



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER FAMILY BULLETIN

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FAITH & SERVICE

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – “Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child...in his arms, and he said to them ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’” – *Mark 9:35-37*

HUMILITY – In Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus uses a child to teach the disciples about the virtue of humility. In Jesus’s time, children were considered to be the least significant of people. Jesus says real humility means we don’t fight over who is the greatest, or the first, or the best. If we are truly humble we try to discover our talents and do our best, but we also realize that our gifts are from God. How often do we reflect on our gifts and talents, and realize we are blessed? Do we share our gifts and talents with others, remembering that we are called to be people of service?

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 FAMILY MASS – EVERY THIRD/LAST SUNDAY of the month the school community is invited to attend the 9:30 Parish mass to support the school’s Faith Formation of our students. Many students discuss the Gospel in their classrooms on Mondays and will benefit greatly from being in attendance at Sunday mass. Also, each class sponsors a fundraiser on these days. Come out and support the 8th grade class this month on September 27th. Students who attend mass on this day in their full dress uniform will receive a free dress pass for the following Tuesday. Students should see a school teacher or administrator for their pass.

YEAR LONG SERVICE PROJECT: This year, our student council will be working to raise funds and awareness through monthly free dress day fundraisers to support St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. St. Jude’s mission is to “advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment.” Help our student council and school community support this cause by participating in the monthly fundraisers! Our first will be Culture Day on Wednesday, September 30. Students may wear an outfit that reflects his/her hobbies, cultures, or interests for \$1.

SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

- NO SCHOOL Monday, September 21, 2015 – Teacher In-Service
- STAR TESTING reports will be sent home with students on Monday, September 28th. These test results will be used, along with in class assessment results, to develop class curriculum for the year that will ensure all students' academic growth. If you have any questions regarding your child's scores, please contact the classroom teacher. The second testing window will begin October 26th and go through to November 6th.
- 8th GRADE RETREAT Wednesday, September 23, 2015
- PROGRESS REPORTS will be sent home Friday, October 2, 2015
- PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - 10/6, 10/7, 10/8 (12:30pm Dismissal, Day Care available) Please be sure to return your appointment time request forms by Friday, September 25th. Appointments will be scheduled and a letter sent home to confirm appointment times early the following week. Be sure to confirm (or request a change of) appointment time when you receive the parent letter that week. Conferences will begin at 1:30PM, and will be held until 6:30PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- NO SCHOOL Monday 10/12
- MEET THE MASTERS art program continues on Tuesday, October 13th with a focus on Claude Monet. Be sure to ask your student about his/her experience and to share their art project with you.
- RAIDER SPORTS NEWS
 - FOOTBALL: The Varsity 'A' team begins their regular season games this weekend at St. Paul High School. Their first game is Saturday, September 29th at 4:00 pm. Visit the CYO website for the full schedule, or see the sports board in the courtyard.
 - GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: The Varsity 'A' team begins their regular season next week on Thursday, September 24th at 3:45 against Beatitudes at Beatitudes of Our Lord School
 - Fall Sports FEES are due now. If you have not yet paid your fees, please do so as soon as possible in the school office.
- HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL - Friday 10/30: 9AM-12:00PM
 - Student Costume Contest and Parade
 - Games, music, and lots of candy!
 - Please contact Room Parents to find out how you can volunteer

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS & UPDATES: 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 prior to the upcoming school year (beginning August 19, 2015). Please remember 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.

Parents must also have been fingerprinted through LA Archdiocese sponsored LiveScan. Fingerprinting schedules are located on www.la-archdiocese.org under "Protecting Children" and VIRTUS class schedules are available at www.virtus.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

NETWORK RAFFLE TICKETS:

Money and ticket stubs due to school office no later than Friday, October 16, 2015.

Please remember that each *participating* family is required to sell \$200 of Network Raffle Tickets. Drawing held on 10/25/15.

BIG TIME CATALOG SALE ended yesterday. ALL orders must be in. Late orders will not be accepted after tomorrow, September 18th.

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