



The focus of the newsletter is to inform you, our alumni, about what is happening on campus and to celebrate all accomplishments. We would love to hear from you!

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## St. Pius X Girls' Soccer Team takes 2nd in State



Coach Portell does it again!! The St. Pius X Girls' soccer team played in the Final game for the Class 1 State Championship. Unfortunately, the outcome was the same as the boys and the girls received 2nd place, but what an incredible accomplishment as a coach to have two 2nd place titles in 1 year. The Lancers fought hard all year, as their schedule was not an easy one. This year's team played with heart and had senior leadership that will be difficult to replace. Many of the girls received honors this season including:

Aaron Portell: Class 1 Region 1 Coach of the Year

Colleen Flanagan: Class 1 District 1 All District Team, JCAA All-Conference First Team, Class 1 Region 1 Player of the Year, Class 1 Region 1 All-Region Team, Co-Offensive Player of the Year for State Class 1, First Team All-State Class 1

Riley Cappozzo: Class 1 District 1 All District Team, JCAA All-Conference First Team, Class 1 Region 1 Offensive Player of the Year, Class 1 Region 1 All-Region Team, First Team All-State Class 1, 2022 KTJJ Spring Dream Team

Emily Vatterott: Class 1 District 1 All District Team, JCAA All-Conference Honorable Mention, Class 1 Region 1 Defensive Player of the Year, Class 1 Region 1 All-Region Team, Defensive Player of the Year for State Class 1, First Team All-State Class 1

Bridget Flanagan: Class 1 District 1 All District Team, JCAA All-Conference Second Team, Class 1 Region 1 All-Region Team, Second Team All-State Class 1

AJ Stetina: Class 1 District 1 All District Team, Class 1 Region 1 All-Region Team, Honorable Mention All-State Class 1

Ady Carver: Class 1 District 1 All District Team, Class 1 Region 1 All-Region Team

Mary Hrdlicka, Kady Gottman & Bella Barbagallo: Class 1 District 1 All District Team

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## Looking for a Great Time to Benefit a Great Cause?

### *Join us for Washers Tournament during Homecoming Weekend:*

- What:  
Bill and Carol Schmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund Washers Tournament
- Why:
  - To increase funding for a scholarship that was established for St. Pius X High School students; and
  - To honor Bill and Carol Schmidt, who together dedicated more than 50 years of their careers to St. Pius X – Bill as a teacher and coach, and Carol as an administrative assistant.
- Where: St. Pius X High School
- When: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022
- Cost: \$30 (includes food and beverages)
- If you're interested in being a tournament sponsor, participant, or volunteer, please contact one of the following alumni:
  - Larry Kist (class of '75) at 314-540-2159 or [lot\\_g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lot_g@sbcglobal.net)
  - Rolfe Wagner ('75) at 314-440-1228 or [rolfewagner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rolfewagner@sbcglobal.net)
  - Al Grossius ('76) at 636-212-0929 or [algrossius57@icloud.com](mailto:algrossius57@icloud.com)
  - Brian Westrich ('76) at 314-591-1552 or via email at [brian\\_westrich@att.net](mailto:brian_westrich@att.net)
- With your support at this upcoming event, we're sure to make a St. Pius X education possible for more young men and women.

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## 2022-2023 Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Alumni Scholarship Recipients:

Emma Miller  
McKenzie McNutt  
Conner Bailey  
Evan Bailey  
Ella Jones

To apply for the Alumni Association Award:

Must be a child of a St. Pius X graduate. The parent submits an essay on, "What Impact St. Pius X High School had on my life" and the student submits an essay on, "What will I bring to St. Pius X High school". The Alumni Association selects multiple awards based on proceeds gained from the St. Pius X trivia night and other Alumni Association sponsored events.

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## Letter from the President

Hello St. Pius X Alumni.

Now that summer is here, I routinely am asked if the school “shuts down” for a well-deserved break. Actually, summers are just about as busy as the rest of the year. Summer is when we prepare for the upcoming school year. Updates and renovations are made to the campus and buildings, new teachers/staff/coaches are hired, academics are solidified and policies/procedures are updated. This year summer sports are running a little longer than usual because our girls soccer team is preparing for state competition on June 3 and 4. The campus is also busy with Summer Camps and those who are taking advantage of the Wellness Center. We are also preparing for the Fireworks Extravaganza (June 30, Thursday) and the annual golf tournament (July 29, Friday).

Over the last few years, we have learned how important it is to provide in-person learning. This continued commitment is evidenced by the results of three key indicators, ACT scores, High School Placement Test by Scholastic and Scholastic Reading Inventory. The Class of 2022 had 63 graduates and 3 international students. One quarter of the class had a GPA over 4.0, all but one are going to college and/or the military. The combined class received \$1.96M in accepted scholarships and the average ACT was a 22.4 (Top 50%: 26.1 - Top 25%: 27.8 - Top 10%: 30.6). To further confirm our success, we recently received a high score of 365 out of a possible 400 on our accreditation review from COGNIA. Over the last five years, COGNIA's average score awarded to schools is 283.

As we look to the future, we fully embrace the mission of balancing funding with the need to update St. Pius X High School – academically, spiritually, and physically. We are optimistic that the 4 acre tract of land in front of the school will become part of our campus in the near future. We are also creating a Media Production Room and a Student Support Center that will benefit our students this coming school year.

As always, we will continue to stay focused on our primary mission...providing extraordinary Catholic education to all that seek it at St. Pius X High School.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to St. Pius X High School.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Lehn  
President  
314-608-0669

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## Upcoming Events



# **FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022**

**FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9:15 PM**

- TAILGATING -**
- EXIT 180 BAND -**
- BBQ & CONCESSIONS -**

**ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL**

**1030 ST. PIUS DRIVE, FESTUS, MO 63028  
GATES OPEN AT 6:30 PM // \$20 PER CAR  
WEATHER PERMITTING**

[Volunteer Here](#)

33<sup>RD</sup> Annual  
St. Pius X High School  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**



**JULY 29, 2022**

Crystal Highlands Golf Club | 3030 US Hwy 61, Festus, MO 63028

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**Victoria (Tora) Wolk, Class of 2013**



I started at St. Pius X as a junior rather than a freshman. I left the public school system after being bullied to the point where I did not want to attend school. The goal, when I began at St. Pius X, was to come out of my shell by the time senior year rolled around. This school got me out of my shell in the first month. I had teachers who saw how far behind I was and came in before school and stayed after to teach me. I had friends that pulled lunch tables together so we could all sit and talk. This school changed my life so much that without it I know without a doubt, I would have never finished high school or gone on to college. With the support of my parents, friends, and teachers at St. Pius I can thank them for how far along I came in life. For people who knew me then, or even now, no surprise I was voted most talkative of my class.

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## Spring Sports Recap

### Baseball

The St. Pius X Varsity baseball team finished the year 20-7, this is the only baseball team in St. Pius X history that has won 20 games in a season. The team won the 2022 JCAA Conference Championship and was the Class 3 District 3 Champions. Seven seniors, Kyle Lewis, Collin Brown, Michael Argana, Tate Ramey, Nathan Stoll, Nathan Schwer, and Austin Almany led the Lancers this season. The baseball team was fortunate enough to play once again at GCS (Minor League stadium in Sauget, IL) and Busch Stadium, the home of the St. Louis Cardinals. This season the Lancers welcomed former Major League player and St. Pius X alumni Mike Henneman (Class of 1980) back and retired his #18 jersey. The baseball coaches would like to thank all the parents, players, and administration for their support this season.

## Golf

While the St. Pius X golf team had its unforeseen share of difficulties this season, the end result would definitely be considered successful. The overall record for the team was 7-7, which included a 6-3 record in conference. Two Lancer golfers (Will Becker and Jack O'Connor) earned All-Conference Honors, and for the first time since 2018, multiple individuals (Will and Connor Isenman) qualified for the State Championship Tournament. With the new home of the Lancer golfers being at Crystal Highlands Golf Course, we were able to host our first high school golf tournament, a huge milestone for the program.

## Track and Field

This year has been a great year for the St. Pius X Track team. We had the largest turnout since the mid-1990s. The athletes all worked hard and it was evident because we had 18 athletes place in the top four in Districts and move on to sectional. The team then had 8 athletes compete in the Class 2 State Track meet in Jefferson City.

Boys Class 2 Sectional Qualifiers:

Blaise Cheaney 4th Place 3200m 12:11.89

Joseph Lehn 4th Place 110mH 17.11

4×400 Relay 4th Place Jon Halfmann, Sam Eimer, John Whitman, Filippo D'avella 3:52.98

4×800 Relay 3rd Place Andrew Hentz, Blaise Cheaney, Joseph Halfmann, Jon Halfmann

Nate Ruble 2nd Place Discus 43.13m

**\* Team 6th Place Overall out of 12 teams with 49 pts**

Girls Class 2 Sectional Qualifiers:

Bridget Flanagan 4th Place HJ 1.44m

PJ Krodinger 3rd Place 400m 1:04.71

Rachel Eimer 3rd Place 1600m 6:04.32

Michaela Eimer 3rd Place 3200m 13:20.22

4×800 3rd Place Katie Rakers, Reagan Edwards, Michaela Eimer, Rachel Eimer 11:06.62

4×400 Relay 2nd Place Emma DeCosty, Katie Rakers, Rachel Eimer, PJ Krodinger 4:32.32

Hanna Burch 2nd Place Shot Put 10.44m and 4th Place Discus 27.90m

Reagan Edwards 1st Place 3200m 13:14.45

**\* Team 4th Place Overall out of 12 teams with 74 pts**

Out of these athletes, six made it through sectionals to compete in the Class 2 State Track meet on May 20-21

Hanna Burch – Shot Put 10.27m (10th Place)

Hanna Burch – Discus 32.03m (9th Place)

Katie Rakers, Michaela Eimer, Reagan Edwards, Rachel Eimer – 4 x 800m Run time of 11:04.76

Rachel Eimer – 1600m Run time of 6:02.39 (10th Place)

PJ Krodinger – 400m Run with a time of 1:02.57 (7th Place Medalist)

Michaela Eimer – 3200m Run time of 13:22.51

## Boys Tennis

After graduating the majority of the team last year, the boy's tennis team revamped itself with brand new players across the board. The varsity team consisted of seniors Jon Halfmann, Logan Jacobson, Caleb Houston, Brendan J Bishop, and Tyson Schaeffer as well as freshman Christian Leicht. While they were all brand new to the sport; each one of them brought skills from other sports they have played, the ability to take coaching advice, and a competitive attitude. By the end of the season, each one of them had notched wins over much more experienced players and even snagged 2nd place at the JCAA Conference Tournament. The boy's tennis season ended with a 3-8 record.

## Boys Volleyball

The boys' volleyball team lost in the first round of districts on Friday, May 13th against Ft Zumwalt East. The Lancers put up a good fight, but unfortunately could not advance to the semifinals of districts. Even though the team did not advance, there is much to celebrate when it comes to the first boys' volleyball team at St. Pius X High School. The team managed to gain volleyball knowledge throughout the season by playing both JV and Varsity teams. The Lancers won their first tournament in program history at Francis Howell Central and kept the momentum going with their positive attitudes and good team spirit. Captains and the two seniors, Joseph Lehn and Collin Smith, have helped build the program with their leadership and passion for the sport of volleyball.

As summer approaches, the remaining players and coaches are looking forward to the future of the program. Coach Rabun and Coach Gartner now know what to expect in the seasons to come and they are prepared to dedicate their time and knowledge to the team. Rabun uses all of her experiences to help guide her through coaching; "I thank everyone who has helped me continue to build this program. I thank the team for being so dedicated to each other and the sport of volleyball. This passion and dedication will build a successful program in the future."

Joseph Lehn was named to the All-District Team, being the first player in program history to receive this honor.

Ian Kutilek, Ben Makowski, Joseph Lehn, Manny Verzola, and Reece Archer received All-State Academic Awards.

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# ST. PIUS X 2022

# SUMMER CAMPS

## ATHLETIC CAMPS

### Boys Basketball

Session I (Grades 4-6)

June 20-23, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Session II (Grades 7-8)

June 20-23, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Session III (Grades 9-12)

June 20-23, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### Girls Basketball

Session I (Grades 9-12)

June 13-16, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Session II (Grades 4-8)

June 13-16, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

### Little Lancers Basketball

Little Lancers (CO-ED) (Grades 2-3)

June 13-16, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### Cross Country

Cross Country (CO-ED) (Grades 6-12)

June 6-9, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

### Football

Session I (Grades 5-8)

July 18-21, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Session II (Grades 9-12)

July 18-21, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### Softball

Session I (Grades 6-12)

June 6-9, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Boys Soccer

Session I (Grades 4-8)

July 18-21, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Session II (Grades 9-12)

July 18-21, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### Girls Soccer

Session I (Grades 4-8)

June 20-23, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Session II (Grades 9-12)

June 20-23, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### Tennis

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 5-8)

July 11-15, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Session II (CO-ED) (Grades 9-12)

July 11-15, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### Girls Volleyball

Session I (Grades 9-12)

July 25-28, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Session II (Grades 6-8)

July 25-28, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

### Wrestling

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 9-12)

July 11-14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Session II (Co-Ed) (Grades 5-8)

July 11-14, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## SUMMER SEMINARS

### Creative Writing

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 6-8)

June 20-24, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Develop, practice, and experiment with your writing skills at St. Pius X's Creative Writing Seminar. Get ready to create pieces, including: Poems, short stories, narratives, and a one act play! During the seminar, writers will be working towards putting together a portfolio of their most creative works that will be displayed to commemorate their literary talents.

### Art

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 6-8)

July 18-22, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Session II (CO-ED) (Grades 9-12)

July 18-22, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The summer art seminar will focus on a different medium each day. Past media have included ceramics, print-making, painting, drawing and sculpture. The week will conclude with an exhibition of the students' work, open to all family and friends!

### Theatre

Session I (CO-ED) (Grades 6-8)

June 13-17, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Come learn about all things Theatre! Become comfortable with being just a little bit crazy. Auditioning, acting, improv, staging, sound and lighting basics are things we will cover this week. Family and friends are invited to our free mini performance at the end of the week.

9-12th grade students must be enrolled at St. Pius X High School to participate.  
All grades are as of August 2022.

## REGISTRATION

Cost- \$50 per camp

Online registration is open: [www.stpius.com/summercamps](http://www.stpius.com/summercamps)

Register **one week before** camp start date to guarantee a t-shirt.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT BETH ERVIN, VP OF OPERATIONS AT (636) 931-7487, EXT. 113 OR [BERVIN@STPIUS.COM](mailto:BERVIN@STPIUS.COM)

## Class Representatives

If you would be interested in becoming a Class Representative or part of the Alumni Association, please contact Peggy Flanagan '91, Alumni Relations Coordinator at [pflanagan@stpius.com](mailto:pflanagan@stpius.com), or (636) 931-7487 ext.106

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