



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL

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MARCH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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FAITH & SERVICE

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others?” – *Matthew 5:43-47*

GOD'S LOVE

We do not earn God's love. God loves us just as we are. Jesus asks us to be like God and to love everyone, even our enemies. Imagine a world where people did not dislike, hurt, or hate each other. What do we show our children with our daily actions? Are they learning to love like Jesus? Are they learning to love everyone, and remember that we are all children of God despite our misgivings? As we prepare for the season of Lent to begin, let us ask God to walk with us and guide us. That He show us a path to goodness so our words and actions help build His kingdom of peace and justice.

MONTHLY SCHOOL MASS – Monthly the school community is invited to attend the 10:00 AM Parish mass (previously the 9:30 AM mass) to support the school's Faith Formation of our students. Many students discuss the Gospel in their classrooms on Mondays and benefit greatly from being in attendance at Sunday mass. Also, some classes may choose to sponsor a fundraiser on these days. Emails will be sent out to the school families with updates and reminders about attending Sunday masses. The next mass is scheduled for February 26th and will be sponsored by the 1st grade class. Please join us for mass come and support first grade's fundraising efforts!

FAITH & SAFETY: TECHNOLOGY SAFETY THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

For all of our families looking for an internet safety resource, www.faihandsafety.org is an amazing website focused on helping parents and guardians keep their children safe. It is a resource guide brought to you by a collaboration between The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Visit the website today and click on the Family tab to read “At Least Read This.” It is a valuable read that will surely provide some insight into keeping our students and children safe.

SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **REGISTRATION** for the 2017-2018 School Year has begun. Updated tuition and fee information was sent home last month with the oldest child of each family in our school. Registration/Materials fees are due no later than March 31, 2017 to avoid the \$50 late fee.

- FUN RUN will be held at the end of March this year and the kick off will be March 3rd. Keep an eye out for a flyer with details on the t-shirt design contest and collection date information.
- PARENT FAITH FORMATION CLASS for ALL 1st and 2nd grade parents will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 6pm. Everyone should meet in the 2nd grade classroom. Ms. Cobian and Ms. Valdez will send out details in the next couple of weeks.
- YEARBOOK PRE-ORDERS are being taken online now! Pre-School through 7th grade, order your yearbook online for \$50.00 by May 1, 2017. Yearbooks will not be sold in the school office.

FUNDRAISING

CASINO NIGHT 2017

Thank you to everyone that helped make Casino Night a success! It was a great evening that really showed the unity of our school community! Planning for the 2018 Casino Night will begin in June. If you are interested in helping out, or have ideas, please contact the committee at casinonight@spxraiders.com

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & SUNNY-D LABELS

Please continue to support the school in collecting your Box Tops for Education and Sunny-D Labels. For every Sunny-D qualifying label we collect we receive a free book, and each Box Top we collect adds to our total cash amount earned!

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Any parent who volunteers for school activities and events in which students are present must have completed the "Protecting God's Children" VIRTUS class and REMAIN CURRENT by registering their email address and completing monthly training bulletins. If you have not been receiving training bulletins, you MUST retake the 3 hour VIRTUS certification class. Your cooperation and participation are greatly appreciated! Should you have questions about your account, please contact the VIRTUS helpline, accessible through www.virtusonline.org.

Parents must also have been fingerprinted through the LA Archdiocese sponsored LiveScan. Fingerprinting schedules are located on www.la-archdiocese.org under "Protecting Children" and VIRTUS class schedules are available at www.virtusonline.org under "Registration." We are located in the **San Pedro Region of the Los Angeles Archdiocese**. Notices will be sent to all school families when classes are available through the St. Pius X Parish.

Please check www.spxraiders.com for calendar, announcements, and other school information! Follow us on Facebook: St. Pius X Parish School