

November 25, 2009

Dear Parents,

As a school, we attended a Thanksgiving Prayer Service today which allowed us to offer prayerful thanks for our many blessings which were beautifully captured in a powerpoint presentation. Many thanks to Mrs. Grund, Mrs. Yee and the fifth graders for preparing this paraliturgy for us.

Thank you to Carolyn Reich and the PTG Board Members for organizing the Family Giving Night. This is a great way to teach the children, by role modeling, how to care for others. I appreciate your generosity, as I know how many requests there are to help the numerous people who are struggling.

This coming Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. The season of Advent presents many opportunities for us to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. Throughout Advent, we will be having individual class and schoolwide prayer and Advent activities to help the students understand the deeper meaning of Christmas. Our school theme is "For Peace Sake", and each class will select a symbol to represent peace and display their symbol in the East Wing hallway. This coming Wednesday, December 2, there will be a parish Advent Night of Reflection at 7:00PM. This is for entire families, adults, teens and children. Each student who attends will be allowed to skip one homework assignment for that night.

Please save the evening of December 17 for our Christmas program. All students, Grades K-8, will be participating. This will be at 7:00PM in Fitzsimon Center.

Our eighth graders will be leaving for Yosemite on Monday. Please keep them and their teachers in your prayers as they spend this week in the great outdoors learning more about nature, themselves and each other. Thank you for supporting their Yosemite fundraisers.

Important dates this coming week are:

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

First Sunday of Advent

Eighth Grade Leaves for Yosemite

PTG Board Christmas Party, 6:30PM

Advent Night of Reflection, 7:00PM

School Board Meeting, 7:30PM

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

Progress Reports (Grades 1-3)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Returns from Yosemite, 6-6:30PM

As I anticipate Thanksgiving and recall my many blessings, I am conscious of the faces of the students, the kindness of their parents and the tremendous dedication of the staff. I realize how richly I have been blessed.

May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,



Rita Carroll

Principal

### PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Father, your goodness to us is without end and your gifts of love are countless.

On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness.

Open our hearts to concern for all people

So that we may share your gifts in loving service.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Thank you, thank you, thank you:** Many thanks to the parents who helped with the parking lot (Marty Bedel, Davi Howard, Marco Rivera and Gil Salom) and covered classes (Kathy Perazzo and Amy Reynolds) so teachers could attend the funeral of Monsignor Armstrong. We really appreciate your positive response to our request for help.

**Uniform Shorts:** This Wednesday, November 25, is the last day to wear uniform shorts. Uniform pants must be purchased at Dennis Uniform Company.

**Advent Night of Reflection: Mark your calendars...**before your holiday schedule gets full!!! On **Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **7:00 to 8:30PM** we will have a special night of music, speakers, and fellowship to help prepare us for the advent season. This **Advent Night of Reflection** will give our entire parish, adults, children, and teens an opportunity to prepare spiritually for the joy of Christmas. More details to come soon. Plan to attend as a family and each student will be allowed to skip one homework assignment for that night.

**Women's Club Upcoming Events:** Don't Miss these St. Pius Women's Club Upcoming Events! Sunday, December 6, 10 am - 6:00 pm is the Annual Holiday Gift Boutique. Shop early for the holidays and join us for a fun-filled event! No charge to attend - includes delicious food, entertainment and gifts for your entire shopping list. Wednesday, December 9 - Celebrate the Season! The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held in Fitzsimon Hall and will feature a delicious sit-down dinner prepared by Arguello Catering. Contact Norene Rusteen to RSVP - [nfrusteen@comcast.net](mailto:nfrusteen@comcast.net) or call the Women's Club Hotline at 650-364-5204.

**St. Pius School Cookbooks for Sale!!!!** Thank you to all those families who contributed recipes to the St. Pius School cookbook. There are close to 200 amazing recipes. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are selling the cookbooks and you can also purchase them in the school office. The price is \$10 and they make perfect Christmas presents, birthday presents and hostess gifts. Thank you for supporting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Yosemite trip and make sure to get your copy of the cookbook soon before they sell out!

**St. Pius Young People's Theater Try-outs:** Please mark your Calendar for Play try-outs. Grades 3-7 will be on December 8th at 7:00-8:00PM in Homer Crouse. Grades 3-7 **do not have to try out or sing a song, and do not have to do a quick 1-2 minute monologue.** **Only 8-12 grades do.** Auditions for grades 8-12 will be on December 10th 7:00-8:30PM in the Gym. Please come prepared to sing a song, and do a quick 1-2 minute monologue. **If you do not want to try out, you do not have to sing a song, and do a monologue.** But you still need to come, so I know you want to be in the play. All grades need to come to practice on, December 11th, from 7:00-8:00PM, in Homer Crouse. You will receive your parts then. We will begin practice on January 5th at 7:00-8:30PM. If you have any questions please contact the Director, Meaghan Brennan, at [x5brennans@yahoo.com](mailto:x5brennans@yahoo.com), or 650-299-9310.

**Auction Items Still Available!** Attached is a list of items still available from the auction. We would like to give people an opportunity to purchase these items in the next two weeks. Please complete the Absentee Bid Form attached. Thank you! Christine Healy

**PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE:** We had an incredibly successful auction!

Thank you to all who contributed to the playground structure. Our goal was to raise \$30,148 to purchase the structure in December and break ground in February 2010. This figure includes the cost of the structure, shipping, tax, and installation. We raised \$16,780 exclusively for the playground at the auction. The structure selected is appropriate for ages 7-12 years. It will be placed by the basketball courts in the back of the school by Sierra Court and available for second grade and up. We will not have to eliminate any basketball courts.

We have two weeks to raise \$13,368 and make this playground dream a reality. Any level of contribution would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the attached form and turn it into the office by November 25. Donation levels are outlined on the form. This is a tax write off and the school's tax ID number is included on the form as well. Please forward this email and donation form to friends and family. I am sure grandmas and grandpas would love to contribute! Thank you for your support!

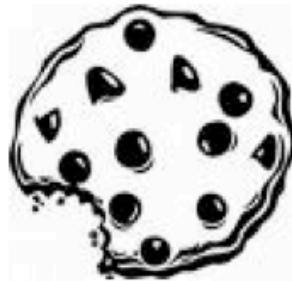
Christine Healy  
Auction Chairperson

**House Tour:** The Women's Club of Saint Francis High School in Mountain View will be hosting its 21st annual "Christmas At Our House" home tour on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, 2009, together with a Twilight Tour and Preview Party on the evening of Thursday, December 3. This year, our theme is "Spot Light on Green". We will be showcasing three lovely Los Altos Hills homes, beautifully dressed for the Christmas season. This event is our School's major fundraiser and one of the premier holiday events in the Valley. Proceeds this year will benefit the Campaign for St. Francis High School which includes construction of a new library/student center and gymnasium.

# Bake Sale

**Wednesday, December 9**

**All items 50 cents**



**At recess**

All proceeds benefit Father Junior's Christmas collection in the Philippines

## Silent Auction Super Sale!

Place your bids now! Fill out the absentee bidder form and give us your maximum bid on the items you want. No bid is too low! The item will be awarded to the highest bidder! You can get some great deals...good luck!

### Corrections and Clarification:

The Cookie Baking Party has been cancelled.

The Father/ Daughter Dance is on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm

### 203. VW or Audi Tune Up at Fred's Garage

Major tune up including lube, oil at Fred's garage in Redwood City. Excludes Audi R8. Expires 12/31/10

Value: \$250 Donor: Fred's Garage

### 204. Warren Street Wellness and Injury Center

Package includes chiropractic consultation, exam, x-rays (if needed), report of findings, and first 4 weeks of treatment.

Value: \$1972 Donor: Dr. Timothy Lease

### 216. Pudding Anyone?

Everyone loves pudding! What better way to curb your cravings than with a case of organic pudding from Potter Family Organics. Receive 48 yummy 1 serving size puddings and a 12 organic smoothies. Great for an upcoming birthday party!

Value: \$80 Donor: Potter Family Organics, Hague Family

### 229. Powerhouse Gym 3 Month Membership with One Personal Training Session

Value: \$120 Donor: Powerhouse Gym

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Value: \$120 Donor: Powerhouse Gym

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Value: \$120 Donor: Powerhouse Gym

### 305. One Month Karate Classes at All Star Karate Center: Good for ages 5 to adult.

Value: \$250 Donor: All Star Karate Center

### 306. Jazzercise: One month of classes at Red Morton Community Center.

Value: \$98 Donor: Carla Hickman

### 323. One Hour Personal Training Session Rise Above Fitness

Value: \$75 Donor: Douglas Fioranelli



## Playground Structure Donation Form

### Contribution Levels

Penthouse	\$ 5000 or above
Suite	\$ 2000—\$4999
Mezzanine	\$ 1000—\$1999
Terrace	\$ 500—\$999
Ground Floor	\$ 1—\$499

Penthouse Donors will receive individual recognition on their own placards by the playground structure.

Suite, Mezzanine, and Terrace donors will be listed on a contributor sign by the playground structure. The higher the level of contribution, the more prominent the donors name will be displayed.

St. Pius Tax I.D. #94-1156707

Deadline: November 25, 2009

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to St. Pius School. Drop off form and check in the school office or mail to:

St. Pius School

1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061

# St. Pius Santa's Secret Shop 2009

## Volunteer and earn service hours

Mark your calendars! The St. Pius Santa's Secret Shop will be held in Fitzsimons Center on  
**Thursday, December 10th, 2009**

This event has lots of volunteering opportunities. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the office by Monday, November 23, 2009. If you prefer, you may email the information directly to Jasmine or Mary.

On the day of the event, volunteers are needed for set up, cashiers, gift wrappers, volunteers to guide the students, volunteers for clean up and inventory.

Bakers are needed for homemade Christmas treats (cookies, brownies, and cupcakes) delivered to the office on the morning of the event.

Once again we greatly appreciate your help at Santa's Secret Shop.

Thank you for volunteering!

Jasmine Archbold: [harchbold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harchbold@sbcglobal.net) or 650-216-9224.

Mary Bujtor: [Kahn.mary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kahn.mary@sbcglobal.net)

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## Santa's Secret Shop

I can help doing

Inventory Before event December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 4:00-6:00

Inventory Before event December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 4:00-6:00

Inventory After event (December, 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30 to 5:00)

Inventory After event - may be canceled if all inventory is completed on  
December 10<sup>th</sup>. (December, 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00 to 4:30)

I can help on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (Lunch Break 12:30-1:00)

AM shift (10:30-12:30)       PM shift (1:00-3:30)

AM set up (8:00-10:30)       All Day (10:30-3:00)

I can provide \_\_\_\_\_ (How many?) of

Christmas treats \_\_\_\_\_ (what Kind?)

My name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

My telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail address (print): \_\_\_\_\_