



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL

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FAITH & COMMUNITY

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

"John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi.' It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah.' He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas.' -- *John 1:35-38c, 40-42*

FAITH

One might remember that John the Baptist tried to prepare people for the Messiah, who was his cousin Jesus, by encouraging them to repent and do good. John also urged his own disciples to follow Jesus, and among the first of these were Andrew and his brother Peter. It is amazing how many people still come to believe in Jesus because of the faith of another person. May our own belief in Jesus grow stronger each day, and that our daily efforts to speak loving words and do good deeds help others also believe.

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 28th, which marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. It is also the same day as the school's Open House. The Father-Daughter committee will be hosting a breakfast in the hall on this day as well after all masses. Please join us in celebrating the kick off of Catholic Schools Week!

SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **PROGRESS REPORTS** will be sent home tomorrow, January 19th. Please be sure to check in with your child's classroom teacher for details about how to help your student be successful.
- **OPEN ENROLLMENT** for the 2018-2019 school year begins! Registration packets will be sent home with an opportunity to register at a discounted price. Take advantage of this opportunity and pay registration by Monday, February 5th.
- **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 will be emailed to all families
- CEF Financial Assistance Applications will be available in the school office beginning February 1st. All applications will need to be submitted during an On-site visit to a local high school. Details on how to sign up for an on-site submission will be distributed with applications that are picked up in the school office.
- FUN RUN KICK Off rally will be held on Tuesday, January 30th. Congratulations to Samantha Jimenez for winning the t-shirt design contest!
- 12:30 DISMISSAL on Thursday, February 1st. Please be sure to mark your calendars.
- STAR TESTING Window 3 begins Monday, February 5th. Please be sure you check in with your child's classroom teacher to ensure your child is present on testing days to avoid having to make up their MATH/ELA assessments.
- CASINO NIGHT will be held on Saturday, February 10th from 6pm-12am. Dinner will be served promptly at 6pm. Get there early to have dinner, gamble, and bid on your favorite items!
- ASH WEDNESDAY is February 14th! This day will be 12:30 dismissal and there will be NO DAYCARE on this day due to use of the hall and school facilities to accommodate Ash Wednesday services.
- SCHOOL MASS Sunday, February 25th at 10am

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 accepted for submission. Three Action Plan goals were designated by faculty and administration as a part of the self-study and analysis of current data that follow the guidelines of the accreditation process, Improving Student Learning. The three action plan goals were submitted with strategies and activities that would ensure accomplishment of the goals. All three of the following were approved by the Archdiocese:

- Improve ACRE scores in the areas of *Knowledge and Faith* and *Liturgical Life*
 - Will involve analysis of past and current data, implementation of new and current curriculum and frequent review of student classroom assessments
- Improve STAR Reading scores in the areas of fluency and comprehension
 - Faculty will review data after each testing window and make adjustments to curriculum when necessary to ensure students are achieving ADLA benchmark (65%)
- Continue ongoing professional development focused on the integration of technology and development of focused technology curriculum
 - Administration will seek out Professional Development that will support teacher's continued implementation of technology in the classroom and seek out funds separate from Title II funds available through Little Lake City School District (determined by available funds to the district and enrollment numbers)

The Advisory Committee is preparing for the scheduled parent meeting next week, on Wednesday, January 24th at 6pm. Members will be introduced, and the committee will present its goals moving forward.

Please encourage family members to share the alumni survey to reach as many of our St. Pius X Parish School alumni as possible: The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StPiusXAlumni>

TUITION & 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, which for the 2016-2017 school year was approximately \$6,221.00. Through fundraising, the school does not charge an actual “cost per pupil” tuition rate, and can also offer multiple student family rates. For many of our families that have more than one student enrolled in our school, this discount is a necessity for their children to be able to receive a private Catholic school education.

Fundraising 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 yearly. The efforts of our families to help raise funds for the school is always greatly appreciated, as all of our students benefit. To date, the profits made through sales for the school year (gift wrap, cookie dough, and See’s Candies) has been approximately \$9,400.00. Tupperware and a Spring See’s Candies sale are set to be scheduled for families still working toward meeting their goal.

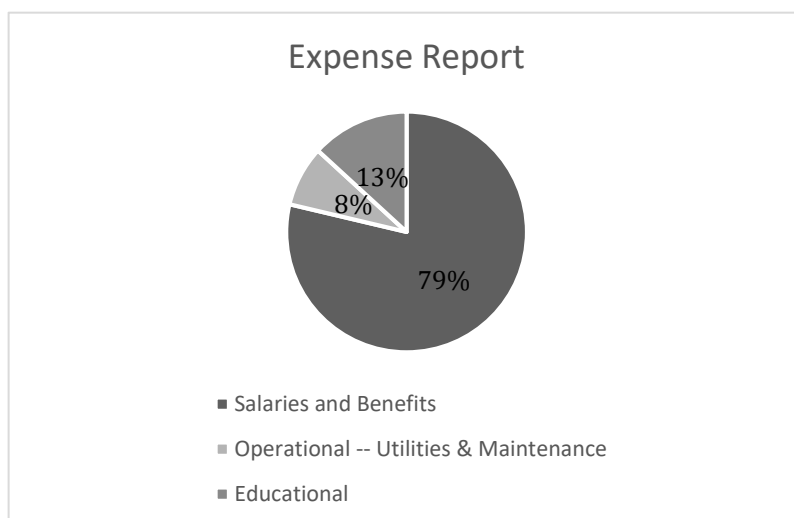
Thank you to all of our families that participate in fundraising, meet their goals, and go above and beyond to ensure St. Pius X can continue to offer a quality education to all of its students!

EXPENSE REPORT

Below please find a report of the school’s expenses for the 2016-2017 school year, on which this school year’s tuition rates and budgetary costs were approximated. Based on last school year’s enrollment, 200 students (including Preschool and Pre-K), the cost per student was \$6,221.00. Tuition alone, being the main source of income, covers approximately 83% of all expenses. This makes fundraising, and seeking outside donations, imperative to the financial health of the school.

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$979,062.31
Operational	\$101,062.35
Educational	\$163,983.67
Total	\$1,244,108.33



FUN RUN

The Fun Run Kick off Rally is scheduled for January 30th and will lead up to the main event on Thursday, March 1st. Collection dates will be set and a flyer sent home with more information. Congratulations to Samantha Jimenez in 6th grade for winning the t-shirt design contest! 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!

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.

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