



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

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### **MARCH FAMILY BULLETIN**

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#### **FAITH & COMMUNITY**

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

“The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’” – *John 2:13-17*

##### **FAITH**

This Sunday’s Gospel explains to us that in Jesus’ time, worship in the Temple involved offering animal sacrifice. People believed that if they sacrificed a sheep or goat, for example, God would forgive their sins or help them in various endeavors. Over time, merchants and moneylenders came into the temple and carried out all kinds of business. This made Jesus angry. He said that God’s house is a place of prayer where God’s love flows freely. During this holy season let us focus our thoughts on prayer, being kind and forgiving, and to give generously.

**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, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will be hosting a fundraiser on this day outside the Church after masses. Please join us in celebrating mass and supporting our students and teachers! Wear your dress uniform to process in and earn a free dress pass!

##### **OPEN HOUSE – ECE Program**

The school’s Early Childhood Education program – Preschool, Transitional Kinder, and Kindergarten – will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12pm. We encourage our school families that know anyone interested in these grade levels to visit our school on this day. It will be a great opportunity to see the ECE classrooms and meet the teachers. Our school website provides specific information about our Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten programs as well.

## **SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS**

- OPEN ENROLLMENT for the 2018-2019 school year began in January! Registration packets were sent home with the oldest child from each family. Registration is due March 28<sup>th</sup> to ensure you do not incur a late fee.
- CEF Financial Assistance Applications are available in the school office now. 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 obtained when you pick up an application in the school office.
- FUN RUN TOMORROW! If you would like to help, please arrive by 8 am.
- SECOND TRIMESTER ENDS on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Report cards will go home on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 12:30 DISMISSAL on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to mark your calendars.
- HOLY WEEK begins Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- PRESCHOOL and PRE-K last day of school on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ms. Kristin or Ms. Felicia for more information.
- 12:30 DISMISSAL on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO DAYCARE provided on this day. Please be sure to mark your calendars and ensure your child(ren) are picked up at 12:30
- SCHOOL RESUMES on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for all students, Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade

## **SELF STUDY NEWS**

St. Pius X Parish School has been working for almost two years on preparing for its accreditation visit at the end of this month. During the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>, the school will have a WCEA/WASC Committee Visiting Team on campus for three days. The visiting committee's role in visiting the school is to confirm and reaffirm the great things happening in our classrooms. They will be visiting classrooms over the course of three days and reviewing the school's Self Study focused on the Improvement of Student Learning. The Committee will review the school's determined three Action Plan goals and provide feedback on ways the school can move forward to ensure meeting the goals. All three of the following were approved by the Archdiocese and will be the school's focus for the next three years:

- 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 the 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)

Please continue to 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>

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

Recently the Advisory Committee met to review the concerns and suggestions of the parents that emailed the committee via the email address shared last month: [spxac@spxraiders.com](mailto:spxac@spxraiders.com). An email was sent with a brief update to first steps toward tackling a couple of the main concerns presented:

- Cleaner bathrooms – the school's second grade parents have committed to putting together a cleaning crew that will meet on Sunday evenings to clean the bathrooms closest to the hall. Please contact the advisory committee to sign up to help with this endeavor. The more parents we have sign up to help, the more we can accomplish.
- Safer traffic pattern in the school parking lot during morning drop off – we've already received support from one family to assist in helping guide morning drop off and need several parents to assist in this. Please contact the office and/or advisory committee via email to sign up.
- More prayer opportunities & parish priest visits – currently our Faith Formation Coordinator, Ms. Sandoval, is working to incorporate more prayer opportunities at the school throughout the week and working to encourage parish priest visits at the school. We will also be working on setting up parent faith formation opportunities specifically for our school parents.
- Advisory Committee Communication – the Committee will utilize the display board in the courtyard across from the fountain to provide current information to all parents, as well as continue to send out email updates via the [spxac@spxraiders.com](mailto:spxac@spxraiders.com) email address (be sure to check your emails daily)
- Colorful lively pop(s) – the Committee will work on researching grant opportunities for the school to work on incorporating a mural somewhere on the school property, and will also hold a fundraiser through Color Me Mine that will include students creating personalized tiles that will be put up in the courtyard. Should anyone have contacts, or know anyone that can assist in either of these two processes, please contact the Advisory Committee.

Continued review of the concerns and suggestions will be the Advisory Committee's purpose in working with school Administration. Please note that many of the concerns/suggestions presented involve parts of the buildings that are shared with parish groups. These will be shared with Parish Administration in an effort to work through accomplishing goals set forth by the Advisory Committee.

We encourage families to reach out with any ideas, questions, or concerns at any time. Email at [spxac@spxraiders.com](mailto:spxac@spxraiders.com) at any time.

### **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. 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.

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!

### **FIESTA NEWS**

Preparation for the 2018 St. Pius X Parish Fiesta is under way. Thank you to all of you that participated last year! The Fiesta Committee is looking forward to working with the school families again. Thanks to the hard work of our school and parish community members, the Fiesta made approximately \$40,000.00 in 2017. Fifty percent of that was earmarked for the school. With the continued help of the school families, the Fiesta can continue to be successful.

There will be a fiesta meeting ***March 14, Wednesday, in the Parish Center, Room 2, 7 PM.*** All chairman and any booth captains, and if you are concerned in the success of Fiesta 2018 you should attend this meeting. Currently, booth captains are needed, and all are welcome.

Thank you,

Your 2018 Fiesta committee and Chairman, Tony Reyes, Knights of Columbus: [562-225-8628](tel:562-225-8628)

### **FUN RUN**

The Fun Run is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The first heat will begin at approximately 9:30. Check the collection flyer and folder for final dates regarding meeting

the amount necessary for the off-site party students may attend. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Claudia Saathoff at (562) 650-1955.

#### CASINO NIGHT

2018 Casino Auction Night is officially in the books! A special thank you to all those that helped make the event a success – Mrs. Denisse Frenes-Gomez, Mrs. Amber Reyes, Mr. Ray Mora, all of the Room Parents, families that donated to the event, and the St. Pius X Parish School Faculty and Staff. Without the dedication of these contributors, the event would not be possible. As of today, the approximate funds earned are close to \$7,000!

#### 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.

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

