



## **ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL**

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### **JANUARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

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#### **FAITH & SERVICE**

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – “An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.” *Matthew 1:20-24*,

#### **INCARNATION**

We have only a few more days of Advent waiting. We are almost ready to celebrate God coming to us as a human being. We call this the Incarnation. It is awesome! We call Jesus “Immanuel,” which means “God is with us.” As we wait for the celebration of Jesus’ birth, turn to God and entrust to him what we hold in our hearts, that God will take care of us and our needs. We turn to Him to show us how to use this time to make our hearts ready for his coming!

MONTHLY SCHOOL MASS – EVERY month the school community is invited to attend the 9:30 AM Parish 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. Our next School Mass is currently scheduled for Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

SERVICE – STUDENT COUNCIL PROJECTS: This year the Student Council has chosen to lead fundraising efforts for Feeding America, an organization that is a nationwide network of more than 200 food banks. Help us fight against hunger by participating in monthly \$1 dress days! Each month, the Student Council sponsors a fundraising day to collect funds that will be donated to Feeding America. Our next \$1 dress day will be on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

With the help of the student body and school families, the Student Council donated 428 lbs of groceries to the Interfaith Community Pantry in Santa Fe Springs in November! They were also able to donate over 100 new toys to the same organization! Thank you to all those that participated in the drives and helped instill in our students a sense of service and giving at this important time in our Church season.

## **FAITH & SAFETY: TECHNOLOGY SAFETY THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH**

For all of our families looking for an internet safety resource, [www.faihandsafety.org](http://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**

- SCHOOL RESUMES Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and will be a regular schedule day.
- STAR TESTING begins Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check in with your child's classroom teacher to ensure he/she does not miss testing.
- TALENT SHOW 2017 will be held on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Detailed information will be sent out with students prior to Christmas vacation beginning.
- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with school mass and Open House. A detailed schedule of events for the week will be sent out the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **CASINO NIGHT 2017**

Save the date! Our annual event will be held on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6pm-12am. The committee has been hard at work and needs support! The goal is to have the largest turnout and a record amount of money raised. This can only happen with the involvement and support of the school parents and community. Please support our efforts by taking the donor letter, form and flyer sent home with each eldest child to a business you think might like to sponsor our event. For more information, please contact the Chairs, Amber Reyes or Denisse Frenes-Gomez by emailing [casinonight@spxraiders.com](mailto:casinonight@spxraiders.com), or call the school office with questions. Everyone's support and help is greatly appreciated!

### **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](http://www.virtusonline.org).

Parents must also have been fingerprinted through the LA Archdiocese sponsored LiveScan. Fingerprinting schedules are located on [www.la-archdiocese.org](http://www.la-archdiocese.org) under "Protecting Children" and VIRTUS class schedules are available at [www.virtusonline.org](http://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](http://www.spxraiders.com) for calendar, announcements, and other school information! Follow us on Facebook: St. Pius X Parish School*