



St. Pius X Catholic School

"Building Leaders for Christ"

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<https://spxsa.school>

Fr. Pat O'Brien

Pastor

Genese G. Bell, Ed.D

Principal

Mark Your Calendar

- 1/19 No School, MLK Day
- 1/20 Adoration 2:58pm
- 1/21 School Mass 8:15am
- 1/22 100th Day of School!
- 1/23 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest during PE classes (ages 9+)
- 1/25 Student-led Mass at 10:15am to begin Catholic Schools Week
- 1/26-1/30 [Catholic Schools Week](#)
- 1/26 BINGO with students
- 1/27 Storybook Parade 8:30am in SPX Gym
- Students from PreK-3 to 5th grade will present their class story to the school
- 1/29 Spelling Bee 2pm
- 1/30 Spirit Dress Day
Students are allowed to wear an SPX Spirit shirt and blue jeans. Students who opt to not wear jeans, are to wear their regular uniform bottoms. All students must wear a closed toe shoe (either their regular school uniform shoes or tennis shoes)
- Pep Rally 11:00am SPX Gym
- Noon Dismissal (Ext. Day is available)

<https://school.stpiusxa.org/calendar>

Can you believe it? 100 days!



PK3-5TH GRADE MAY CREATE AND WEAR A 100 DAYS SHIRT AND UNIFORM BOTTOMS OR MAKE A POSTER WITH 100 THINGS!

Our virtue for January is gratitude

What does it mean? Gratitude means seeing everything as a gift and being thankful.

What does it look like? You can say thank you even for those things received daily, for example, you can watch God's sunset and appreciate His creation.

What are ways to cultivate generosity? You can instill manners, talk about things that you are grateful for.

Who are some saints who exemplify this virtue? St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Biliart, and St. Josemaria Escriva

Reading in our SPX Library



Every reader is unique—what matters is enjoying a good book!

The goals of our SPX Library are to foster a love of reading, promote literacy skills, to integrate faith and values, and to develop research skills



Building Leaders for Christ Awards



In line with our Virtue program, after each School Mass, we recognize those students and staff members who exemplify our Mission Statement, Building Leaders for Christ.

We are pleased to announce

Luke U.,
Everett V.,
Kat L-S., and
Mr. Esparza

as this week's winners.

How will you be “caught” being a Leader for Christ?

PLEASE JOIN US AND

SHOW YOUR Spirit

St Pius X School

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

11:00 AM - 11:00 PM



*But wait,
THERE'S
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Hope for the Future applications are OPEN

Hope for the Future provides tuition assistance to families in need, giving their children the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic education.

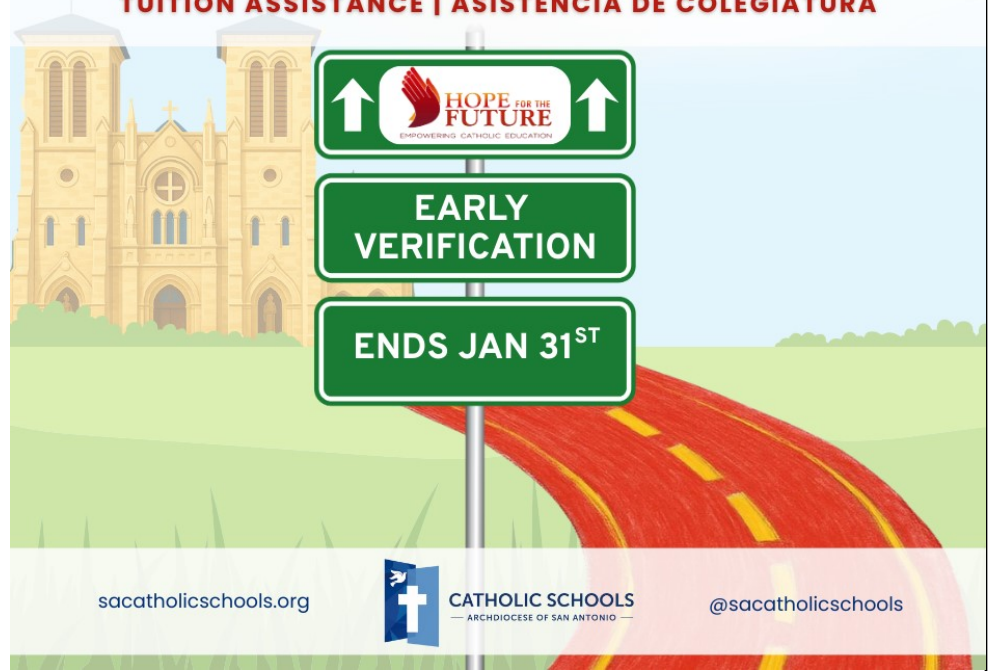
Their mission is to ensure that financial barriers never prevent a child from receiving a Catholic education.

Apply TODAY at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>

Early Verification ends January 31st

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

TUITION ASSISTANCE | ASISTENCIA DE COLEGIATURA



FEB 4, 2026
Applications open

MARCH 17, 2026
Application Close Date

A GUIDE TO TEFA

FOR FAMILIES

Senate Bill 2 established TEFA to help families access funds for approved educational expenses starting in 2026-27. With final rules released on November 25, 2025, families now have clarity on how the program will work.

ELIGIBILITY
Any Texas resident **eligible for public school (PK-12)** may apply.

This includes:

- Children entering PK3-PK4 who meet Texas eligibility
- Students currently in public, private, or homeschool settings
- Students with TEFA qualifying disabilities

There is no income limit to apply, but awards are offered based on state priority groups.

PRIORITY GROUPS
BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

1 ≤ 500% + Children with disabilities	2 ≤ 200%
3 200% - 500%	4 ≥ 500% <small>(20% cap of total awards) <small>*Public school awards may have priority in this group.</small></small>

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	200% of FPL Yearly Income	500% of FPL Yearly Income
2	\$42,300	\$105,750
3	\$53,300	\$133,250
4	\$64,300	\$160,750
5	\$75,300	\$188,250
6	\$85,920	\$215,750
7	\$108,300	\$270,750

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Tuition/ Fees	Books/ Materials	Tutoring	Therapies	Meals	Assessments	Technology	Transportation
Participating Private Schools			Therapies not covered by government or private insurance.	Provided at school for a fee		10% Cap	Commercial Only
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*All purchases must be through the TEFA portal from approved providers.

\$10,474 Award per student (85% of public funding).
TEFA Funding Amount for the 20-27 School Year

Additional funding may be awarded based on a student's IEP for disabilities - up to \$30,000.

PARENT: As defined by Education Code, §29.351(5), a resident of this state who is a natural or adoptive parent, managing or possessory conservator, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a child.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY
Families must:

- Use funds only for approved expenses
- Not withdraw cash or request reimbursement
- Keep receipts
- Ensure annual testing (Grades 3-12)
- Report public school enrollment
- Follow all TEFA rules

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Choose **ONE** item from each column

<p>1 Proof of Residency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease, mortgage, or utility bill Texas ID/driver's license Voter registration Government agency letter Notarized affidavit 	<p>2 Proof of Citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth certificate U.S. passport Naturalization certificate DHS documents 	<p>3 Proof of Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IRS transcript (if available) Most recent tax return (2024) Texas Workforce Commission income data
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WHAT IF FUNDS RUN OUT?

If funds run out, eligible students go on a state waitlist. If more funds become available, awards may be offered mid-year, prorated, and begin the month after approval.

WHAT'S NEXT?

When applications open on the Texas Comptroller Website, you will apply and select one approved school. Upon completion, eligibility will be determined. Awarding is expected to go out the first week of April. If your child is selected, you'll receive instructions to accept the award in the TEFA portal. Your child's TEFA account is then created so you can choose approved schools, providers, and services.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS
Freedom to learn your way.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

V02 12/30/2025

Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) Guide has been released...

Click on the picture to view ["A Guide to TEFA—Final Rules"](#)

It's only a two page document, open it and learn more!

SAVE THE DATE:

The online application for TEFA will open on **February 4, 2026** until mid-March, 2026.

SUNDAY
JANUARY 25

School Mass at 10:15AM.

MONDAY
JANUARY 26

Show off your Sports Pride!
Wear a sports shirt
or jersey with blue jeans.

CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
WEEK
2026

TUESDAY
JANUARY 27

Book Character Day!
3K-5th, class book.
6th-8th, book character shirt
with blue jeans.
Storybook Parade at 8:30AM.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 28

Wacky Socks/Hats with full-dress uniform.
Spelling Bee Semi-Finals (participants only)
in the cafeteria at 12:30PM.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 29

Dress as a teacher Day!
Spelling Bee Finals in the gym at 2:00PM.
All are welcomed!

FRIDAY
JANUARY 30

St. Pius X Spirit Day!
Wear an SPX shirt with blue jeans.
Winter Pep Rally 11:00AM.

CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE

CHARITABLE RAFFLE

100% of ticket sales go directly to
St. Pius X Catholic School

HELP US BUILD A NEW CLASSROOM!

YOU COULD WIN:

CHARITABLE RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

\$20,000 worth of PREPAID VISA GIFT CARDS

Drawn from tickets sold by all schools participating in the raffle

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

\$1,000 PREPAID VISA GIFT CARD

Drawn from tickets sold by SPX School

ALL PRIZES AWARDED ON FEBRUARY 13, 2026

STUDENT PRIZES FOR SELLING:

★ **FREE SHOE OR JEWELRY DAY**

For every \$100 worth of tickets sold, students will receive a coupon to wear any shoe (including crocs!) OR jewelry to school for a day.



★ **CLASS FIELD TRIP OF CHOICE**

The class that sells the most raffle tickets will go on a field trip of their choosing!



★ **YOUR DAY, OUR DRIVE!**

Your family's name will be entered into a drawing for every \$1,000 worth of tickets sold! Winner gets a round trip bus ride for up to 14 people! You plan the day- we give the ride! Guests will meet at St. Pius X and a driver will drop off and pick up from anywhere in San Antonio during a 4-6 hour time span. Must be scheduled before the 2026-27 school year.



★ **THE FATE OF OUR PRINCIPAL & PRIEST...**

If the entire school raises \$40,000, Dr. Bell will be duct taped to the wall of the school AND Father Pat will dye his hair a color for a day!

Tickets may be purchased from any SPX student and from the School and Church office through January 23, 2026

Continuous Enrollment

At **St. Pius X Catholic School**, we are proud to partner with families in the Catholic education of their children. In an effort to simplify the annual enrollment process, we have adopted **Continuous Enrollment**. **This means that once you enroll your child(ren) at St. Pius X, they will be considered enrolled until graduation, or until you notify us otherwise.** This agreement outlines the terms and expectations of Continuous Enrollment at St. Pius X Catholic School.

Terms of Continuous Enrollment

1. **Automatic Re-enrollment** Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, all current students will be automatically re-enrolled for each subsequent school year unless a parent or guardian submits a written **Intent to Withdraw**.

2. **Annual Notification of Changes** Families will receive an annual notice of any updates to tuition, fees, or policies on or before Catholic Schools Week (last week in January). These changes will become part of this agreement unless a written intent to withdraw is submitted.

3. **Parishioner form**

A Parishioner form must be submitted to School Office each year in order to receive a parishioner scholarship. This must be turned into the School Office by July of 2026. The SPX bookkeeper will send the School Office a list of all active, contributing SPX parishioners.

4. **Withdrawal Policy**

If a family chooses not to continue enrollment for the next school year, they must notify the school in writing **by March 1st** of the current school year. Notices must be sent to: admissions@spxsa.org. Failure to notify the school by this date may result in financial penalties, as outlined in the current tuition agreement.

5. **Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and fees are set annually and subject to change. By signing this agreement, you agree to comply with the school's tuition schedule and policies. Full-rate tuition charges will be posted to FACTS, and then scholarships/grants may be applied (such as parishioner, staff, sibling, military, or alumni). **Each student will have the full tuition rate posted to their 2026-2027 FACTS account, and then the appropriate scholarships/grants will be applied. We encourage ALL families to apply for TEFA.**

This signed agreement must be returned to the School Office by the end of January.

Copies are available on our website [We are a Continuous Enrollment School | St. Pius X Catholic School | San Antonio, TX](#) and in the School Office. Thank you!

Follow our school on Instagram: [spx_rebels](#)



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