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**ST. PIUS X  
HIGH SCHOOL**



**SPX**

# mission statement

## what distinguishes ST. PIUS X from other high schools in the Northland

- > 98% of our students advance to college
- > We offer **daily prayer** and a value-centered approach in every class
- > Effective discipline that promotes an atmosphere for learning
- > **79%** of our students were on the Principal's, A or B **Honor Roll** during the 2014-2015 school year
- > Grooming and dress codes are enforced
- > High expectations for student behavior and achievement
- > Parents play a very active role in the education of their children
- > SPX's average **ACT scores are higher** when compared to the participation rates of other Northland high schools and among the highest in the metropolitan area
- > Over **90%** of our students are involved in one or more **extracurricular activities**
- > Students are required to do at least 60 hours of **service to the community** while they attend SPX

St. Pius X High School, with its roots in the Catholic Parish, is a coeducational school, which educates young people to their full academic potential and enhances their growth of **Catholic values** and principles to serve the Church and community. Through a diverse and challenging curriculum as well as an **environment demanding excellence**, St. Pius X High School strives to instill in every student an attitude of lifelong learning in the development of their *spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical* gifts.



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## SPX tradition

Prayer | Study | Community | Service

St. Pius X High School is a private, Catholic, college preparatory high school North of the River in Kansas City, Missouri. Our tradition is rich with nearly 60 years of strong academic and athletic programs. St. Pius X is a place where students and faculty actively work to find solutions through **excellent classroom instruction** and interaction. In an environment that values academic excellence, students at St. Pius X are challenged to grow in their intellect and education. We educate over **400 students** each year. We continue to focus on our mission to educate each student to their full academic potential as well as enhancing their growth of Catholic values.

**4** **key elements**  
are the Foundation of  
St. Pius X High School

*spiritual formation*

*emotional development*

*intellectual growth*

*physical growth*

# academic excellence



## academic highlights

- > Catholic Education Honor Roll Honorable Mention 2014
- > Honorable Mention Top 100 Missouri Scholar 2014
- > **98% of our students advance to College**
- > 17:1 Student Teacher Ratio
- > 10 Missouri Bright Flight Scholars in the Class of 2015
- > SPX students earned 13 Medals at the 2015 State Music Festival in vocal and instrumental competitions
- > Student Poetry published in *The Creative Communication Anthology*
- > **Academic Team has competed nationally and has All District and All Conference Selections annually since 2008**
- > 21 Students were inducted into the National Honor Society in the Fall of 2014
- > **The Class of 2015 earned 747 College Credit Hours**
- > Current SPX Students have given 10,101 hours back to the community while attending SPX
- > Students attended summer programs such as the Audrey Walton Leadership Conference, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy Conference, Summit Leadership Conference, Missouri Leadership Forum, Missouri Scholars Academy and Athletic Camps

## previous years

- > National Catholic High School Honor Roll 2010-2011
- > Kansas City Star Female Athlete of the Year 2012
- > National Forensics League Top 100 Club 2012
- > Top 100 Missouri Scholar 2012

**our recent graduates have gone on to the following colleges and universities**

Avila University  
Baker University  
Benedictine College  
Central College (IA)  
College of Mount St. Joseph (OH)  
Creighton University  
Emporia State University  
Kansas City Art Institute  
Kansas State University  
Lindenwood University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Maple Woods Community College  
Midland University (NE)  
Missouri State University  
Missouri University of Science & Technology  
Missouri Western University  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Park University  
Penn Valley Community College  
Pittsburg State University  
Rockhurst University  
Southwest Baptist University  
St. Louis University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
Truman State University  
University of Alabama  
University of Arkansas  
University of California – San Diego  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado  
University of Dallas  
University of Illinois  
University of Kansas  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
University of Missouri  
University of Nebraska  
University of St. Mary  
University of Southern Utah  
Washburn University  
William Jewell College  
William Woods University

## college admissions

Traditionally, 98% of St. Pius X High School graduates go on to college. Our graduates continue their education at a variety of colleges and universities throughout Missouri and the Country. **61% of the Class of 2015 earned academic or athletic scholarships totaling more than \$3.8 million over four years.** Some of the scholarships earned by recent graduates include: Virjean Burton Youth Philanthropy Award, Rotary Club, Hispanic Heritage, Knights of Columbus, UNICO, KC Education Foundation, KC Star Scholar Athlete, US Army Reserve Distinguished Scholar, US Marine Scholar Athlete, Spelman Health Care, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Missouri State Teacher's Association, Gladstone Chamber of Commerce, Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

## graduation requirements

27 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

English > 4 Credits

Religion > 4 Credits

Social Studies > 4 Credits

Math > 3 Credits\*

Science > 3 Credits

Fine Art > 1 Credit

Computer Tech > 1/2 Credit

Physical Education > 1 Credit

Speech/Oral Interp./Drama > 1/2 Credit

Health > 1/2 Credit

Personal Finance/Practical Art > 1 Credit

Electives > 4 1/2 Credits

Two World Language Credits are Strongly Recommended

\*Four Math Credits are Strongly Recommended

60 Approved Service Hours  
(15 Hours Per Year Required)

## academics

St. Pius X High School has been providing academic excellence to the Northland of Kansas City, Missouri for nearly 60 years. Through a diversified curriculum, offering a variety of core and elective courses, we challenge each student to reach his/her full academic potential.

### BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

Computer Concepts  
Computer Programming  
Website Development  
Accounting 1, 2  
Business Law  
Business Management  
& Entrepreneurship  
Personal Finance & Investments

### ENGLISH

English 1, 2, 3, 4  
English I Honors  
AP English 2, 3  
ACCP English IV  
Creative Writing

### FINE ARTS

Art 1, 2, 3, 4  
AP Studio Art  
Boys Chorus  
Girls Chorus  
Sarton Singers  
Drama 1, 2  
Oral Interpretation  
Debate  
Introduction to Speech

### PRACTICAL ARTS

Journalism: Online Newspaper  
Journalism: Broadcast Journalism  
Technical Design  
Yearbook

### MATH

Algebra 1, 2  
Algebra 1, 2 Honors  
Geometry  
Geometry Honors  
Introduction to College Algebra  
ACCP College Algebra  
ACCP Precalculus  
ACCP Calculus  
Math 4 College Prep Math  
Trigonometry

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education  
Weight Training 1, 2  
Health

### SCIENCE

Integrated Concepts  
of High School Science  
Biology  
General Chemistry  
Human Anatomy/Physiology  
Physics  
ACCP Advanced Biology  
ACCP Chemistry 3  
AP Environmental Science

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Geography  
World History  
United States History  
AP United States History  
American Government  
AP American Government  
Psychology  
Philosophy  
Current Events

### THEOLOGY

Introduction to Catholicism  
& Sacraments  
Understanding the Scriptures  
Catholic Church History  
Christian Morality & Lifestyles

### WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4  
French 1, 2  
ACCP French 3, 4



**HONORS COURSES:** Honors courses require more homework and cover more material at a faster pace than regular courses.

**AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT):** Courses designated Advanced Placement (AP) courses conform to the guidelines set forth by the College Board. Students must understand that they are committing themselves to work at a college level. The AP Exam is given at the end of the school year.

**ACCP (ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM):** Courses designated as (ACCP) Courses conform to the guidelines set forth by the University that sponsors the class. At St Pius X, ACCP courses are offered either through Rockhurst University, Park University or Missouri Western State University. Departments will recommend a student for Honors, AP classes, and ACCP classes on the basis of: 1) Cumulative GPA of 3.00 required; 2) grades in previous courses; 3) teachers' recommendations; 4) the student's interest and motivation; 5) placement tests.



## athletics & activities

At St. Pius X High School our excellence extends beyond academics. It's our intent to provide the opportunity for all students to participate in as many activities as possible.

Extra-curricular activities complement the academic teaching here at St. Pius X.

These activities allow our students to learn leadership and team-building skills and how to interact with peers in a supervised setting – thus preparing them for college and beyond.

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### ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Academic Team  
Cheerleading  
Christian Formation  
/Peer Ministry  
Dance Team  
Debate  
Drama  
Forensics  
Mission Guatemala  
National Honor Society  
Photography Club  
Pro-Life  
SADD  
Student Ambassadors  
Student Council  
X Factor  
(Broadcasting and Online  
Newspaper)  
Yearbook

### MENS SPORTS

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Soccer  
Swimming/Diving  
Tennis  
Track  
Wrestling

### WOMENS SPORTS

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming/Diving  
Tennis  
Track  
Volleyball

**striving for excellence**

Academics | Arts | Athletics



## athletics

The primary goal of our athletic program is to accentuate the development of the whole student and achieve a personal level of excellence in the areas of fitness, team commitment, discipline, leadership, consideration of others and sportsmanship.

When a student chooses to become a member of a team, the choices he or she makes will have an impact on not just one's own goals but on the goals of the team. For this reason, our athletic programs become a significant tool in the education process of character development and help encourage students to lead by example. St. Pius X High School is a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association and the West Central Conference.



## athletic highlights

40 MSHSAA State Appearances

8 MSHSAA State Championships

9 Individual State Championships

22 Athletes currently participating at the Collegiate Level



## tuition & fees 2016-2017

Our 20/20 Strategic Plan set a goal to reach enrollment of 500 students along with identifying our constituent's concerns about the affordability of Catholic Education. With these goals and concerns in mind we are pleased to implement the following new tuition structure.

Tuition for one student is \$8,600 with the following discounts available:

- > Diocesan Employee Discount \$1,000 per student
- > Legacy (Child of Alumni) Discount \$500 per student
- > Multiple Student Discount \$1,000 per second student
- > Active Tithing Parishioner Discount \$1,000 per student
- > Families with four or more children contact Missy Petit at 816.453.3450 for a separate large family tuition structure.

The tuition structure does not reflect the cost of consumable books or uniforms. Tuition may be paid in accordance with a payment plan selected by each family. Payment Plans may be setup in the following ways:

- > Monthly (10 payments between the months of July through August)
- > Quarterly (4 payments in July, October, January and April)
- > Semi Annually (2 payments in July and January)
- > Annually (1 payment in July)

## financial assistance

St. Pius X's vision is to provide an affordable Catholic, college preparatory education to all students with the new tuition structure. If needed, families will continue to have the opportunity to apply for financial assistance at the time of enrollment. The majority of funds are distributed according to financial need rather than academic merit.

- > Financial assistance is available in the form of scholarships, need-based financial aid and work study.
- > To be considered for any financial assistance a student must be enrolled and the tuition assistance application must be fully completed before the deadline.
- > The maximum amount of tuition assistance that is available is 65% of the current tuition.
- > No assistance is available for fees.
- > There is no guarantee that an application will result in financial assistance. A consistent, objective formula is used based on information provided to us by an independent agency where all prospective applications are completed.
- > In November, Financial Aid Application and Enrollment Forms are available at [www.stpiusxhs-kc.com/freshmanenrollment](http://www.stpiusxhs-kc.com/freshmanenrollment)



St. Pius X works to meet the needs of each student. There are additional resources provided to enable each student to succeed. These resources include:

- > A Strategic Intervention Team of teachers who work to ensure each student's academic needs are met
- > An Inclusive Education Teacher
- > A Peer Mentoring and Peer Tutoring Program for all students



## **SPX cares**

Coming together in spirit | Giving back in service

## **admissions process**

### **tour spx**

Visits to the school are encouraged for prospective students and their parents or guardians. The administration is readily available to visit with interested families and conduct a tour of our campus. Please call 816.453.3450 to schedule an appointment.

### **shadow day**

8th graders are invited to spend a day shadowing a freshman student at SPX. Spending a school day at SPX provides 8th graders the opportunity to experience high school classes, get a feel for the building, and meet teachers and students. To schedule a Shadow Day, please call Missy Petit at 816.453.3450, ext116.

### **open house**

Our Open House is held annually in the fall. This is a great opportunity for students and their families to tour the school, meet the teachers, and learn about curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

### **enrollment**

St. Pius X High School Enrollment opens in November for the following school year. Please visit our website [www.stpiusxhs-kc.com](http://www.stpiusxhs-kc.com) for more information.

### **high school placement test**

Each January, St. Pius X High School administers the High School Placement Test for incoming freshmen. This test is used to determine academic scholarship winners and placement for freshman classes. Please register for the Placement Test at [www.stpiusxhs-kc.com/placementtest](http://www.stpiusxhs-kc.com/placementtest)

# the voices of st. pius x

*"Our boys have enjoyed their experiences at St. Pius X. It is a welcoming, family environment, as students and parents. The students are challenged and treated as individuals. Religion is not only taught in classes, but as a way of life. We appreciate the education that all three of our kids have received and know that it will last a lifetime."*

Jeff and Becky Lynch  
Parents of Jayson ('14), Lucas ('15), Joey ('17)

*"St. Pius X High School was an excellent choice for all four of my very uniquely different children. My husband and I chose St. Pius X for its academic rigor and Catholic teaching. The academic curriculum prepared all four of them for a large university experience."*

Deb Thompson  
Mother of Jessica Thompson Dallas ('07),  
Andrew ('09), Martin ('12) and Ross ('15)

*"St. Pius X provided me with the tools and confidence to soar, and also the community and security that would always welcome me home."*

Jill Tyner Biss  
Class of 2000  
Pharmacist

*"My formal education at SPX was second to none in core curriculum college preparation. Nearly 20 years later I still consider several instructors as not only wonderful teachers but as some of the best personal mentors I have ever had--Mr. Monachino, Mr. Smithmier and Mr. Schmitz to name a few."*

William M. Duensing, DDS  
Class of 1999  
Dentist

*"St. Pius X High School gave me the skills I needed to be successful in college, in my career, in my faith, and in my life. As an educator, I strive to give my students what St. Pius X gave me."*

Maggie Pfeifer Sego  
Class of 2000  
Assistant Principal Cathedral School

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