you come in! Through Fund-it, our new on-line donation program, you can search the equipment items needed and choose to donate a full or partial amount toward specific items. Any donation which you can generously provide is greatly appreciated! All donations are tax-deductible and will save Pius X the cost of the item, plus the corresponding interest rate on the loan. For more information on Fund-It and how you can be part of seeing our dream of a new kitchen become a reality, visit the Foundation website at <http://foundation.piusx.net>.



Connecting You With Pius X

Fund-It is an innovative and exciting new on-line giving program which connects you with Pius X High School and the needs of our students, teachers and staff. After searching the approved Fund-It options, you are able to donate directly to specific needs and make tax-deductible contributions that fully or partially fund each project or item.

Pius X High School works diligently to provide a Christ-centered education with high academic standards while maintaining one of the lowest tuition rates in the nation. With your support through Fund-It, we will be able to keep a Catholic high school education at Pius X affordable for every student and family. Visit the Pius X Foundation website at <http://foundation.piusx.net> to donate today!

Do You Work For One Of These Companies?

If you or your spouse work for any of the companies listed below, you now have an easy way to **double your gift** to support Pius X High School! All of these organizations, plus many others not listed here, will match your donation to a charitable organization such as the Pius X Foundation. Contact your Human Resources Department for a matching gift form. For additional information, please contact the **Foundation Office** at **402-488-1046** or email **Michelle Birkel** at michelle.birkel@piusx.net.

3 Easy Steps:

- Find your company's name on this list or check with your Human Resources Department to see if your gift will be matched.
- Obtain a matching gift form from your company's Human Resources Department.
- Complete the form and send it to Pius X High School, Attn: Foundation Office with your tax deductible contribution.

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August 2011

8 Football/Softball/Golf Begin
 10 Mandatory New Parent Meeting
 12 New Teacher In-Service
 Pictures/Lockers/Schedules
 14 9th Grade Retreat 6-9 pm
 15 9th Grade Retreat 8 am-Noon
 Fall Sports Begin
 Mandatory New Parent Meeting
 16 Faculty In-Service
 17 Faculty In-Service
 All-City Mass at Pius X - 11 am
 18 First Day of School
 19 Fall Kickoff 7 pm
 29 Open House 6:30 pm

September 2011

5 NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
 13 Picture Re-Takes 8 am
 14 10:15 am START
 19 1st Quarter Progress Reports Due
 23 Homecoming Game
 24 Homecoming Dance (8:30-11 pm)
 28 Noon Dismissal (Periods 4-8)
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 2-5 pm and 6-9 pm
 29 Noon Dismissal (Periods 1-3)
 Founder's Day Mass after Period 2
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 2-5 pm and 6-9 pm
 30 NO SCHOOL

October 2011

10 NO SCHOOL (Diocesan Institute)
 14 1st Quarter Ends
 17 PLAN Testing for Sophomores
 (8:05 am - Noon)
 NO SCHOOL (Grades 9, 11, 12)
 Teacher Workday
 20 Fall Play 7 pm
 21 Fall Play 7 pm
 22 Fall Play 7 pm
 23 Fall Play 2 pm

November 2011

1 NO SCHOOL (All Saints Day)
 2 All Souls Mass 9:25 am
 Home School General Meeting 7 pm
 9 Fall Athletic Signing
 14 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Due
 Winter Sports Begin
 16 10:15 am START
 23 NO SCHOOL
 Faculty Retreat (8 am - Noon)
 24 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
 25 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
 28 Advent Service
 Seniors/Parents FAFSA Mtg. 6 pm
 Juniors/Parents College Mtg. 7 pm

December 2011

5 Advent Service
 8 NO SCHOOL
 (Immaculate Conception)
 12 Advent Service
 19 Final Exams 8:05 - 11:30 am
 (Periods 1-3)
 20 Final Exams 8:05 - 11:30 am
 (Periods 4-6)
 21 Final Exams 8:05 - 10:20 am
 (Periods 7-8)
 NO SCHOOL December 22 - January 3
 NSAA Activities Moratorium Dec 23-27

January 2012

4 Testing Day
 Seniors - NO SCHOOL
 Juniors - NO SCHOOL
 Sophomores - NO SCHOOL
 Freshmen - 8:05 am - 12:30 pm
 5 Testing Day
 Seniors - NO SCHOOL
 Juniors - 8:05 am - 11:30 am
 Sophomores - NO SCHOOL
 Freshmen - 8:05 am - 12:30 pm
 6 Epiphany Mass 9:25 am
 16 NO SCHOOL
 29 Catholic Schools Week Begins

February 2012

6 3rd Quarter Progress Reports Due
 8th Grade Orientation 7 pm
 13 NHS Honors Night 7:30 pm
 15 Noon Dismissal (Periods 1-4)
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 2-5 pm and 6-8 pm
 16 Noon Dismissal (Periods 5-8)
 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-6 pm
 17 NO SCHOOL
 20 NO SCHOOL (Faculty In-Service)
 22 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:25 am
 27 Spring Sports Begin

March 2012

2 Lenten Service
 8 Lenten Service
 3rd Quarter Ends
 9 NO SCHOOL
 14 10:15 am START
 16 Lenten Service
 19 Retreat Day (Grades 10-12)
 Grade 9 - NO SCHOOL
 20 All-School Retreat Mass 9:25 am
 22 Spring Musical 7 pm
 23 Lenten Service
 Spring Musical 7 pm
 24 Spring Musical 2 pm and 7 pm
 25 Spring Musical 2 pm
 30 Lenten Service

April 2012

1 Lenten Service
 5 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
 6 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
 9 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
 10 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
 11 Spring Collegiate Athletic Signing
 14 Wordstruck Live
 16 4th Quarter Progress Reports Due
 19 Noon Dismissal
 Faculty Meeting in the Afternoon
 NO SCHOOL
 21 BOLT
 23 Awards Night 7 pm
 28 Prom

May 2012

2 All School Mass (May Crowning)
 14 Senior Finals (Periods 5-8)
 15 Senior Finals (Periods 1-4)
 16 Senior/Parent Mass & Breakfast
 9:30 am-12:30 pm
 17 NO SCHOOL (Ascension Thursday)
 20 Graduation 1:30 pm
 23 Final Exams 8:05-11:30 am (Per 6-8)
 24 Final Exams 8:05-11:30 am (Per 3-5)
 25 Final Exams 8:05-10:20 am (Per 1-2)

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May 2011 - Pius X High School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>1 Divine Mercy Sunday 2nd Sunday of Easter Pray for seminarian, Matthew Zimmer</p>	<p>2 School resumes May Crowning Mass 9:25am V. Baseball @ Omaha Skutt 5pm B. District Soccer tba G. District Soccer tba V. G. Tennis vs Lincoln Christian 4pm</p>	<p>3 Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm JV Baseball @ Waverly 4:30/6:30pm B. V. Golf - Pius X Golf Classic @ Arbor Links 9am B. District Soccer tba G. District Soccer tba G. V. Tennis vs Waverly 4pm Dino's First Tuesday 5-11pm</p>	<p>4 G. V & JV Tennis vs LNS 4pm CLM's mock inter- view fair for students enrolled in the class</p>	<p>5 National Day of Prayer Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm B. District Soccer tba G. District Soccer tba</p>	<p>6 First Friday District Baseball tba B. & G. V. Track @ Auburn Invite 2pm Seniors report scholar- ships to Guidance Office to be included in graduation program</p>	<p>7 First Saturday District Baseball tba G. V. Tennis @ Omaha Duchesne 10am Uniform Shop open 10am-12pm</p>	
<p>8 Mother's Day 3rd Sunday of Easter Pray for seminarian, Luke Fleck</p>	<p>9 Awards Night 7pm in the old gym District Baseball tba</p>	<p>10 Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm District Baseball tba B. V. Golf @ Capital City Scramble 9am G. V & JV Tennis @ LE 4pm Spring Vocal Con- cert 7pm (new gym)</p>	<p>11 Senior Service Hours due B. State Soccer tba G. State Soccer tba B. & G. District Track</p>	<p>12 Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm B. State Soccer tba G. State Soccer tba</p>	<p>13 X-Change student newspaper distributed B. V. Golf @ Creighton Prep 3pm B. State Soccer tba G. State Soccer tba District Tennis tba</p>	<p>14 District Baseball tba B. State Soccer tba G. State Soccer tba Uniform Shop open 10am-12pm</p>	
<p>15 4th Sunday of Easter Pray for seminarian, Timothy Cole Kennett Band Concert 7:30pm (gym)</p>	<p>16 Senior/Parent Mass & Breakfast 9:30am-1:00pm District Baseball tba B. State Soccer tba G. State Soccer tba</p>	<p>17 Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm District Baseball tba B. District Golf tba B. State Soccer tba G. State Soccer tba</p>	<p>18 Senior Finals (Periods 5-8) District Baseball tba</p>	<p>19 Uniform Shop open 3:35-4pm Senior Finals (Periods 1-4) District Baseball tba State Tennis tba</p>	<p>20 State Tennis tba B. & G. State Track Granite City's Third Friday</p>	<p>21 B. & G. State Track Uniform Shop open 10am-12pm Last day to order uniforms to assure delivery before the start of the 2011-12 school year Matthew Kelly's presentation at Cathedral 9am-4pm</p>	
<p>22 5th Sunday of Easter Pray for seminarian, Andrew Litt Graduation 1:30pm</p>	<p>23 Final Exams (Periods 6-8) 8:05-11:30am Junior meeting con- cerning the Washing- ton D.C. trip - 7pm in the L/PAC</p>	<p>24 Final Exams (Periods 3-5) 8:05-11:30am B. State Golf tba Sports Physicals 6-9pm</p>	<p>25 Final Exams (Periods 1-2) 8:05-10:20am B. State Golf tba</p>	<p>26 Summer Vacation</p>	<p>27 Summer Vacation Incoming Freshmen weight lifting orien- tation 9-11:30am</p>	<p>28</p>	
<p>29 6th Sunday of Easter Pray for seminarian, Benedict Mattern</p>	<p>30 Summer Vacation Memorial Day</p>	<p>31 Summer Vacation Baseball Camp 9am-12pm Boys Basketball Camp 8:30-11:00am 12:30-2:30pm 3:00-5:00pm</p>	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Daily Mass at 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>* All dates and times are subject to change without notice.*</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Visit the Pius X website at www.piusx.net</p> </div>				



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 or 488-0931.



A "TINI" Fact

Achieving and maintaining a healthy weight really is a balancing act. You must balance a caloric intake with a caloric expenditure.



Where The Sidewalk Begins

The path to a healthier community is big enough to accommodate walkers and cyclists. That's according to researchers who analyzed data from 50 states and 15 countries, and found that obesity rates were lower in areas where people got around by foot or by bike. The researchers say the results echo the findings of previous research and underscore the need for communities to encourage walking and biking by building sidewalks and bike paths. Source: American Journal of Public Health, August 2010

Cinco de Mayo On Thursday, May 5



Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated on Thursday, May 5. Chicken Fajitas, Beans & Rice, Fixin Bar, and a complimentary Churro will be served.

Hawaiian Luau On Wednesday, May 18



The Pius X Food Service will serve a Hawaiian Luau on Wednesday, May 18, with Pulled Pork, Beans & Rice, Fresh Fruit (including Fresh Pineapple), and Bread Basket.



Fat Content Of Foods

Fats are found in both animal and plant products. Meats, butter and other dairy products contain significant levels of triglycerides with saturated fatty acids. Polyunsaturated fatty acids are present in larger amounts in fish and poultry than in red meats such as pork, lamb and beef. Most vegetable oils are high in polyunsaturated fatty acids, but some tropical oils, like coconut, are high in saturated fatty acids. Olive and canola oils are probably the best dietary sources of monounsaturated fatty acids. Again, foods of *animal origin* are the only ones that contain *cholesterol*. Besides meats, foods such as cheese, butter, eggs, and milk all have cholesterol. Because cholesterol is made in the liver, eating cow, chicken or any other animal's liver will give you a high intake of dietary cholesterol.

Hot Breakfast During Finals 7:15-10 a.m.



During finals on May 23, 24, and 25, Monday-Wednesday, there will be a hot breakfast served each morning in addition to your normal favorites. Breakfast will be served 7:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 16 - Negative Balances



As the end of the school year approaches, it is important to keep a positive balance in your student's lunch account. To view your student's account balance, please visit the website: www.mylunchmoney.com.

Beginning on **Monday, May 16**, students with a negative balance or insufficient funds will not be allowed to purchase any item from the cafeteria. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

Food Safety Tips For Your Refrigerator



Eggshells are very porous, so when you store eggs out of the carton, moisture evaporates more quickly through the shells and causes eggs to lose freshness. To **make it right**, store eggs in their carton on a nice cold shelf.

Cheese (good quality, non-processed) needs to have air circulating around it. Plastic wrap prevents this, leading to a greasy surface and mold. Wrap cheese with waxed paper and place it in an opened plastic bag if you're worried about the cheese drying out.

Milk - Home cooks open and close their fridge many times while making a meal. So the milk in the door is asking for trouble, when the warm air hits the milk. The ups and downs with temperatures boost bacteria growth. To **make it right**, move the milk to the back of the fridge or near the cold-air vents.

Left-overs have to be cooled properly and promptly. You can't store in large pots or large amounts as they can't chill fast enough to prevent dangerous amounts of bacteria from developing.

Apples and Lettuce should not be stored together in the refrigerator. Most fruits release a gas that rots lettuce and other greens. **Make it right** by storing fruits and vegetables in separate crisper drawers. Smelly deli items should have their own drawer as well.

Thawing meat should be stored in a bottom location of the refrigerator where it won't drip blood onto other food.

Seniors: Food Service Accounts



Seniors with a negative balance will not be allowed to purchase any item from food service beginning Monday, May 16. All accounts must be paid in full prior to receiving your cap and gown for graduation. Lunch account balances over \$10.00 will be refunded to you. If you would like to transfer your remaining balance to a younger sibling's account, please contact **Karen Francis** in the Pius X Business Office at karen.francis@piusx.net.

Underclassmen: Food Service Accounts



Freshmen, Sophmores, and Juniors with a negative balance will not be allowed to purchase any item from food service beginning Monday, May 16. Negative balances will delay the receipt of report cards for this semester and schedules for next year. All amounts remaining in a student's account at the end of this school year will remain in the student's account for the 2011-12 school year. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Francis** in the Pius X Business Office at karen.francis@piusx.net.

Incoming Freshmen - Special Diet Needs

Pius X is blessed to be able to provide breakfast and lunch to our students in our school nutrition program. It is our goal at Pius X to provide affordable and healthy food to our students, and to meet the needs of those with special diets or restrictions. If your student has any special dietary needs or restrictions, please contact **Tini Van-Oehlertz, R.D.**, at tini.vanoehlertz@piusx.net.

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Menu - May 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>May 2 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Meal In A Bowl - or - House Choice</p>	<p>May 3 <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Breakfast Pizza</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Sloppy Joe/ Wheat Bun Chef's Choice Vegetable - or - Chef's Choice</p>	<p>May 4 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Turkey & Wild Rice Soup String Cheese Crackers Wheat Dinner Roll - or - Hot Dog/Bun Chef's Choice Potato</p>	<p>May 5 <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Breakfast Quesadilla</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Cinco de Mayo Chicken Fajita Beans & Rice Fixin Bar Churro</p>	<p>May 6 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad - or - Tuna Noodle Augratin Wheat Dinner Roll</p>
<p>May 9 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Italian Dunkers - or - Corn Dog</p>	<p>May 10 <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Pancakes and Sausage</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Peas - or - Chef's Choice</p>	<p>May 11 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Chef's Choice Pasta Breadstick - or - House Choice Hoagie Condiment Bar</p>	<p>May 12 <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Breakfast Sandwich</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Chicken Patty/Wheat Bun - or - Chef's Choice</p>	<p>May 13 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Fish & Chips - or - Cheesy Marinara Pasta Breadstick</p>
<p>May 16 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Beefy Nachos Grande Refried Beans Fixin Bar - or - Chef's Choice Soup</p>	<p>May 17 <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Chef's Choice Breakfast</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Hamburger/Wheat Bun - or - Chicken & Noodles Green Beans Wheat Dinner Roll</p>	<p>May 18 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Hawaiian Luau Pulled Pork Beans & Rice Fresh Fruit (including Fresh Pineapple) Bread Basket</p>	<p>May 19 <u>Hot Breakfast</u> Chef's Choice Breakfast</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Tossed Salad</p>	<p>May 20 <u>Cold Breakfast</u> choose 3 items</p> <p><u>Lunch</u> Cheese Enchilada Brown Rice Fixin Bar Salad Bar - or - Broccoli Cheese Soup Crackers/Bread Basket Salad Bar</p>
<p>May 23 <u>Hot Breakfast 7:15-10 a.m.</u> Chef's Choice Breakfast</p> <p><u>Final Exams</u> (Periods 6-8) 8:05-11:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>No Lunch</u></p>	<p>May 24 <u>Hot Breakfast 7:15-10 a.m.</u> Chef's Choice Breakfast</p> <p><u>Final Exams</u> (Periods 3-5) 8:05-11:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>No Lunch</u></p>	<p>May 25 <u>Hot Breakfast 7:15-10 a.m.</u> Chef's Choice Breakfast</p> <p><u>Final Exams</u> (Periods 1-2) 8:05-10:20 a.m.</p> <p><u>No Lunch</u></p>	<p>May 26 Summer Vacation</p>	<p>May 27 Summer Vacation</p>