

October 30, 2009

Dear Parents,

Today ends the first quarter of this school year and concludes a busy week at school. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week, the National Drug Awareness Week. The 5th grade attended an NFL Alumni drug clinic and the students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade had a visit from the Redwood City Fire Department to review fire safety. We collected canned goods and socks for those in need, and the students learned good decision making skills through the DECIDE Program.

On Monday, the students in grades 4-8 attended the Opera a la Carte presentation of "Daughters of the Regiment" starring three members of the San Francisco Opera. We were all very impressed with our St. Pius actors and actresses Rachel Blanton, Brian McFadyen, Andrea Vlahos, Katherine Luttrell, Kendall Reich, Natalie Katwan, Julie Allan, Tyler Thompson, J.J. Palafox and our sixth grade chorus. I am grateful to Mrs. Boniface, Mrs. Armando and Mrs. Yee for working with the students prior to the opera.

We conclude our week today with Halloween celebrations and Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart. This is an event that the students always enjoy, and at the same time, they help others. Many thanks to the parents who shared their time helping with this event. If you were present, you saw how much fun the students had while raising money for a worthwhile cause, the American Heart Association. Many thanks to our faculty committee, Mrs. Armando, Mrs. Boniface, Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Langridge, for organizing this event.

Earlier in the week the faculty enjoyed delicious bagels, fruit, juice and special coffee thanks to Amy Reynolds, Gina Carle and the PTG Board. Your kindness is always appreciated.

Next Saturday, November 7th, is the PTG sponsored school auction. I hope you will support this event by your attendance, raffle tickets, bidding, and/or working the event. The proceeds benefit all the children so we should all participate in whatever way we can to make this a success.

In your brown envelope is a form with your Parent/Teacher Conference date and time. If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, please call the school office.

Next week we will collect any extra Halloween candy you may have to donate to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. They will give the extra candy to those they help in our own community.

During this month of November, we remember those who have gone before us in faith. We invite you to send pictures or momentos of your beloved dead for our prayer table of remembrance so that we might join the prayers of our school community to yours in thanking God both for the blessing of their lives and for God's eternal care for them.

Important dates this coming week are:

Sunday, November 1	All Saints Day End of Daylight Savings Time
Monday, November 2	Day of the Dead Prayer 8:05AM 12:45 Dismissal
Tuesday, November 3	PTG Board Meeting 7:00PM
Thursday, November 5	School Board Meeting 7:30PM
Friday, November 6	Report Cards
Saturday, November 7	PTG Auction - Nifty Fifties

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!

Have a happy and safe Halloween.

Sincerely,



Rita Carroll
Principal

IT MAKES SENSE TO SHOP WITH SCRIP

ALL SOULS DAY: Monday, November 2, is All Souls Day and the students will celebrate "Day of the Dead". All families are invited to join the students for prayer that morning. We will gather outside by the lawn. If you would like to remember a loved one at our shrine, please bring a picture or other memento that was significant to the person. We will keep the shrine in the office through the month of November and remember these family members and friends in our daily prayer.

PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES: If you have any changes to your phone number or address it is very important that you send new information to the school office. In case of an emergency, we always need current information to reach a parent.

LUCKY'S SHARES PROGRAM: We are excited to be bringing the Lucky's SHARES program to St. Pius School. S.H.A.R.E.S. stands for: Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education & Sports. The SHARES program is an easy and efficient way to fundraise. We have 250 SHARES cards to be distributed to St. Pius families. Your card was sent home in the brown envelope today. Simply swipe your SHARES card when purchasing groceries at any Lucky store (Smart Mart, Smart Foods, and Food Max purchases apply as well). Each time the card is used, 3% of the qualified purchase earns a SHARES point. Each point equals one dollar earned for St. Pius School and we will receive a check each quarter reflecting the amount earned. If you have any questions regarding the program or did not receive a card, please contact Cynthia Mattis at 368-8819.

OPEN HOUSE at SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL, MOUNTAIN VIEW

We would like to invite all parents and students to attend our annual Open House on Sunday, November 1st from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tours leave from Raskob Gym every 15 minutes, and last about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Registration is not required and you are welcome to join us when it is most convenient. Saint Francis High School is located at 1885 Miramonte Avenue, Mountain View, CA.

MUSIC WITH MEANING: A CELEBRATION IN SONG Please join us for an afternoon of music and celebration on Saturday, November 14th, 2009 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church (1835 Valota Rd. Redwood City). The praise bands of various peninsula churches will be performing along with the Brunos Band. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Youth 10 years and under are free. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit Lutheran World Relief and the Make-a-Wish foundation. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Michelle O'Berg at (650) 361-8751 or chelloberg@hotmail.com

POINSETTIAS are available again this year. Direct from the grower that morning into your hands - they "holiday up" your home and make great gifts. Please turn your order into your child's classroom by Monday, November 23rd for delivery the week after Thanksgiving. 6" plants in red or white for \$10 and 8" plants in red only for \$20. Questions, please contact Kristin Bright at 364-1768 or e-mail krvbright1@yahoo.com. Order forms available in this newsletter and in the school office.

NOTHING BUT NET! Get ready to put on your Air Jordans and join us for an exciting season of **Basketball**. Sport Commitment Forms can be found at the back of the newsletter and on the St. Pius School website under *Athletics*. **Registration deadline is Friday, November 6th at 3:30pm.** Return your form and activity fee to the school office. Evaluations for Grades 5-8 will be held Nov. 10th & 11th. Details to follow.

Basketball Coaches Needed. All those interested in coaching this season, please complete the Coaching Commitment form and return it to the school office by **Friday, November 6th at 3:30pm.** Coaching Commitment Forms can be found at the back of the newsletter and on the St. Pius School website under *Athletics*.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! The St. Pius Women's Club is very happy to announce that popular speaker Sam Kaufman will be speaking at our Special Dinner Event on November 4th. She got rave reviews last year and we are thrilled to have her back!

Spend an enjoyable, inspirational evening with Sam Kaufman as she presents "The Outcast." Through music, drama and prayer, Sam will provide us with the opportunity to take a break from our busy schedule and examine the hope that births faith in our lives. What better way to energize and prepare for the "busyness" of the coming season?

Please join us on November 4th at Vallombrosa, wine and cheese at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm with wine, coffee and tea, followed by this special presentation at 7:00 pm in the Library. Cost is \$25 per person.

R.S.V.P to the Women's Club hotline at 364-5204, or email at womensclub_members@pius.org. We will be organizing car pool transportation from St. Pius for those interested.

TOTAL GOLF ADVENTURES: Welcome to Total Golf Adventures (TGA), named the industry leader for Player Development and Business Achievement by the 2008 ING Golf Industry as well as a Top 500 Franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine. TGA, the only national at-school, after school golf enrichment program, now has a new territory in the Peninsula Valley. We boast an unprecedented 8:1 instructor to student ratio in every class and are dedicated to give the required attention for your child to improve quickly. Best of all, the class is conducted on the school grounds and ALL Equipment (clubs, balls, training aids and targets) is provided. Students are taught fundamentals including five required swings, rules and golf course etiquette. The class is held in a fun, safe and nurturing environment that builds confidence, focus, and motor skills which equate to a happy child with great self-esteem. Classes for St. Pius students (K-8) will be held on November 2, 9 and 10 at 1:00pm and November 23 and 30 at 3:15pm for one hour after school. (On the minimum days, please bring a lunch to eat before class.) The cost is \$99.00 for the 5 weeks and students will be grouped by age and ability. For more information and to register, please visit our website at: <http://penvalley.golftga.com> - go to Scheduled Registration/Enrichment Program Schedule/St. Pius School, or call us at (650) 898-8064.

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Classes Offered During Minimum Day Schedule:

Tuesday, November 10th 12:45-3:15pm	Cost: \$34.00
Wednesday, November 11th 12:45-3:15pm	Cost: \$34.00

Pick up a flyer outside the office or contact gdarmenio@yahoo.com to enroll.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: The annual Christmas Boutique will take place on Sunday, December 6 in Fitzsimon. We are currently accepting vendor applications. Contact Lisa Maskarich at 650-644-5905 or email womensclub_members@pius.org if you would like a table to sell your crafts at the event.

VOLLEYBALL:

Our last home game for the season proved to be a slug fest with St. Pius getting in most of the good jabs. I was proud to see all of our teams come out and prove their mettle between the lines one last time.

Our 8Th Graders got a special presentation from Ms. Carroll as she introduced them for their final regular season home game. I hope it was memorable for them as I have watched them these past 5 years turn into young women who I feel represent St. Pius in the best possible light on the court and out in the public.

-4Th Training- Worked their magic and played Notre Dame with enthusiasm and skill.

-5Th Lions- Took St. Matt's Gold to 3 well played games to the end. They might have lost on the scoreboard, 25-17, 19-25, 11-15, but they played with determination.

-5Th Cubs- Welcomed Nativity into their house of VB and put on another 5Th grade extravaganza for all in attendance. They lost in 3, 21-25, 25-17, 13-15, but made them work for it.

-6Th Eagles- The Eagles showed up with their talons sharpened and their eye on Nativity. They lost in 2 games, but the score does not do justice to the way they handled themselves on the court with their moving feet and play.

-7Th Sharks- Swam through Nativity with a blank look and guile. They took the Panthers in 2 games, 25-16, 25-13, never showing any weakness or fear.

-7Th JV- Took Nativity to 3 games just toying with the Panthers the whole time. 26-28, 25-20, 15-9, were the scores, but their eye on their goal, the playoffs, was their intention.

-8th Sharks- Came out with poise and a sense of calm to beat Nativity 25-21, 25-19. They felt no other course of action was appropriate for their final home game. A playoff birth is theirs and well deserved.

-8th Varsity- Came out a little sluggish, just lulling Mt. Carmel into a false sense of security, then laid down the law. Taking the Padres in 2 games, 25-22, 25-15, the Varsity proved once again they deserve to be taken seriously. They are vying for first place in their division and want to bring the South Championship trophy back to St. Pius where they feel it belongs.

GO SHAMROCKS!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

6" pot - red or white - standard plant \$10.00 each
 8" pot - red only - 2 plants 24" 28" tall \$20.00 each

Name	# of 6" red	# of 6" white	Total # of 6" x \$10.00	# of 8" red	Total # of 8" x \$20.00	Total Amount Due:
<i>Molly Mustang (example)</i>	3	1	\$40.00	2	\$40.00	\$80.00

PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ORDER. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. Pius PTG

Family Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Please return order form & payment to school office NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd!!!
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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 or 650-216-9224.

Mary Bujtor: Kahn.mary@sbcglobal.net

Santa's Secret Shop

I can help doing

- Inventory Before event December 7th, 2009 4:00-6:00
- Inventory Before event December 8th, 2009 4:00-6:00
- Inventory After event (December, 10th 3:30 to 5:00)
- Inventory After event - may be canceled if all inventory is completed on December 10th. (December, 11th 3:00 to 4:30)

I can help on December 10th, 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): _____



Women's Club Dinner
Wednesday, November 4
5:30 pm

The St. Pius Women's Club presents a wonderful evening for the women of the Parish. Please join us for wine, appetizers and dinner followed by Sam Kaufman's presentation of "The Outcast," a story of hope for women of all ages.

What better way to energize and prepare for the "busyness" of the coming season?



Sam Kaufman is an internationally known Christian retreat leader. She returns to us after receiving rave reviews from those who attended last year's event.

Vallombrosa Center
250 Oak Grove Avenue
Menlo Park
650-325-5614

Cost: \$25 includes reception, dinner and program

RSVP to the Women's Club hotline at 364-5204 or email at womensclub_members@pius.org.

Let us know if you're interested in carpooling from St. Pius parking lot.

Any time spent with friends is time well spent!

Dragonfly Designs, jewelry with a conscience



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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!

We create beautiful jewelry to take home during each class and have special seasonal projects planned throughout the year. We introduce the children to a wide range of age appropriate jewelry making techniques; including the use of tools! To find out more, please visit us on the web at www.jewelrybydfly.com



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Attach a check with flyer and drop off with Rita Carroll in front office.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

Session: (please circle one or both): Tuesday, Nov 10 \$34.00 Wednesday, Nov 11 \$34.00