



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

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### **NOVEMBER FAMILY BULLETIN**

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#### **FAITH & COMMUNITY**

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL, October 22, 2017 – “The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” – *Matthew 22:15-16a, 16c-21*

TRICKS AND TRUTHS – In today’s Gospel, the religious leaders are trying to trick Jesus into saying something that will make either the Romans or his followers angry. Jesus’ followers do not like the Roman occupiers and the taxes they make people pay to them. But if Jesus speaks out against the taxes, he could be arrested by the Romans. Jesus does not fall for their trick. How do we know what belongs to God? How often do we take time to be sure we are thoughtful and wise in our words and actions?

WEEKLY SCHOOL MASS - EVERY FRIDAY @ 8AM – Please join us every Friday to celebrate mass as a school community. We hope to see you there!

MONTHLY SCHOOL MASS –The next School Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class will be sponsoring a fundraiser outside the Church following masses. Please join us for mass and support our 1<sup>st</sup> grade fundraiser.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS**

- RED RIBBON WEEK begins Monday, October 23. Information about the week will be emailed and sent home. The City of Santa Fe Springs Red Ribbon Week Parade will be Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend this event. ***Congratulations to the Poster Contest winners that have been invited to ride along the parade route: Paulina Diaz (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Elidia Garcia (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Jilliana Casillas (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Scott Freesmeier (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Carlee Romero (8<sup>th</sup> grade), and Sarah Gutierrez (8<sup>th</sup> grade).***
- HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 5pm-9pm. This event is sponsored by the Parish Confirmation groups and is fun night with Trunk ‘or’ Treating for the kids and families to enjoy. Come out and support this parish event!
- HALLOWEEN SOCIAL will be held on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> in the school courtyard. For more information about earning parent hours, please contact your classroom room parent(s).

## **SELF STUDY NEWS**

St. Pius X Parish School is in an accreditation year and will have a WCEA/WASC Committee Visiting Team on campus in March. Currently, faculty and administration are working on completing the written Self Study which is focused on the Improvement of Student Learning and all of the great things we do here at St. Pius X Parish School. The school's goal is to always encourage our students to be people of Faith, Academics and Community! Thank you to all families that completed a family survey last fall and provided the Leadership team with a wealth of information to incorporate into our self-study. In the next few months, the newly formed Advisory Committee will be working with administration to finalize goals of the Self Study Action Plan. This committee will monitor and assist administration in ensuring the accomplishment of the goals set forth in the self-study.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS & UPDATES**

Please note that 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).

All parents that took the VIRTUS class over two years ago and have not received and/or completed online training bulletins MUST take the 3 hour VIRTUS certification class AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Parents must also be 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.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Fundraisers conducted at St. Pius X ensure that the school can maintain lower tuition rates, as tuition does not cover the full cost of educating each child enrolled at our school. Through fundraising, the school does not charge an actual "cost per pupil" tuition rate, and can also offer multiple student family rates. This allows our school to continue to offer a quality program without making unreasonable increases to tuition and fees. Fundraising details and requirements are published in the Parent-Student Handbook. The efforts of our families to help raise funds for the school is greatly appreciated, as all of our students benefit.

### **NETWORK RAFFLE TICKETS:**

**Money and ticket stubs due to the school office no later than Friday, October 20, 2017.** Please remember that each *participating* family is required to sell \$200 of Network Raffle Tickets. The drawing will be held on 10/29/17.

COOKIE DOUGH fundraiser begins on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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