

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 1 9

St. Pius X Parent Council Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar for these Parent Council activities!

SEPTEMBER

- 21 Family Fun Day
- 25 Pizza Day), Parent Council AGM & Elections
- 26 Terry Fox School Run & Civvies
Day rain date Sept. 27

OCTOBER

- 2 Lunch Lady, St. Pius X Meet & Greet, Meet the Teachers Night
- 9 Pizza Day, Parent Council Meeting
- 11 P.A. Day - no school!
- 14 Thanksgiving - no school!
- 16 Lunch Lady
- 23 Pizza Day
- 25 Civvies Day – “Sebi’s Day” for SickKids DIPG Research Fund
- 30 Lunch Lady
- 31 Halloween Dance & Spirit Day



Welcome!

The St. Pius X Catholic School Parent Council (SPX CSPC) welcomes all of you – families, teachers, administration and staff – back to school or to school anew!

Volunteers Needed!

The Parent Council needs your help! Many hands make light work, as they say, and we need more hands. To continue to provide the resources and activities for our kids and the school community, we need you, the parents and caregivers, to participate.

We will be asking for volunteers throughout the year for various events and activities. For these events to be successful, we need volunteers in all kinds of capacities. There is literally something for everyone. So, please keep your ears and eyes open for the call and lend a hand. Our events are fun and are a great way of spending time in your children's school lives.

No matter how small your time commitment can be, we can find a way for you to contribute. If you are interested but not sure what to do or where to begin, please contact Danielle Hough at opausky@me.com.



What's Happening?



Terry Fox School Run & Civvies Day - Sept. 26



On Thursday, September 26, St. Pius X will once again be participating in the annual Terry Fox School Run. Students in Grades 2 to 8 will run a circuit in Étienne Brûlé Park, while those in kindergarten and Grade 1 will do a walk in the schoolyard. Everyone will receive an apple as a treat upon returning! Students are asked to dress in red & white and to bring a voluntary \$2 donation to support the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Parent volunteers are welcome! To help out, please contact Jennifer Janke at janke.wasiuk@sympatico.ca, indicating your child's name and teacher. Rain Date: Fri., Sept. 27.



St. Pius X Meet & Greet - Oct. 2

The Parent Council is hosting a St. Pius X Meet & Greet on Wednesday, October 2, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., in the kindergarten schoolyard. This event will take place immediately before the school's Meet the Teachers Night, and provides an opportunity for St. Pius families, new and returning, to mix and mingle. Again, this year, St. Pius parent Marc Williams of The Williams Catering Company will be barbecuing up hamburgers (including vegan) and providing chickpea salad & sliced watermelon. Thank you, Marc, for your generous donation of both food and time! Coffee, tea, juice and desserts will also be available. Parents interested in contributing a nut-free dessert can contact Danielle Hough at opausky@me.com.

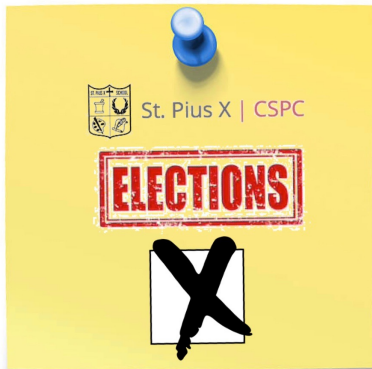
St. Pius X Activity Fee - Please Contribute



**SCIENTISTS
IN SCHOOL**

This annual collection of \$50 per student pays for craft fees for JK/SK, the school-wide Scientists-in-School program and classroom resources for every teacher. You can now pay your Activity Fee online at www.spxcspc.com!

Parent Council Annual General Meeting & Elections - Sept. 25



The Parent Council is a volunteer body of parents that works toward enhancing the quality of our children's education. Together, we actively participate in ways to improve academic achievement and its environment; enhance the accountability of the education system to parents; make recommendations to the school principal and board; and organize various successful fundraising events throughout the school year.

The Parent Council's AGM and Elections will take place on Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m., in the school gym, followed by the first Parent Council meeting. There are **16 voting member positions** up for election, as well as the executive positions of **Chair & Co-Chair**, **Treasurer** and **Secretary**. We are also in need of a **Website/IT Committee Chair** (see below for committee information). All positions are volunteer, one-year commitments. If you're interested in joining the Parent Council, please email Elections Committee organizer **Linda Acton** at Linda.Acton@rogers.com and check your email for further details and a Nomination Form.

Join Our Committees!

All St. Pius X parents and caregivers are invited to join one or more of our committees, each of which is chaired by a member of the Parent Council.

- **Apparel** – manages SPX online clothing sales
- **Christmas Bazaar** – plans & delivers all aspects of the St. Pius X Christmas Bazaar
- **Communications & Social Media** – writes & designs newsletter, event posters, posts to Facebook, Twitter & website, and assists with planning and review of additional communications products
- **Pizza Lunch** – manages & delivers this special lunch fundraiser program
- **Playground** – assists with assessment & delivery of playground maintenance and upgrades
- **Social Justice** – plans & delivers initiatives like the Terry Fox School Run, Halloween Candy Drive, Christmas Toy Drive, Lenten Shoebox Drive, Civvies Days, and many more
- **Spirit Days** – plans & communicates our special, themed, dress-up Spirit Days
- **Website/IT** – handles technical needs of website postings and reporting



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