



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL

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APRIL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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FAITH & COMMUNITY

EASTER SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. But he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, and went into the tomb. He saw linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, also went in, and he saw and believed.” – *John 20:1-3, 4b, 5b-8acd*

BELIEVE

We rejoice in Jesus’ Resurrection! Death had no power over him. The disciples had heard Jesus say that after three days, he would rise, but they didn’t really understand. As we hear, they were perplexed to find the tomb empty. John, who is called the “one whom Jesus loves,” seems to be the first to believe that Jesus has risen. Just like John in the Gospel, we are the ones whom Jesus loves. Do we believe the way we truly should and rejoice in God’s wondrous works? Believe!

WEEKLY SCHOOL MASS - EVERY FRIDAY @ 8AM – Please join us when we return from Easter vacation for Friday morning mass with the school community. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the students’ daily faith formation at school. We hope to see you there!

MONTHLY SCHOOL MASS –The next School Mass is scheduled for Sunday, April 15th. Our 4th 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 15th 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.

Ms. Kristin will return as our Preschool Director and Teacher for the upcoming school year, accompanied by Ms. Karen. Both teachers have been in our Preschool program and are doing an outstanding job of preparing our preschoolers for the next level of learning. Mrs. Jacqueline Mora will join our school staff as the Transitional Kindergarten teacher for our flagship year, coming to us with several years of experience working in Early Childhood Education. Ms. Tschombor, as our ECE Coordinator will oversee our TK program and work in collaboration with the Preschool to ensure smooth yearly transitions for all of our students into the Kindergarten program.

Please visit our school website at www.spxraiders.com for more information about our Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten programs.

SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

- SCHOOL RESUMES on Monday, April 9th for all students, Preschool-8th grade
- TUPPERWARE Fundraiser ends Wednesday, April 11th
- **See the April Calendar for special dates and events!**



SELF STUDY AND ACCREDITATION

St. Pius X Parish School was recently visited by a WCEA/WASC Committee Visiting Team which was composed of one Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Catholic Schools, three teachers from the Diocese and a school principal. They spent three days on our school campus, visiting classrooms, meeting with faculty, staff, and students, and with the Advisory Committee. The Visiting Team commended our school on the hard work our teachers and administration are doing to ensure our students are learning and growing in their academic skills. The school was also commended on the hard work done to prepare the Self-Study and on the three Action Plan goals developed by the Administration and Faculty. After the three days, the team provided feedback on ways the school can move forward to ensure meeting the goals. A sincere congratulations goes out to the school faculty and staff for their hard work in preparing for the visit and for a wonderful week of celebrating the school's success!

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee met to discuss the response to seeking out help to work on addressing the concerns of parents that reached out in February. A few tasks at hand were working on organizing parents to clean the hall bathrooms and set up a traffic pattern for morning drop off. Lead by Mr. Gus Diaz (Advisory Committee Member), our 2nd grade parents volunteered their time on Friday, March 23rd to deep clean the bathrooms by the hall! A sincere thank you to all of those parents that volunteered on this day!

We still hope to have parents volunteer their time to help out with morning drop off traffic in our parking lot. Please contact the Advisory Committee at spxac@spxraiders.com if you'd like to help.

The AC will also be working with the Fiesta Committee to sponsor a school booth at the 2018 Fiesta. Committee members will be seeking out parents to work the booth over the weekend, separate from the 5 hours of service required by the school. The goal is to ensure the support of the Fiesta as it is one of the biggest sources of raised funds that comes back to the school from a parish event. Please contact the Advisory Committee if you'd like to support the school booth.

We encourage families to reach out with any ideas, questions, or concerns at any time. Email at 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. Last year the school received 50% of the profit made during the three day weekend, despite solely providing 20% of the work force and 40% of the ticket sales. It is imperative that families complete their required 5 hours, and essential in offering more time to the weekend. It would be amazing to see our school families out there all weekend ensuring the success of an event that contributes a large portion of fundraising that assists our school in functioning.

There will be a fiesta meeting ***April 17, Tuesday at 7 PM (location TBA).***

All chairman and any booth captains are asked to attend. If you are interested in ensuring the success of Fiesta 2018 and would like to support its efforts, please attend this meeting. Currently, booth captains are needed, and all are welcome.

Your 2018 Fiesta committee and Chairman, Tony Reyes, Knights of Columbus can be reached at: 562-225-8628

FUN RUN

Thank you to the Fun Run Committee and all of the parent volunteers that made the Totally 80s Fun Run a success! We hope to have all funds collected by the end of April to share profit information in our next Newsletter.

TUPPERWARE

Catalogues went home last week for the school's final Sales Fundraiser. Please share the catalogue with family and friends over the Easter break and be sure orders and money are turned in by Wednesday, April 11th. Checks should be made out to Monica Lozano and totals should include 9.25% tax. Contact the school office with any questions you might have.

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,
& other school information!***



Holy Week