

January 29, 2010

Dear Parents,

We held our school spelling bee last Monday. Congratulations to Alexis Ang, grade 6, who won and will now represent St. Pius School at the San Francisco Examiner Spelling Bee next month.

St. Pius School was well represented at the Mercy High School Burlingame Science Fair by Megan Healy, Noelle Freschet, Julie Allan, Margarita Ibarra, Mary Descalso and Avery Takaha. Congratulations to Megan Healy who won first place for eighth grade and Mary Descalso who earned a special Advancement Award in the field of Education. I am proud of all the girls who participated.

Second quarter report cards are being sent home today with all students (grades K-8). After reviewing the report with your child, please sign the card and return it to school. Be sure to make an appointment with a teacher if you have any questions or concerns. (Please remember that Open House is not an appropriate time to discuss individual students.)

With the school year half over, this might be a good time to check your child's school and art supplies. Please replenish supplies as necessary.

Sunday begins our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. This is the week when all Catholic schools join together to let the entire American public know what a great gift Catholic schools are to the nation. I hope you and your family will be able to join us for 9:30AM Mass as we offer thanks to God for our school community and pray for His continued blessings on all who are part of our community.

The theme of this year's celebration is Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life. I hope you agree that the "dividends" your children receive with a St. Pius School education will be with them throughout their lives.

On Sunday, January 31, students, wearing uniforms, should gather with their class in Fitzsimon Center at 9:15AM to process into Church for the 9:30AM Mass. Mass will be followed by Open House, the Science Fair and Book Fair until 12:00 noon. Be sure to visit the East Wing and see the 100th Day of School display and the decorated hearts and hands representing service to others.

Parent and student led tours will be available for prospective new families. These will begin in front of the school office. Please encourage any interested families that you may know to join a tour group.

The teachers have planned various activities for this week which ends on Thursday, February 4, with our Walk-A-Thon. On this day, we will be recognizing those who serve our country. Students will have red, white and blue free dress. We will begin the day with a flag ceremony and prayers for the nation.

The 18th Annual Walk-A-thon will begin on Thursday at 1:45PM. Hopefully, all students are gathering sponsors for this student fundraiser.

This coming Friday, February 5, is a teacher in-service day and student holiday. The teachers will be joining many of the other Catholic school teachers in the Archdiocese for a staff development day on the topic of Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century. This promises to be a valuable in-service with excellent speakers.

Soon it will be time for re-registration for the next school year. If any family believes they will need financial aid, we ask that they first apply for assistance from the Archdiocese. This involves submitting a Private School Aid form which is available online at: sfcatholicsschools.org; on the right side of the page under "Tuition Assistance" "archdiocesan grants".

Important dates for this coming week are:

Sunday, January 31 st	9:30AM Mass Open House, Science Fair, Book Fair
Monday, February 1 st	12:45PM Dismissal
Tuesday, February 2 nd	PTG Board Meeting, 7:00PM
Wednesday, February 3 rd	Feast of St. Blaise School Tour, 8:30AM 100 th Day of School Teacher Appreciation Day
Thursday, February 4 th	Red, White & Blue Free Dress Walk-A-Thon, 1:45PM School Board Meeting, 7:30PM
Friday, February 5 th	Teacher Professional Development Day Student Holiday

I hope to see you Sunday at the 9:30AM Mass and at Open House. Blessings on your weekend.

Sincerely,


Rita Carroll
Principal

OPEN HOUSE: Please invite anyone you know who may be interested in learning more about our community and the excellent education we offer to our Open House on Sunday, January 31st.

ST. PIUS SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: We are beginning the Kindergarten application process. Families with preschoolers may turn in applications now for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications are available in the office and on-line at www.stpiusschool.org. Applications should be returned by Thursday, February 4, 2010. There is a \$35.00 per student non-refundable application/testing fee. Bring copies of your child's birth and baptismal certificates, and social security number. For students entering grades 1-8, please bring copies of recent report cards.

BOOK FAIR: St. Pius' Annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Visit the Book Fair on Sunday, January 31st during Open House or after school on February 1. An amazing selection of books will be available for all ages. Shop for your family, or purchase a book to be donated to your child's classroom. All proceeds benefit the St. Pius library.

NEED SERVICE HOURS? Volunteer at the Annual Book Fair! Help is needed in setting up and tearing down the Book Fair, as well as working the Book Fair on Sunday, January 31st at our Open House and after school on February 1. Please contact Vicki Takaha at 261-0465 or at vtakaha@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in helping.

WALK-A-THON NEWS: The 18th annual school Walk-A-Thon is next Thursday, February 4th at 1:45PM. Please make sure your child turns in his/her sponsor form on or before that day in order to qualify for the drawing to be held after the event. In an effort to cut down on paperwork and postage, we encourage you to collect money up front. Bills will be sent out shortly after the Walk-A-Thon. All money is due before **March 1st** in order to qualify for the grand prize drawings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: St. Pius Parish hosts a Lenten Speakers Series "**How One Hour a Week Can Transform Your Life**" Tuesdays, February 23rd, March 2nd & March 9th in Lent 2010. 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.

MISSING SWEATSHIRTS: Many children are missing sweatshirts. Please check with your children to make sure that they have the correct ones. All sweatshirts should be properly labeled. Thank you.

RECYCLE OLD ELECTRONICS: Do you have old electronics you need to get rid of? Come to Messiah Lutheran Church and bring your old electronics to be recycled instead of polluting our ecosystem by dropping them into landfills. The event is on Saturday, February 6th, from 9 am to 3 pm in the Messiah Lutheran parking lot (1835 Valota Rd., right next to St. Pius School). They will be accepting any of these types of electronic items: Computers, Monitors, TV's, Laptops, LCD TV's, Plasma Screens, Cell Phones, Printers, Copiers, Servers, Scanners, Keyboards, Mouse, Circuit Boards, Power Adapters, PDS, Telephones, Remote Controls, Camcorders, VCR, Cables, Wire, DVD Players, Cameras, Hard Drives, Optical Drives, UPS Power Supply Units, Tape and Zip Drives, Fax Machines, Radios, Stereos, Hubs and Routers, AC/DC Chargers, Video Game Consoles, Electric Motors, Sewing Machines and much more!

CIAO! Save the date for the 2010 St. Pius Festival June 4-6th. This year's theme is Italian! Your chairs are Russ Vavuris and Kim Velez. Plans are underway for another exciting festival. If you are interested in helping please contact us at Kimavelez2@yahoo.com or 650-368-6481 Rusvavuris@aol.com or 650-368-6545. Grazie!



Purchase a gorgeous Valentine's Day arrangement & support the St. Pius 6th graders

Orders must be submitted to the St. Pius office or emailed to Ellie at eleildaa@yahoo.com by Tuesday February 9th

Arrangement will be available for pick up on Friday February 12th, 3pm at St. Pius School
Delivery available upon request

Name: _____

 Fresh long-stem red roses, artistically arranged in a glass vase **\$60**

 Pink oriental lilies, red roses and pink snapdragons, accented with variegated pittosporum arranged in a glass vase **\$60**

 Mix of white Oriental lilies, large-headed hot-pink roses, and pink snapdragons styled in a glass vase **\$60**

 Hand-designed red roses, mini carnations, daisy poms, waxflower and salal **\$50**

 Classic arrangement of roses, mini carnations, daisy poms, monte casino and salal **\$45**

 Fresh large stem pink, white and red Asiatic lilies **\$45**

Pick up or Delivery (Please circle one)

Delivery Address: _____

Delivery available between Belmont and Palo Alto for an additional \$5
Method of Payment: Cash or Check (checks payable to St. Pius School)



Floral arrangements provided by Renee Salas

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

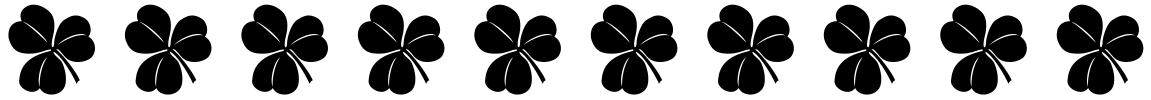
	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 FEB 1 – FEB 5 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	MINIMUM DAY 12:45 DISMISSAL FACULTY MEETING	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 PULLED PORK SANDWICH \$3.00 BEAN BURRITO \$2.50 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY STUDENT HOLIDAY
WEEK 2 FEB 8 – FEB 12 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	(6) 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 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH \$2.50 <i>STIR FRIED RICE</i> \$1.50	SLOPPY JOE \$ 2.75 RAVIOLI \$2.60 BAKED ¼ CHICKEN \$2.75 <i>MASHED POTATOES</i> \$1.65
WEEK 3 FEB 15 – FEB 19 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 FRENCH TOAST - \$2.50 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 FEB 22 – FEB 26 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	QUESADILLA w/ GROUND BEEF (1) \$1.75 / (2) \$3.00 (3) CHICKEN TENDERS \$3.00 PENNE MARINARA \$2.50 <i>CHEESE QUESADILLA</i> \$1.50	MACARONI & CHEESE \$2.50 LASAGNA \$2.75 STEAK SANDWICH \$3.00 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 BEAN BURRITO \$2.50 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH \$2.50 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50

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



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

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Fitzsimon Center

St. Pius Church

1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City

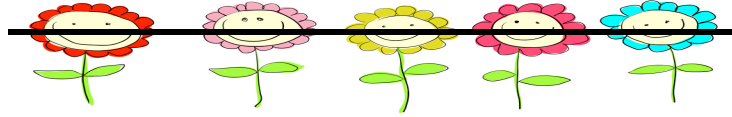
6:00 pm

\$35 per person

Dinner, Dancing, Irish Dancers, Bagpiper

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





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 (G-rated), 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!
