



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

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### **FEBRUARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

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#### **FAITH & SERVICE**

##### **SUNDAY'S GOSPEL**

“Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” – *Matthew 4:12, 17-20*

##### **NEW LIFE**

As the coming of the Lenten Season approaches, the Sunday Gospel readings begin to prepare us by telling us of Jesus gathering his disciples and leading his ministry of teaching. In this Sunday’s Gospel we hear Jesus call his first disciples, ordinary men who recognized that Jesus was calling them to a new life. What are ways we can follow Jesus in our ordinary lives? We ask God to walk with us and guide us; showing us his path of goodness so our words and actions may help build your 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. Our next School Mass is currently scheduled for Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

- **STAR TESTING** continues 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 **TOMORROW** Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> after school in the Parish Hall.

- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with school mass at 10:00 AM and Open House from 9AM-12PM. A detailed schedule of events for the week will be sent out today.
- REGISTRATION for the 2017-2018 School Year has begun. Updated tuition and fee information was sent home this week with the oldest child of each family in our school. A \$100 discount is being offered to families that register on or before Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to stop by the school office with any questions you might have.
- YEARBOOK PRE-ORDERS are being taken online now! Kinder through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, order your yearbook online for \$47.50 by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Purchase price AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup> will be \$50. Yearbooks will not be sold in the school office.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **CASINO NIGHT 2017**

We are only 3 weeks away from our Annual Casino and Auction Night! Tickets are on sale in the office now! Please continue to support the efforts of the committee 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!

If you're an alumni of our school, please reach out to any other alumni you might be in touch with and invite them to Casino Night! Last year we had an amazing turn out of alumni and it would be great to have an even greater turn out this year! They can join the group on the school's Facebook page.

### **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*