



Hello and Welcome to St. Pius X High School quarterly Alumni Newsletter. 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 HIGH SCHOOL

TO HOMECOMING AND BEYOND!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:30 PM SOCCER VS. DESOTO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:30 PM VOLLEYBALL VS.
CRYSTAL CITY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8TH GRADE DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

4:00 PM SOCCER VS. ST. CLAIR
7:00 PM POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL
7:45 PM BONFIRE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:00 PM TAILGATING
6:15 PM CHEER & DANCE
6:30 PM FOOTBALL SENIOR NIGHT
7:00 PM FOOTBALL VS. BAYLESS
HALFTIME HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
MR. SCOTT TAYLOR &
MR. MARTY ZIELONKO
3RD QTR SCHOOL TOURS
9:15 PM FESTIVITIES ON THE FIELD

WELCOME BACK

CLASS OF 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, 2011

EXCLUSIVE ALUMNI WATCH PARTY ON
THE WELLNESS CENTER MEZZANINE

CLASS OF 2001 REUNION ON THE
BACK LAWN



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Leadership Day

In the fall of each year St. Pius X celebrates a time honored tradition, Leadership Day formerly known as Ring Day. This is a very special formal day for our seniors. Not only are they honored for being the leaders of the school, but they will also have their class rings blessed and presented to them. Our celebration begins with Leadership Day Mass. After mass the seniors sign the traditional Senior Leadership Wall located on the 1st floor. Followed by a balloon release outside in the front circle of school.

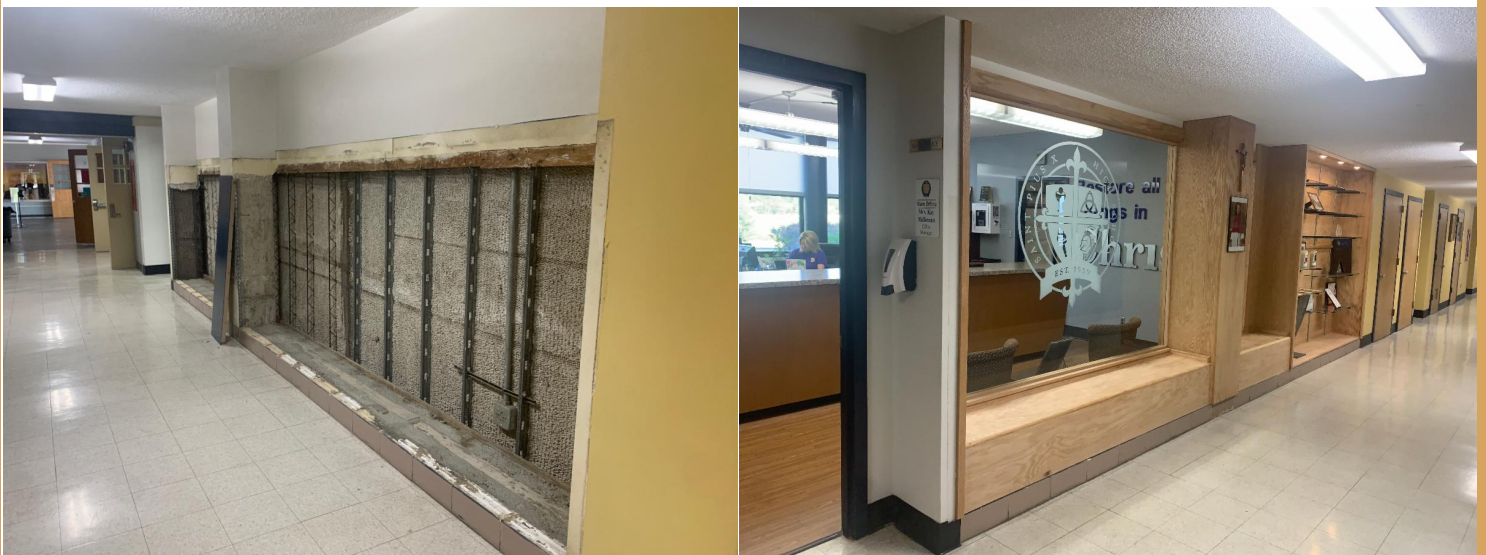
St. Pius X High School Campus Improvements and Growth

It's been a busy summer, with much accomplished.

We constructed a new Outdoor Classroom behind the school. This will be a great place for teachers to instruct students, for students to enjoy during the lunch hour and for many to congregate. This project was paid for by Cares Act funds.



The front office received an update. We removed the wall and lockers between the front office and hallway, installed a glass wall, built a seating area and incorporated a trophy case. The front office furniture also received an update.



There are now eight Archdiocesan high schools with the recent closing of Trinity High School in Spanish Lake. The high schools were given the opportunity to visit Trinity and repurpose items that would benefit our schools. We made several trips to Trinity. A crew of about 30 students and 10 staff members loaded up several trucks and trailers with an array of items. Desks, chairs, weights, basketball backboards/nets, TVs, computers, tables, portable bleachers, mobile stage, easels, kiln, pottery wheels, theatre lighting and sound, church pews, tabernacle, tools, etc. It was a well organized and orchestrated move that allowed us to update several classrooms and other areas within the school.

The Barb Charboneau Softball Field has never looked better. The infield received new dirt, a new pavilion was constructed as an Eagle Scout project to provide shade for spectators and the hillside behind the backstop was cut.



The Mezzanine level in the Wellness Center got underway August 20th, and was completed ahead of schedule on September 1. The new upper level will primarily be dedicated to cardiovascular activities. When not in use, it will provide a great climate controlled viewing area to catch a game on our stadium field.



We have added Wrestling to our sports program. In order to provide a place to practice, we are adding an upper level to the right of the stage. This space will also be used for Cheer and the space created under the new level will be used for band and choir storage.



We are still working on acquiring the property in front of the school. We received a significant donation and have a few other commitments. In addition, we are working on funding from grants and soliciting donations. If anyone is interested in contributing, please contact Jim Lehn (314) 608-0669.

Fall Sports Preview

Nate Ruble was named the 2021 Preseason All-Metro football for Defense. Nate, a St. Pius X football two-way standout has accomplished 266 career tackles and seven interceptions at linebacker. He has more than 2,250 combined rushing and receiving yards and has scored 24 career touchdowns since his freshman debut.

Kennedy Lane was named MaxPreps/AVCA Player of the Week: August 23-29 for Missouri. Kennedy signed with Williams Woods University to continue her volleyball career.

To find out more about Nate and Kennedy and other stand out athletes check out our new athletic website.

[Visit our website](#)

Softball

The softball roster looks completely different this year, half of the players are new to the program. The beginning of the year will be a learning curve as they learn about each other. Coach Halley said, "If we can minimize mistakes defensively, we should be able to hit enough to be successful. As always, our goal is to be playing our best softball in October and put ourselves in a good position to compete for a district title."

Soccer - Boys

The team finished 8th last year in Class 1. There are eight returning starters, so we have high expectations for the team and their possibilities. The first goal is competing and winning the JCAA Conference. The next goal is winning the district and then making it to the Final Four.

Tennis - Girls

With the Girls Tennis team graduating four varsity members, there are plenty of opportunities this season for new players to prove themselves. While seniors Sophia Stolzer and Caroline Kurzweil remain at the top of the team, they are joined by juniors Bella Barbagallo, Lydia Hackbarth, and Claire Arcipowski. Also joining varsity, working their way up the ranks from JV, are sophomores Carolyne Argana, Chloe Kronlage, and Brooke Madden. Kronlage/Madden will be the #3 doubles specialists while Hackbarth and Arcipowski will take over the #5 and #6 singles positions. Stolzer, Kurzweil, Barbagallo, and Argana will all pull double duty, playing both doubles and singles each match. The JV team is led by returning junior Kylie Follmer, sophomore Gianna Schurk, and freshman Hannah Hovis. The JV team has a total of 6 players brand new to the sport this season.

Cross Country

The team is returning three runners from last year's 3rd place team. The team's focus this year is setting new personal records at each race and making it back to the State race in Columbia.

Football

With several returning starters on both sides of the ball we are looking to rebound from last season. The offense will be an explosive offense where we have depth at each skilled position. The defense is returning six starters, out of these starters five have been starting since their sophomore year and one since his freshman year.

Volleyball

The 2021 Volleyball Lancers will be a combination of experienced Varsity returners and new impact players to the program. This team has a solid foundation of experience, work ethic, determination and drive to again be one of the top programs in the area. We're looking forward to our season and to see what this team can accomplish.

Faculty Focus

Maura Rabun



My name is Maura Rabun and I recently graduated from Fontbonne University with my degree in English and my certification in Secondary Education. When I attended Lutheran High School South, I became inspired at the age of 16 to become a high school English teacher. There was never a doubt in my mind about the career I chose because I knew that I belonged in the classroom as an educator and a role model. Teaching has been my lifelong dream and it's surreal that it's actually happening. I am blessed that I have the opportunity to teach at St. Pius X and I'm already having the time of my life inside the classroom. I believe that my ability to talk to anyone and everyone has helped me tremendously in the classroom and out because I love meeting new people and building relationships. I love teaching at St. Pius X because it's a caring and comforting environment where I have already been able to collaborate with my peers and establish a rapport with my students.

Lauren Wood



My name is Lauren Wood, and I am the new Music Teacher at St. Pius X. I completed my student teaching in a small town called Rushville, Illinois where I taught Kindergarten and first grade music, as well as 5th-12th grade band. I have also taught as a paraprofessional at a K-5 elementary, and have subbed at Mehlville's Middle School Band for the end of the 2021 school year. In the summer of 2021 I worked quite a few middle school band camps--teaching music is one of my greatest joys in life, and I am excited to continue making music with the students at St. Pius X High School!

Zac McVey



My name is Zac McVey and I am the new Social Studies teacher at St. Pius X, as well as the new JV boys basketball and assistant baseball coach. I grew up in Jefferson R-7, attended Hannibal LaGrange University, married my wife, Mandie and have a son named Ethan. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, golfing, and watching sports. I am excited to be part of the St. Pius X family as I feel the Lord has called me to work here which grants me the ability to teach history from a Biblical perspective.

New Employees (look at our alumni!)

Ken Halter who is coming to us with 31 years of experience in education is looking forward to his new position as College Counselor this year.

R.J. Eberhardt '97 is our new Grant Writer and is very excited to be the Wrestling Coach for its first season.

Amy Atzert, Director of Events, is also a '01 alumni.

Peggy Flanagan, Class of 1991 is our Alumni Relations Coordinator.

Fr. Jack Ruzicka joins St. Pius X, this year, as our Chaplain. He is also the Associate at St. Joseph's Imperial.

Featured Alumni: Mallory Stoll '18 & Madalyn Michael '18



Madalyn and Mallory met at St. Joseph Imperial in 2nd grade and became inseparable best friends. Once at St. Pius X, they pushed each other academically and their friendship continued to grow. They each graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in May 2021 with Bachelor degrees (Madalyn's degree in Health Science - Speech and Language Studies, Mallory's in Health Science - Pre-Professional). St. Pius X was a place where Madalyn and Mallory learned skills that helped them in their futures and it was a place where they made lifelong friendships.

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Class Reunions

Class of 1971 50th Class Reunion

St. Pius X High School Campus
September 25th, 2021
5:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM-10:00 PM Reunion

Bill Ray
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Class of 1976 45th Class Reunion

Wild Sun Winery, Hillsboro MO
October 8th, 2021
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Brian Westrich
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(314)591-1552

**Class of 2001
20th Class Reunion**

St. Pius X Outdoor Classroom
October 15th, 2021
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Kate (Roth) Cully
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Upcoming Events

8th Grade Day



8TH GRADE DAY

ALL 8TH GRADERS WELCOME

- MEET STPX STUDENTS
- HEAR CURRENT STUDENT TESTIMONIALS
- PARTICIPATE IN HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES
- EXPERIENCE THE LUNCH HOUR
- EXPLORE CAMPUS
- DISCOVER WHAT MAKES ST. PIUS X

EXTRAORDINARY

OCTOBER 13, 2021

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7:45 AM - 2:30 PM

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AT [BEASTER@STPIUS.COM](mailto:beaster@stpius.com) OR (636) 931-7487 EXT. 117

All eighth grade students are invited to St. Pius X to participate in our annual Eighth Grade Day. This event is scheduled during Homecoming Week so students may witness firsthand the culture and school spirit at St. Pius X. Contact Breanna Easter, Director of Admissions at beaster@stpius.com for more information.

Register Now

Circle Theatre

Circle Theatre will perform Bel Kaufman's *Up the Down Staircase*, November 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Up the Down Staircase follows the story of Sylvia Barrett, an idealistic first year English teacher at an urban high school. With a colorful cast of characters, this show is an excellent mix of comedy and tragedy.

The Thursday, November 4th performance will begin at 6:00 PM. The Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:00 PM. November 4th is also StPX's Day of Giving! Come see the play and then consider giving back to the St. Pius X Community.

Open House

Open House for middle school students interested in experiencing "The St. Pius Way" is on Sunday, October 24th, 2021 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.

St. Pius X Open House is for prospective students and their families. We welcome any student interested in a St. Pius X Education to come and visit. Faculty, staff, coaches and students will be available to answer any questions. You can tour campus and learn more about life as a Lancer from our team of student ambassadors.

Register Now

StPX Day of Giving

Here at St. Pius X our annual Day of Giving will take place on **Thursday, November 4, 2021**. We ask for your prayers and support for our upcoming day of giving. You can make a big impact by joining in the excitement and sharing the good news! Please mark your calendars and consider giving back to your alma mater.

Save the Date

Taytro's Night Before Thanksgiving Catch Up

Alumni Social at Taytro's Restaurant
331 N Creek Drive Festus, MO 63028
November 24, 2021

More details to come

Past Events

Fireworks Extravaganza

The Fireworks Extravaganza at St. Pius was held on July 1st. We had a record breaking 617 vehicles, the BBQ booth sold out and our concession and snow cone sales did well. Join us for next year's Fireworks Extravaganza July 2022!



Golf Tournament

With a grateful and humble heart, we thank all who participated, sponsored, donated and volunteered at the 32nd annual St. Pius X Golf Tournament on Friday, July 30 at Oak Valley Golf Course. The event was a huge success, netting just over \$43,000 for the school. Once again, we had a record number of teams participate this year, and so many sponsors and donations to make the tournament exceptional.

On behalf of the St. Pius X community, thank you for believing in and supporting our mission.

Save the date—July 29, 2022



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, pflanagan@stpius.com, or Andrew Held '92, Alumni Association Ambassador Committee, andyjenheld@gmail.com.

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