



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL

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JANUARY FAMILY BULLETIN

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FAITH & COMMUNITY

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." -- *John 1:6, 19, 23-27*

REJOICE!

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete [Gow-day-tay] Sunday. "Gaudete" means rejoice. We rejoice because it is getting close to Christmas: the Lord is near. On this Sunday the liturgical color shifts from violet to rose. In today's reading, John the Baptist announces that the coming of the Messiah is close. As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, how are we preparing for His coming at Christmas? Be alert to the ways we can make our hearts ready.

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, January 21st. The 2nd grade class will be sponsoring a fundraiser outside the Church following masses. Please join us for mass and support our 1st grade fundraiser. Students who wear their school uniform should meet at the back of the Church to process in with Father.

SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **SCHOOL RESUMES** Monday, January 8th
- **MOCK EMERGENCY DRILL** scheduled from Friday, January 12th. An email will be sent out the Monday prior with details about how the day will run and specific details about pick up.
- **PROGRESS REPORTS** will be sent home on Friday, January 19th. Please be sure to check in on Gradelink and with your child's classroom teacher for details about how to help your student be successful.
- **OPEN HOUSE** and **SCHOOL MASS** will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 28th. Mass will be at 10am and Open House will run from 11:30-1pm. Invite family and friends to tour our school and see the amazing work our students are doing at St. Pius X!

- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins Sunday, January 28th. A flyer with detailed information about each day will be sent home mid-January.
- FUN RUN KICK Off rally will be held on Tuesday, January 30th

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. The faculty and administration have finalized the written Self Study which is focused on the Improvement of Student Learning and has been submitted to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for review and approval.

The Advisory Committee is now working with administration to prepare for a parent meeting in January to introduce members of the committee and the goals of the committee to our school community. Please see the January calendar for a scheduled date and time. Thank you to each of our members for dedicating time to serving our school: Mr. Renee Nault, Mrs. Lydia Gutierrez, Mrs. Denisse Frenes-Gomez, Mrs. Kristina Freesmeier, Mrs. Marisa Lozano, Mr. Gus Diaz, and Mr. Ray Mora.

Keep an eye out on our social media platforms for a link to an Alumni survey. The more alumni we reach, the greater our contacts!

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.

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 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.

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 always greatly appreciated, as all of our students benefit.

FUN RUN

The Fun Run Kick off Rally is scheduled for January 30th and will lead up to the main event on to be held on Thursday, March 1st. Keep an eye out for information about the t-shirt design contest! Information will be coming soon! If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Claudia Saathoff at (562) 650-1955.

CASINO NIGHT

Planning has begun for the 2018 Casino Auction Night! Save the date for “Una Buona Notte” on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Please support the committee in seeking out donations for the event, and room parents in putting together auction baskets. Flyers went home last month with information about the event. The support of our families is needed to make this the most successful event to date. The event raised close to \$9,000 in 2017, and close to \$12,000 in 2016! Let’s shoot for \$13,000 this year!

Please check www.spxraiders.com for calendar, announcements, and other school information!

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