



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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Letter from the President

On behalf of the St. Pius X High School community, we hope you and your loved ones are well. At St. Pius X High School, we strive to provide our students with a vibrant, Catholic, Christ-centered education delivered within a caring, supportive community.

St. Pius X High School has been serving our community by providing an extraordinary education since we opened the doors in 1959. Our school's purpose is clearly defined in our mission statement:

St. Pius X High School is a Catholic community dedicated to the education of the whole person, in an environment where extraordinary care and concern for the individual is ordinary.

Catholic Education is our mission, and we will continue to serve this mission to help form the future leaders of America.

Recently, we've seen firsthand just how important this school and faith community are to our students and their families and we are only further energized in our pursuit of this goal.

On Friday, January 21 we completed our accreditation process through Cognia. We are happy to share that the preliminary findings confirm that we are doing what our mission calls us to do – successfully providing an exceptional and vibrant Catholic education for our students. In addition to providing our students with extraordinary academics, we are exceeding our students' spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. We will be able to officially share the findings once we receive the final report.

A recent article in the Leader, [Jefferson County students' MAP scores dip during pandemic](#), highlighted the decline in test scores in our county as a result of the pandemic. The below chart summarizes those results.

English

The percentage of students who scored as proficient or advanced on the MAP English test:

School	2021	2019
Festus R-6	65.1	65.6
Crystal City	55.1	57.5
Jefferson R-7	52.4	54.2
Fox C-6	50.1	54.3
Dunklin R-5	47.2	53.5
Sunrise R-9	47.1	55.1
De Soto	44.1	40.4
Windsor C-1	43.8	55.8
Northwest R-1	43.4	52.2
Grandview R-2	42.7	48.0
Hillsboro R-3	41.4	51.2

Math

The percentage of students who scored as proficient or advanced on the MAP math test:

School	2021	2019
Festus R-6	55.6	62.7
Sunrise R-9	40.6	51.1
Northwest R-1	37.4	47.2
De Soto	36.8	39.4
Fox C-6	35.8	47.0
Jefferson R-7	34.6	46.5
Dunklin R-5	32.8	40.9
Crystal City	31.4	39.0
Windsor C-1	30.1	46.4
Hillsboro R-3	27.9	47.5
Grandview R-2	27.8	41.0

Science

The percentage of students who scored as proficient or advanced on the MAP science test:

School	2021	2019
Sunrise R-9	50.0	53.2
Jefferson R-7	47.9	47.9
Festus R-6	47.6	56.4
Crystal City	43.5	42.9
Fox C-6	42.2	46.0
De Soto	41.0	34.6
Dunklin R-5	38.4	49.0
Windsor C-1	36.2	47.5
Northwest R-1	35.7	45.2
Hillsboro R-3	30.9	40.2
Grandview R-2	28.8	39.2

Being a non-public school, St. Pius X is not allowed to take part in the state testing program Missouri's public schools administer. However, we use three different types of data to measure our students to track their growth.

First, and most common, is the ACT. Each year St. Pius X administers a practice ACT to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Not only does this help them gain familiarity with the test it also helps them track their progress and focus on the areas they need to focus on. St. Pius X uses this information to help behind the scenes with curriculum and lesson planning.

Most people look at the scores and not the meaning behind them. Since ACT is technically designed to be a predictor of college success we focus on the college readiness benchmarks. Below is how the class of 2021 performed their freshman year vs senior year on the ACT. While we cannot control the academic level of our students when they begin at St. Pius X, we can make sure each student grows during their time.

ACT subject area test	ACT College Readiness Benchmark Score	Percent of Class of 2021 meeting benchmark as a <i>sophomore</i>	Percent of Class of 2021 meeting benchmark on their official test as a junior or senior
English	18	46.3 (17.8 avg score)	72.5 (22.1 avg)
Math	22	15.9 (17.9 avg. score)	45.1 (21.6 avg)
Reading	22	24.6 (18.1 avg. score)	60.8 (24.2 avg)
Science	23	17.3 (18.8 avg. score)	51.0 (23.3 avg)

Second, and newer to St. Pius X and the St. Louis Archdiocesan schools, is the High School Placement Test by Scholastic. This test began being used with the Class of 2024. The Archdiocese has asked our schools to administer this test when they are 8th graders once they are accepted into St. Pius X and again in the spring of their freshman year. As you can see in the graph below, the average score in each area improved while they were here as a freshman.

Class of 2024	Verbal skills	Quantitative Skills	Reading Skills	Math Skills	Language Skills	Total Cognitive Skills	Total Basic Skills
February 2020	517.1	500.5	500.9	498.3	504.3	508.6	501.5
March 2021	550.7	547.2	541.5	536.6	532.1	548.0	529.8

Finally there is the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). This measures a student's Lexile which is a way to gauge a student's reading level. St. Pius X uses this as a way to track how our students are reading and for teachers to know which students struggle with reading. Below is how the Class of 2021 began and ended their time at St. Pius X.

	Freshman Year (Semester 1)	Junior Year (Semester 2)
Percent of students who test as proficient or advanced	67.7	85.1

We are so proud of our faculty, staff and students for all of their hard work. While data doesn't tell the entire story of a student, or a school, we know that our mission of providing a vibrant, Catholic education is being fulfilled. We would also like to thank ALL teachers, staff, and administrators in all of our schools for navigating through these challenges. It has not been easy and the impact challenges all educators daily.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X High School.

Jim Lehn
President

Upcoming Events



STEP
INTO
Spring
FUN RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2022

9:00 AM START TIME

ALL AGES WELCOME

\$20 PER PARTICIPANT

T-SHIRT GUARANTEED IF REGISTERED BY MARCH 4
DAY OF RACE REGISTRATION - \$25 PER PARTICIPANT

ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL
1030 ST. PIUS DRIVE FESTUS, MO

TO REGISTER AND SEE THE ROUTE, GO TO STPIUS.COM/FUNRUN



Join us for the

Legacy Gala Dinner Auction

Saturday, April 2, 2022

1030 St. Pius Drive Festus, Missouri 63028

\$125 per person includes dinner and cocktails

5:30 p.m. Doors Open - Silent Auction Begins

6:15 p.m. Buffet Dinner

7:45 p.m. Live Auction

9:00 p.m. The Z Band

Black Tie Optional

Complimentary Valet Parking

Dinner catered by Andre's

To register and bid on items from your mobile device and as updates become available, go to StPius2022.givesmart.com or text StPius2022 to 76278

Restore All Things in Christ



ALL MAKES,
MODELS
AND YEARS
WELCOME

CAR TRUCK MOTORCYCLE SHOW



SAVE THE DATE

MAY 14, 2022 • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • RAIN OR SHINE

Registration from 8-10 AM | Judging begins at 11 AM

Trophies & Prizes - Food & Beverages - Games - 50/50

1030 St. Pius Drive, Festus, MO 63028

Questions? Contact Peggy Flanagan, Alumni Coordinator at
pflanagan@stpious.com or (636) 931-7487 ext. 106

Additional information regarding registration and the registration link will be posted on our Alumni Facebook page and at stpious.com in early April.

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

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

Register Now

Featured Alumni: Jordanne Mickley '17



Jordanne was selected to represent Missouri Baptist University when receiving the Mission in Action Award. The Mission in Action Award recognizes a student who has set an example by living out the mission and core values of Missouri Baptist University. She was honored to speak at chapel in front of the Missouri Baptist University faculty, staff, and student body. The faculty and staff in the School of Education nominated her for the award because of her passion for teaching, her work as a Student Fellow, and the hard work she put into every assignment. They also considered her commitment to working with children and adults with disabilities at Helping Hands and Horses since 2014.

[Read More](#)

Boys Basketball

The St. Pius X Boys Basketball season came to an end on Friday, February 25th, in a 34-42 loss to Carnahan High School. While losing in the district semifinals cut the journey short, the Lancers had nothing to hang their heads about when looking back on their 2021-2022 basketball season. They finished with an overall record of 18-9. It was only the 7th time in school history that a St. Pius X Boys Basketball team had won 18 or more games in a season. The Lancers also finished the season with a perfect 5-0 record in the JCAA Small Schools Conference, which gave them the outright conference championship for the first time since 2016. Although the program loses seven seniors to graduation, they have laid a strong foundation for all returning and future basketball players.

Girls Basketball

Lady Lancers (16-9) won their first district title since the 2010 season when Assistant Coach Tori Aubuchon was a senior in high school. This is one the best defensive teams in the St. Louis area only allowing 32 points a game from their opponents. The girls are very coachable and compete at the highest level. It has been an extremely enjoyable season.

Boys Wrestling

Our Dual record was 6-15 and we finished ninth of 16 teams at Districts. We had two state qualifiers, Jonny Halfmann and Andrew Boldt. The team had the following wins; Brentwood, Cape Notre Dame, Affton, Borgia, Lift for Life Academy, and St. Clair. Took 9th at Districts. A great start for the first year of this program.

Girls Wrestling

The first Girls wrestling season went very well. We had 6 girls and 5 competed throughout the season. The team's dual record was 8 wins and 7 losses. Senior Captain Maddie Birkenmeier led the team. Freshman Ava Gilbreth and Sophomore Jillian Grissom both came within one match of qualifying for State. Team wins, two against Affton, Herky, Festus, Cape Notre Dame, Hancock, Lift for Life, and Potosi.

Spring Outlook

Girls Soccer

We only lost two senior starters. Finishing last year as the district runner up. There is some really skilled freshman coming in. This year's team should have the experience and skill to once again compete for that district championship.

Baseball

Coming off a 10 - 12 season that saw the Lancers finish 2nd in the R-7 Tournament, 2nd in the JCAA Small Conference, and 2nd in Class 3 District 4 playoffs, the Lancers look to come into 2022 focused on improving all those finishes. The Lancers return their top two pitchers from 2021 (Senior Tate Ramey who has committed to Fontbonne, and Sophomore Zander Street) as well as other pitchers (Andrew Merseal, Nathan Stoll, Colin Brown, & Nathan Schwer). The Lancers return eight starters from last season including Jefferson College commit catcher Austin Almany, Michael Argana, and several other varsity returnees including (Bryce Schrader, Jacob Messmer). Others who could contribute at the Varsity level this season include Connor Hamilton, James Smith, Jordan Sanders, Keaton Held, Kirk Ewy, Scott Engelskind, and Ty Ortmann. This season the Lancers will have two featured games on the schedule at Busch Stadium on April 9, and GCS Stadium on May 12. The Lancers will open the 2022 season at the Jefferson R-7 Tournament on March 18 - 19.

Golf

This year, the golf team has the potential to live up to the legacy of the 2018 group, who was the first team in school history to go to the State Championship Tournament. We have a very young, dedicated group of returning players who worked hard over the summer to improve every aspect of their game, and there are promising freshman players who have the ability to improve and better our program. We have faith for a successful season as our seniors finish their high school careers and our underclassmen begin to take over leadership roles in the program.

Track and Field

We are looking forward to a good spring 2022 Season. We welcome new coach RJ Eberhart who will assist with the throwing events. Coach John Daly will continue with our distance crew and Coach Therese Ruble will be working with Sprinters/Jumpers/Hurdlers. We have five senior boys and two senior girls to lead our young roster. We look for big things from our two returning State Qualifiers, senior Nate Ruble (thrower) and junior Hanna Burch (thrower).

Boys Tennis

This season the boys tennis team features a lot of players proving their skills from other sports can translate to tennis. Having graduated the majority of the team last year, a whole new crop of athletes carry on the tennis tradition for St. Pius. The new team consists of two basketball players, two soccer players, a handful of wrestlers, and a saxophone player.

Boys Volleyball

The first ever boys volleyball team at St. Pius X (an emerging sport through MSHSAA) has been established and the season has started. The boys are dedicated to their other teammates, coaches, and the program as a whole. With everyone's hard work at practice, the team is

confident that there will be success on the court. The coaches and managers are extremely impressed with the progress that has been made and the outstanding teamwork that has been displayed. Games start off on Saturday March 19th at Seckman High School in a JV tournament with a plethora of different teams and skill levels.

Past Events

Trivia Night

The St. Pius X Alumni Trivia Night was an amazing evening! This event is not only a fun night for all, but a way for St. Pius X alumni to give back to incoming freshmen. Each year scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen who have a parent or grandparent that are an alumni of St. Pius X. The incoming student is asked to write an essay regarding how he/she will impact St. Pius X and their alumni family member is asked to write an essay about how St. Pius X impacted him/her. Many alumni were in attendance and enjoyed a friendly trivia competition, as well as catching up with fellow St. Pius X alumni. Look for next year's trivia night on January 21, 2023. All are welcome to volunteer in planning and delivering a successful event next year. Pictured below is this year's winning team: Donna Rocca, Doug Rocca, Kevin Herrell '78, Andrea Herrell, Doug Dobey, Diane (Doerr '84) Dobey, Rick Novosak and Lucas Herrell '17.



Sporting Clay Shoot 2022

Our annual St. Pius X Sporting Clay Shoot was once again a sell out and success. This year the winning team included St. Pius X Alumni, Eric Kutilek '86. He outshot his son, Ian, who is a current junior at St. Pius X. Thank you to all who attended.





The Cabaret

St. Pius X Circle Theatre presented *The Cabaret 2022* March 3 - 5. This year's show was a collection of dramatic, comedic, and musical performances. The one act play, *The Audition* by Don Zolidis, was the highpoint of the evening and met resounding applause from the audience. The MSHSAA district speech tournament held on March 11 and 12 included St. Pius X students performing material from *The Cabaret*. In addition to the one act play, we sent the following entries to the district event: dramatic interpretation, duet acting, comedic interpretation, prose reading, radio speaking, and storytelling. Winning entries will have a chance to progress to the state tournament in April.



New Head Soccer and Boy's Volleyball Coaches



St. Pius X High School names a new head coach for the 2022-2023 season. Scott Rudolph (St. Pius Class of 1989) has been the assistant varsity and JV head coach for the Lancer boys soccer teams for the last five years. Rudolph, 51, lives with his family in Festus and has a long history in the game. Rudolph played for Lancers in the late 1980s and coached for Festus High School prior to making the move to his alma mater. Rudolph was the JV head coach and varsity assistant for Lancer girls soccer from 2012-2017 and has coached CYC and indoor club teams that draw players from the county and St. Louis area.



Maura Rabun, who is currently a Freshman English Teacher at St. Plus X ,will be head coach of the men's volleyball inaugural season. She comes in with 4 years of college experience after playing at Fontonne College in Saint Louis, MO.

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, or (636) 931-7487 ext.106

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Email alumni@stpius.com or use the following link
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