

September 16, 2011

Dear Parents,

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the PTG Welcome Back Barbeque. The weather was perfect, great food, wonderful company, and I know the children loved time to play together. I am very grateful to Julie Luttringer, Cristina Lawrence, Kim Velez, and Lisa Maguire for coordinating this event, and to the many parents who helped them make this a successful evening.

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, standardized testing will be taking place this coming week in grades 2-8. Please be sure your child arrives at school on time. As always, plenty of rest and a good breakfast are encouraged. Hopefully, you have no appointments scheduled for this week that would take your child out of school.

Our wrapping paper drive continues. Again, any support you can give to this major fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Today, the teachers were treated to delicious homemade breads, fruit and coffee from Christine Healy, Kathy Perazzo and the PTG Board. What a nice way to end our week.

Important dates this coming week are:

Monday, September 19

Testing Week Begins

12:45 Dismissal

Thursday, September 22

Athletic Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

Friday, September 23

Testing Week Ends

Progress Reports (Grades 1-4)

Blessings on your weekend.

Sincerely,



Rita Carroll
Principal

SPECIAL THANKS: A very special thanks to Kim Velez, Kathy Perazzo, Sema Shami, Carrie Hussussian and Amy Reynolds!! Vision and hearing went smoothly. Sincerely, Kathy Wright and Mary Salom.

AUCTION NEWS: The St. Pius PTG is actively preparing for our main annual fundraiser, the auction! Last year's was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who participated by attending, donating, and volunteering. This year's event, "**St. Pius by the Bay**," will be held on **Saturday, November 5th, 2011** in Fitzsimon Center. Please see the save the date flyer for some more information! Donations for wine/spirits, goods, services, jewelry, parties and activities are always needed. Please contact **Kelli Crowley** at kelli.crowley@cnb.com, or **Heidi McLalan** at heidimclalan@yahoo.com to contribute to this event. Thank you in advance for your support with our largest fundraiser of the year!

SAVE THE DATE: Get ready for the Fall Jr. High Dance! It will be held on Friday October 14th from 7pm to 10pm. All St Pius 7th & 8th graders are invited. We will also be inviting Mt. Carmel and St. Charles 7th and 8th graders! Please stay tune for more details!

LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The new hot lunch program, provided by Choicelunch, is off to a great start. Our children are enjoying tasty and healthy meals. We are in need of some additional help from 12:00 to 1 pm on the days hot lunch is served. We are also using SignupGenius to coordinate the volunteers, and you can sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/lunch315. Instead of service hours, volunteers receive credit towards their children's meal costs. The amount received is either \$4.70 or \$7.05 each time you volunteer, depending on whether there are 2 or 3 people volunteering. For more information, you can contact **Paul Piccione** at drpaul@woodsidewellnesscenter.com or at 364-6128.

ST. PIUS CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY: Join the fun and come sing praises to the Lord! We will sing one Sunday 9:30 am Mass each month. Practice Starts on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in the Fitzsimon Music Room. Hope to see you there! Children's Choir - Tuesday's from 6 to 7 pm. First Mass - October 16, 2011 at 9:30 am. For any questions or more information, please call **Cathy Yee** at 650-361-8296, or email at catnapy@yahoo.com.

ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER: WE ARE BACK!! This is a non-profit group established primarily for the young people of St. Pius Parish community. The purpose of this theater is to give the children in our parish the opportunity to participate in a major musical production and learn about theater arts at the same time. For over 30 years this group has presented quality productions, such as: *MUSIC MAN*, *BYE BYE BIRDIE*, *GODSPELL*, *LEADER OF THE PACK*, *PEACE CHILD*, *GREASE*, *BAD DAY AT BLACK FROG CREEK*, *ANYTHING GOES*, *PETER PAN*, *CURTAIN CALL*, *FIDDLER OF THE ROOF*, *OKLAHOMA*, *WIZARD OF OZ*, & *THE NIFTY FIFTIES*. After a two-year hiatus this group is back, under the direction of Karen Elmore, theater founder. There are auditions (no one is turned away) for the Fall musical, "ANNIE", on **Thursday, September 22nd, at 7 pm**, in Homer Crouse Hall. On Wednesday, September 21st, there is a meeting scheduled for the parents in the Parish Center at 7 pm.

Join Us for a Delicious Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, Sept 25

After the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses

Homer Crouse Hall

Pancakes, Sausages, OJ, and Coffee



**All funds raised go toward the 8th Grade
Yosemite Trip**

SAVE THE DATE

for the

2011 - 2012 St. Pius School's Annual Auction

St. Pius by the Bay



November 5, 2011

Featuring the band "Ticket to Ride"

Silent Auction, cocktails, food stations, dancing and more!

There will be no sit down dinner or live auction this year.

This event is hosted by PTG with the commitment and dedication from the parents of St. Pius School. Every parent is a member of the PTG so please consider donating, volunteering or both.

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