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## OCTOBER FAMILY BULLETIN

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### FAITH & COMMUNITY

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 – “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay.’ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. They grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Are you envious because I am generous?’” – *Matthew 20:1-2,5,7-8,10,11-13,15*

FAIRNESS VS. EQUALITY – Parables almost always tell us something about God. In this Sunday's Gospel, where the landowner represents God, we see the difference between our idea of fairness and God's way of doing things. We sometimes think “fair” is the same as “equal.” These laborers were very poor, and God's priority seems to be loving-generosity toward them. How can we be more generous with people? With all people?

WEEKLY SCHOOL MASS - EVERY FRIDAY @ 8AM - Parents and family members are always welcome and encouraged to attend our school masses. Hope to see you there!

MONTHLY SCHOOL MASS –Our next School Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The fifth grade class will be sponsoring a breakfast fundraiser in the hall during the Holiday Boutique. Join us from 8am-12pm to support the classes fundraising efforts.

### SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

- SLE AWARDS will be distributed on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 8am mass.
- PROGRESS REPORTS will be sent home Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> prior to conferences the following week. Please contact the classroom teacher with any questions you might have regarding the progress report and/or conferences.
- HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12pm. Fifth grade will be sponsoring a breakfast fundraiser on this day.
- SCHOOL MASS on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Students are encouraged to wear their formal dress uniform and process in with the celebrant at the beginning of mass.

- PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES are scheduled from Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check for appointment sheets and contact classroom teachers with any questions.
- 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).

### **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>.

*Please check [www.spxraiders.com](http://www.spxraiders.com) for calendar, announcements, and other school information!*

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