

December 18, 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed last night's Christmas program. The children's voices and innocence always has a way of preparing us for the beautiful Christmas holiday. I'm sure you agree that the performance, both acting and singing, was terrific. I am very grateful to Mrs. Yee for this wonderful program and to the teachers and students for all the time they spent getting ready for this evening. Special thanks to Mrs. Provencal and the student musicians, Raul Velez for providing the sound system, Dave Kellems for his technical help, Jim Thompson for the lighting and Sue Mitchell for the decorations. This evening is made possible thanks to the many volunteers who so willingly share their time with us.

Thank you for the support you gave to our two toy drives. Both St. Francis Center and Father Junior's parish in the Philippines will benefit from your kindness. I know there are many requests for help during the holidays, and I appreciate the support you gave to these drives.

Today we conclude our school Advent activities with a mass prepared for us by the third grade. I am grateful to Mrs. Langridge, Mrs. Yee and the third graders for leading us in prayer, to our student musicians, and to our celebrant Father Junior.

Many thanks to Julie Pierce, Jenny Cuneo and the PTG Board members for the wonderful treats they provided for the staff earlier this week. This group is always counted among our blessings.

When we return to school on January 5th, we will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the day the Wise Men followed the star and found Jesus. Simple class parties will be held on that day to celebrate the fact that God still leads those who want to find the Savior.

If your child is getting new school shoes during Christmas vacation, please be sure to refer to the uniform code. The students have been wonderful so far this year following the uniform code, but a few non-uniform shoes are beginning to sneak in. Thanks for your help with this.

Important dates for the first week of January:

Monday, January 4 th	Epiphany Celebration 12:45PM Dismissal
Tuesday, January 5 th	PTG Board Meeting, 7:00PM
Thursday, January 7 th	School Board Meeting, 7:30PM

The faculty and staff join me in wishing you and your family a very holy Christmas. May you be richly blessed during this Christmas season for all that you do for your children and for our school.

Sincerely,



Rita Carroll
Principal

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

We thank you, God, for your gift of Jesus to the whole world.

As the shepherds found Jesus in a manger,

may we find Jesus in the love and joy that we share together.

Help us, O God, to love one another. Help us to do our share to bring happiness, goodness, and peace to the world. AMEN

Christmas Eve Liturgy at 4:15pm: "One Starry Night" - Our children, will present the story of the Nativity accompanied by music and song from the Children and Youth Choirs in preparation for our celebration of the Eucharist beginning at 5:00pm. Plan to arrive early to fully participate in the Christmas Eve Liturgy! Be a part of the Christmas Eve Family Mass - All children and teens K-12th grades are invited to take part in the Liturgy. Email Pam@pius.org with child's name, grade, phone number, email and parent's names by December 20th. Plan to arrive at church on Christmas Eve at 3:30pm. To contact Maria Cornell call 678-3545.

SCRIP NEWS: Scrip will be sold in the Parish Center while the school office is closed. Times are as follows: Dec. 21st - 23rd 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. and Dec. 28th - Dec. 30th 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

SCHOOL TOUR: There will be a school tour for new families on Friday, January 15th. The tour will begin in the foyer of Fitzsimon Center at 8:30AM. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested in learning more about our community and the excellent education we offer.

CRAB FEED: St. Pius Men's Club Crab Feed is January 23, 2009. Get your tickets early. Price is \$35 per person, same as last year. There will be pasta served for those that do not eat crab. Doors open at 6:30. Contact Mark Engelhart @ 365-4029 for tickets.

Library: Did you know? The Library has a "Wish List" on Borders.com. All donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated. Small purchases can be shipped to the Borders store at Hillsdale mall for free. Let us know if you need for us to pick up your order. Go to Borders.com; Click on Wish List; Login Name:St Pius Library; Password: shamrocks. Thanks for your support!!!!

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Dragonfly Designs teaches fun, age appropriate after school enrichment programs while introducing children to the ancient art of jewelry making. Children are encouraged to explore their creativity and are introduced to interesting colors and textures while improving hand eye coordination, small muscle development and pattern making skills all in a relaxed, joyful environment!

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We are excited to be able to share our passion for jewelry making with the Saint Pius School community this Winter 2010.

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 8th

Please direct questions to: Stacey Gillelen 650-303-1900

email: stacey@jewelrybydfly.com

Kindergarten through 3rd Grade: Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm

6 Classes (Jan. 13,20,27 Feb.3,10,17) **Cost: \$102.00**



2nd grade & up: Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm

6 Classes (Jan. 12,19,26 Feb. 2,9,16) **Cost: \$102.00**

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name, Email & Phone #:

Session: (please circle one) Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm

Attach a check with flyer and drop off in the front office



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10 Class Session w/ daily snack & Final Performance 2/18: \$180.00

Final Presentation February 18th 4:00pm

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Please send admission form and check payable to:

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Student Information:

School		
Student Name		
Grade		
Age & Birthday		

Pick-Up Time: 5:00pm

Please inform me of *any specifics* regarding your child's health, nutritional needs, allergies, food allergies, or medications. The more information I have will be very helpful to address any needs that may arise.

Food Allergies: Y/ N Specify: _____
Medications: Y/ N Specify: _____
Nutritional Needs: Y/ N Specify: _____
Behavioral/Physical limitations: _____

Contact Information:

Mother		Phone #	h:	c:
Father		Phone #	h:	c:
Guardian		Phone #	h:	c:
Primary Contact Email Address				

Emergency Contact:

PAYMENT:

Deadline January 15th

\$180.00 Includes daily snack & juice

Please mail this form with payment to:

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NAME	RELATIONSHIP	Phone # H & Cell

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