

THE BEACON

THE WEATHER IS USUALLY SUNNY AT SPX - BUT SOMETIMES A BEACON OR LIGHTHOUSE IS NEEDED TO HELP GUIDE THE WAY. A LIGHTHOUSE IS AN "AID FOR NAVIGATION"

The Beacon Junior Kaizen Mission

To put together a quarterly publication to further educate the St. Pius community on the Leader in Me process, Parent Lighthouse Committee and school Kaizens.

The 2015-2016 Beacon Junior Kaizen Committee Members

Sarah Elliott, Lauren Gallagher, Maci Knoll, Grace McNabb, Jakob Moore, Danny O'Gara, Grace Santarossa, Ben Sullivan, Maria Truby, Jack Van Horn and Amelia Xanders

Patriotic Kaizen

This quarter we interviewed the Patriotic Kaizen and learned more about what they do. They said they hosted Veterans Day Mass, donated to the Veterans Hospital and talked about sacrifices veterans do for us. They said the biggest goal they had this year was for people to be more aware of the sacrifices veterans do for us.

We can support the Kaizen by giving grants. When we interviewed a few members of this group, they were being educated by two guest speakers from the Army. The Kaizen wants us to know the Army and their sacrifices.

Overall we just want to thank the service members and the Patriotic Kaizen.

By: Grace Santarossa and Maria Truby



Parent Lighthouse Committee Mission

Guided by our Catholic values, we will support St. Pius X and the Lighthouse Committee in implementing the Leader in Me principles. This includes encouraging The Leader in Me process with families to integrate at home and within our community.

Parent Lighthouse Committee Members

Chairs: Amy Clark and Dawn Koers

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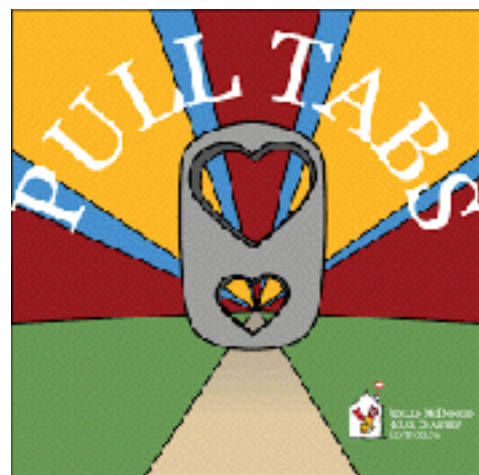
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Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with questions or concerns at any time!

Big Red Shoes Kaizen

Mrs. Ritter and her Kaizen are the Big Red Shoes Kaizen. They like to donate and to give to Riley's Hospital for Children and the Ronald McDonald House. Their mission is to give to others. They do different services for the Ronald McDonald House. Their biggest goal they want to achieve is making 20 fleece blankets for parents who have kids at Riley. The biggest way we can support them is with pop tabs. Currently they are working on blankets for the parents. All they want us to know about their Kaizen is that the kids work hard and are passionate.

By: Jakob Moore



Quotes of the Quarter

Summer.

Hair gets lighter.

Skin gets darker.

Water gets warmer.

Drinks get colder.

Music gets louder.

Nights get longer.

Life gets better.

*The tans will fade, but
the memories will last
forever!*

*Some of the best
memories are made in
flip flops.*

- Kellie Elmore

*And at the end of the
day your feed should be
dirty, your hair messy
and your eyes sparkling.*

Green Team Kaizen

The Green Team is a Kaizen that helps the world become healthier and a better place. Some of you may be asking yourself, why does the Green Team do what they do or, how do they do it?

Well, I'm here to give you all the answers.

They find ways to use the three Rs (Reuse, Reduce and Recycle). Their biggest goal is to have less garbage in the landfills. Our school supports this Kaizen by planting more flowers and recycling more.



They are currently working on recycling bottles and old crayons. The Green Team is important because it will help keep our world around for a long time.

By: Grace McNabb



Current Top Movies

- The Lego Batman Movie
- Beauty and The Beast
- The Boss Baby
- A Dogs Purpose
- Smurfs: The Lost Village
- Diary of A Wimpy Kid: A Wimp Will Rise
- Max 2: The White House Hero
- The Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell NoTales
- Cars 3
- Despicable Me 3
- The Emoji Movie
- Nut Job 2



Trip To J.A. Biztown

J.A Biztown is an amazing experience that our SPX 5th graders get to have along with our Joan of Arc friends. J.A Biztown is a small indoor city basically where students get to have jobs, learn about taxes, learn about how the world of economics work, and have responsibilities. Every 5th grader looks forward to this



experience. A few of the buildings at Biz Town are Fed ex, Steak N Shake, town hall, and many more. However, don't get too excited about one of them because a few of them change every year.



This year SPX did something different to choose jobs. All the 5th graders had to dress up and interview with Mr. Mayer.



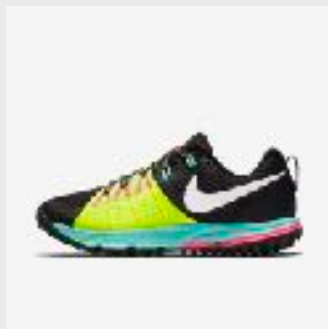
We interviewed a few of the students who went to JA BizTown this year. Their favorite part of this experienced varied but most said they enjoyed the food and buying things. JA BizTown lets you be the adult for a day, you get a job and you have to pay the bills such as, electricity, air conditioning, security etc. JA BizTown is an awesome experience that you will never forget.



By: Amelia Xanders and Lauren Gallagher

Top Ten Shoe Brands

1. Nike
2. Adidas
3. Jordan
4. Converse
5. Reebok
6. Vans
7. Under Armor
8. Puma
9. DL
10. New Balance



Interview with Father Hunter

Recently a new face appeared at St. Pius X. Father Doug Hunter was recently ordained a priest, and he is the new Associate Pastor here. I caught up with Father Hunter and asked him a few questions about the school and being a priest. From that interview I learned why Father Hunter likes being a priest, what he likes about St. Pius, and what he likes about school Masses.

The things that Father Hunter loves about being a priest are being able to help anybody and bring the presence of Christ to others. He also loves visiting those in nursing homes and celebrating Masses. When I asked him what he liked about St. Pius he said that he especially liked the environment and family atmosphere. Lastly, I talked to Father Hunter about what he likes about all-school Masses. He told me that he loved hearing young voices read and sing, and also the motions applied to the songs. It was great to talk to Father Hunter, and I learned a lot from him. It was nice to listen to the things he told me about his life and the way he feels about the new place he is in.

By: Danny O'Gara



Top Ten Restaurants in Indy

1. Sakura
2. Mama Carolla's
3. Ocean Prime
4. Capital Grille
5. St. Elmo's Steak House
6. Harry and Izzy's
7. Pioneer
8. Late Harvest Kitchen
9. The Eagle
10. Chef Oya's



Mama Carolla's

Kids Helping Kids Kaizen

This quarter we interview the Kids Helping Kids Kaizen and here is what we found out.

Our first question was could you describe your Kaizen. The answer we received was we are kids helping kids! We work with Team Joey and School on Wheels and are raising awareness for both organizations.

Our second question was what is the biggest goal you want to achieve or have achieved this school year. They wanted to collect new Lego its to give kids battling cancer, to make their lives a bit brighter and they accomplished that.

Next, we asked how the school can support this Kaizen. They said we could heck out the websites of both organizations and help them spread awareness in our Indianapolis community.

We then wanted to know what they were currently working on and they were in the process of planning the end of the year Kaizen all school assembly (which was AWESOME!).

Our final question dealt with if there was anything they wanted people to know about the Kaizen. They said that even if you are not an adult, you can still do so much to make our world a better place.

The students in this Kaizen have enjoyed the year and they said the best part was that the kids have been so generous, giving and fun to work with.

By: Ben Sullivan and Jack Van Horn

The Kids Helping Kids Kaizen Members



Favorite Vacation Spots

Bora Bora

Disney World

Wisconsin

South Carolina

Bahamas

Hawaii

Florida

Las Vegas

Colorado

New York



Meet Ms. Mattingly

Ms. Mattingly has been teaching here for 36 years. She loves teaching at St. Pius because of the great kids, wonderful families, and supportive staff. Ms. Mattingly loves teaching because she loves when a student suddenly “gets it”. Ms. Mattingly loves to travel in her free time.

Ms. Mattingly is very supportive to her students and St. Pius. You will sometimes see her at different sporting events cheering on her students. At St. Pius we are very lucky to have Ms. Mattingly.

By: Sarah Elliott



Top Dog Breeds

Pug

Cockapoo

Ladrador

Retriever

Poodle

Beagle

Husky

Goldendoodle

Bernedoodle

Jack Russell

Terrier

Pomeranian



Three Cockapoos

O’Gara Spring Break in Ireland

Recently I visited Ireland for sixteen days. My whole family, cousin, and Grandma all went. It was an amazing trip full of spectacular sights and experiences. We flew to Philadelphia from Indianapolis, and from there to Dublin, Ireland.



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Our first days in Ireland started off with us driving out of Dublin and into Bushmills, Northern Ireland. On the way we stopped at Newgrange, a megalithic passage tomb built by early Irish settlers, and Monasterboise, the ruins of a monastery with a



cemetery, high crosses, and 12th century round tower (a tall tower designed for safety from attacks). The second day we traveled to places around Bushmills, going to three of Northern Ireland’s biggest tourist destinations. We traveled to Dunluce Castle, old castle ruins on a cliff, Carrick-Rede rope bridge, a high rope bridge suspended above water used by fisherman in the past, and the Giant’s Causeway, a spectacular natural rock formation.

The highlights of our next few days were arriving in Donegal - where there were many sheep - seeing the highest sea cliffs in Europe - Slieve League - and visiting a few of my dad’s relatives that still live in the area. One other amazing thing we did while in Donegal was going to visit the ruins of the house where my great-grandfather grew up. This part of the trip was spectacular with fun and interesting experiences.

In the days following, we went to a town outside of the city of Galway. We saw Moygara Castle, which is mostly a foundation now, but is still impressive, went to a shrine where Mary, Our Lady of Knock, appeared to fifteen people, and took a ferry to Inish Mor - an island where we saw seals and the fort of Dun Aengus, which is built on the side of a cliff with a 90 degree drop down. Views in this area were stunning and the shrine was very empowering.

Top 15 Ice Cream Flavors

1. Vanilla
2. Chocolate
3. Cookie Dough
4. Butter Pecan
5. Strawberry
6. Neapolitan
7. Chocolate Chip
8. French Vanilla
9. Cookies and Cream
10. Vanilla Fudge Ripple
11. Praline Pecan
12. Chocolate Almond
13. Coffee
14. Rocky Road
15. Chocolate Marshmallow



The next few sites we visited were equally spectacular. The Cliffs of Moher were beautiful sea cliffs, Conor Pass was a thin road practically on the side of a mountain, and the views from it were marvelous and some of the most beautiful on the trip, and the Gallarus Oratory and beehive huts we saw were places of religious purposes - the oratory a church and the huts, monk residences.

A trip to Torc Waterfall and Blarney Castle highlighted the next days as we moved towards Cobh (pronounced "cove"). Torc was running quickly, too, because of rain, and hiking up Blarney Castle to kiss the Blarney Stone was one of my favorite experiences.

Once we arrived in Cobh we did four main things. The first was visiting a gothic church - St. Colman's Cathedral. The second was doing the *Titanic Experience* - a tour that shows you examples of rooms from the *Titanic* and the dock where people would have boarded boats to go to the ship. Then we visited some of my mom's family that lives in Cobh and had a wonderful time with them. Finally in Cobh we visited Ballynamona beach, a place that is on land that once belonged to my mom's family. It was another fun experience meeting family in Ireland that I did not before know.

Lastly, as we traveled to Dublin for our flight out, we visited the Rock of Cashel - an area that includes ruins of a round tower, two churches, and an abbey. In Dublin, we visited sites from the Easter Rising in 1916. These sites are The General Post Office - where the first shots were fired - and Kilmainham Jail, the prison where the leaders were held and some executed. One last thing we did in Dublin was visiting Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an old illustrated copy of the Gospels.

My trip to Ireland was definitely fun and enjoyable, with sites to see at every turn and some spectacular experiences too, I would definitely enjoy going again and seeing Ireland's beauty and attractions.

By: Danny O'Gara

