

February 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

It was a relatively quiet week here at school, and it brings us to the halfway mark of the third quarter. Progress Reports are being sent home today with students in grades 1-3. Please review the report with your child noting the many areas of growth and areas that may need a bit more focus. Be sure to sign the report and return it to your child's teacher. Students in grades 4-8 are not bringing progress reports home since parents and children in those grades have access to their grades on PowerSchool. You should feel free to make an appointment with a teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Earlier this week, the students enjoyed an encore presentation of the second grade talent show which was presented last week for family and friends. The second graders are quite a talented group and we were all able to enjoy their show!

Congratulations to Avery Takaha who received a certificate last weekend at the Notre Dame Math contest for earning the highest score for St. Pius School. We are proud of all the students who participated in this math contest this past weekend: Alison Lazaruk, Clare McCarthy, Sofia Surraco, Avery Takaha, Natalie Katwan, Kimberly Ho, and Alexa Brand.

Miss Leitch and our sixth graders leave for Caritas Creek on Monday to experience a week in the great outdoors. Please keep them in your prayers this coming week that they have a safe trip. Many thanks to all of you for supporting their fundraisers which helped with the cost of this trip.

Next Friday, March 5, we will attend Stations of the Cross prepared for us by grades 4 and 5. All are welcome to join us for this traditional Lenten prayer at 9:00AM.

Important dates for this coming week are:

Sunday, February 28	6 th Grade Pancake Breakfast
Monday, March 1	6 th Grade Leaves for Outdoor Ed 12:45PM Dismissal PTG Board Meeting, 7PM
Tuesday, March 2	Soup Night, 6PM Lenten Speaker Series, 7PM
Thursday, March 4	School Board Meeting, 7:30PM
Friday, March 5	Walk-A-Thon Prizes Stations of the Cross, 9AM
Saturday, March 6	6 th Grade Returns From Outdoor Ed Academic Decathlon St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

The PTG Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 has been moved to Monday, March 1. This is to avoid a conflict with the Parish Soup Night and Lenten Speaker Series.

As we complete the first full week of Lent, perhaps these questions will help you think of things you could do as a family: What can we do together this Lent? Who can we reach out to? What can we do for our parish or for our city or for people who need our help? When would be a good time for us to pray together every day/week this Lent?

As you decide on something to do as a family, keep in mind that the season of Lent is about turning our hearts to God; this is called "conversion". Perhaps what you decide to do as a family during Lent becomes something you can do as a family all year long.

Blessings on your weekend.

Sincerely,



Rita Carroll

Principal

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Jesus, beloved and chosen of God, speak to my heart today that I might know what you are asking of me. How might I fast and pray and share from my abundance? How might I be a better person at home, work, and in all my dealings with others. Let me know, please. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: St. Pius Parish hosts a Lenten Speakers Series "**How One Hour a Week Can Transform Your Life**" March 2nd & March 9th. Morning Session: following 8am Mass in Homer Crouse or evening session: at 7:00 pm in the church (following the soup supper in Homer Crouse @ 6:00 pm). The Parish Mission 2010 "**Moving From Anger to Forgiveness**" is April 17 & 18th - special homilies at all Masses April 19th & 20th -Morning Session: following 8am Mass in Homer Crouse or evening session: at 7pm in the church.

HELP NEEDED: Again this year we are hosting the Academic Decathlon on Saturday, March 6th. That evening is also the parish St. Patrick's Dinner. The Decathlon will be finished by 2:00PM and we need volunteers ready to help quickly clean Fitzsimon Center and set up tables and chairs for the dinner. We hope to have many helpers so the job can be done quickly. These are great ways to earn service hours especially if you work during the week and can't help during school hours. Please leave your name in the school office (368-8327) or email (administration@stpiusschool.org) if you are able to help.

ST PIUS SUMMER SCHOOL: The dates for summer school this year are June 14th through July 8th. This includes 4 (1 week) sessions (M-Th).

Enrollment Options are: Entering K/1st through 5th/Junior High

Early Care: 8-9AM
Academic: 9AM-12PM
Sports: 12PM-3PM
Day Care: 3PM-5PM

Registration has started and brochures are now available.

WALK-A-THON REMINDER: Monies for the walk-a thon are due March 1st in order to qualify for the drawing on March 5th. Please turn in your money to the school office - thank you!

Need Service Hours? Volunteer at the St. Pius Women's Club Fashion Show on Saturday, March 20th @ 10:45 AM. Help is needed clearing plates for the caterers and for clean-up after the show. Please contact Julie Luttringer at 369-9461 or jluttringer@mac.com, or Tammy Nurisso at 364-8407 or tammy@broadwaymechanical.com if you are interested.

CAREER DAY 2010: Join us on Monday April 26, 2010 for our 4th annual Career Day for 5th thru 8th grade. Parents of St Pius School, it's never too early for our children to know what wonderful possibilities are out in our world and what steps are needed to fulfill their dreams. We are looking for speakers. Some past career speakers have been a surgeon, professor of geography, flight crew member, technical director at Pixar, attorney, and director of production for i-tunes. Please contact: Kika Kilmartin 367-6698 or kmck092488@comcast.net

TRACK 2010: We are in the process of bringing Track back to St Pius. Sign ups are now, and the season is from March to May. Meet dates are set as Sundays March 21 and 28, April 11, 18 and 25. All 5th thru 8th graders are welcome as we will be 1 co-ed team from St Pius Parish. Please go to the St Pius School web site and download an application and turn it in today: [http://www.stpiusschool.org/downloads/Athletics/Sport%20Commitment%20Form%20\(2009\).pdf](http://www.stpiusschool.org/downloads/Athletics/Sport%20Commitment%20Form%20(2009).pdf)

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: March 4th and 5th the first grade Daisy's and third grade Brownies will be selling Girl Scout cookies on campus. Cost is \$4.00 per box. Proceeds from on campus sales will go toward new books in the library.

PTG PIZZA LUNCH: *Still need volunteers to help serve pizza and bake treats!* Without your help, the line moves slower. All Tuesdays open except April 6th (Easter Break) from 11:45 am until 1:30 pm. Our first pizza lunch is Tuesday, March 2nd and the last is Tuesday, June 1st. Please complete the interest sheet below and return it to the school office. Feel free to call Cristina at 474-0339; cristina.i.lawrence@me.com or Eileen at 364-8189; esreedy@aol.com with any questions or to volunteer. **Thanks for your support!**



PTG PIZZA LUNCH

_____ *I can pick up pizza at Little Caesar's at 11:30 am _____ timer per month.*

_____ *I can bake treats for pizza lunch _____ timer per month.*

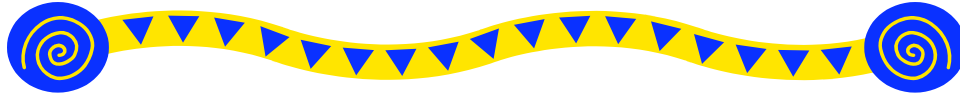
_____ *I can help set up and serve pizza lunch _____ timer per month.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please return form to school office by Feb. 19th attn: Cristina/Eileen, Pizza Lunch



Parents - Here is Your Chance to
Have a Night to Yourselves!

What? 6th Graders are "Kid-Sitting" at St. Pius

Who? All K-4th Graders

When? Saturday, February 27th

Time? 6:30-9:30 pm

Where? Homer Crause

Cost? \$25 per child

Guaranteed to be a fun evening for your child(ren). Dancing, games, popcorn, and a movie ("Up"), not to mention hanging out with the 6th graders ☺.

Yes, please sign up my child(ren) up for this fun evening!

Names of Child(ren) & Grade(s) : _____

Name of Parents: _____

Parent Contact evening of Sat. 2/27: _____

Please sign up on or before 2/24

Return this Form to the Office with Check or Cash

Fundraiser for 6th Grade - Outdoor Education - Thanks for your Support!

Join Us for a Delicious Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, Feb. 28

After the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses

Homer Crouse Hall

Pancakes, Sausages, OJ, and Coffee



**All funds raised go toward the 6th Grade Outdoor
Education Trip**



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Dance**

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Fitzsimon Center

St. Pius Church

1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City

6:00 pm

\$35 per person

Dinner, Dancing, Irish Dancers, Bagpiper

You may purchase tickets at the Parish Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30pm, or send by mail to the above address.



ST. PIUS SCHOOL LUNCH MENU -- BEGINS MARCH 1, 2010

	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 MAR 1 – MAR 5 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	MINIMUM DAY 12:45 DISMISSAL FACULTY MEETING	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 PULLED PORK SANDWICH \$3.00 BEAN BURRITO \$2.50 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50	GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH \$2.50 TUNA NOODLE CASSEROLE \$2.75 CREAMY PESTO PASTA \$2.75 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25
WEEK 2 MAR 8 – MAR 12 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	(6) CHICKEN NUGGETS \$2.75 TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 CHICKEN RICE BURRITO \$2.75 <i>CHEESE QUESADILLA</i> \$1.50	(2) TERIYAKI CHICKEN SKEWERS \$3.00 LASAGNA \$2.75 SLOPPY JOE \$2.75 <i>STIR FRIED RICE</i> \$1.50	FACULTY RETREAT STUDENT HOLIDAY
WEEK 3 MAR 15 – MAR 19 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	NO SCHOOL LOCAL HOLIDAY	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 FRENCH TOAST - \$2.50 w/ (2) SAUSAGE LINKS - \$3.00 BEAN BURRITO \$2.50 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50	GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH \$2.50 SPAGHETTI MARINARA \$2.50 CHEESE ENCHILADA BAKE \$2.50 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25
WEEK 4 MAR 22 – MAR 26 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	MINIMUM DAY 12:45 DISMISSAL CURRICULUM IN-SERVICE	MACARONI & CHEESE \$2.50 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH \$2.50 STEAK SANDWICH \$3.00 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 BEAN BURRITO \$2.50 LASAGNA \$2.75 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25

OFFERED DAILY: SANDWICHES, BAKED POTATOES, SOUP, VEGETABLES, OR RICE.

DRINKS: BOTTLED WATER \$1.00 ORANGE OR APPLE JUICE \$1.00 LOW FAT MILK, CHOCOLATE MILK \$1.00

SIDE ITEMS:					
BAGEL	\$1.00	CREAM CHEESE	\$0.50	SALAD, CAESAR	\$1.50
BAKED POTATO	\$1.25	FRUIT (CUT)	\$1.00	SALAD, GREEN	\$1.50
ASSORTED BAR TREATS	\$0.90	FRUIT (WHOLE)	\$1.00	SALSA, SOUR CREAM	\$0.75
CARROT/CELERY STICKS	\$0.75	GUACAMOLE	\$0.80	SALTINES	\$0.25
ASSORTED COFFEE CAKES	\$1.00	HARD BOILED EGG	\$0.90	SOUP (MON-THURS)	\$1.35
ASSORTED COOKIES	\$0.90	JELLO	\$0.90	CLAM CHOWDER (FRI)	\$1.65
		RICE	\$1.25	VEGETABLES	\$0.90
		RICE KRISPIE TREATS	\$1.00	YOGURT	\$1.25

SANDWICHES: TURKEY, HAM, CHEESE OR PBJ -- \$2.75
CONDIMENTS INCLUDED: LETTUCE, TOMATO, MAYO, MUSTARD, AND KETCHUP