

September 23, 2011

Dear Parents,

This was a very quiet week at school, partly due to standardized testing in grades 2-8. Actually, it was quite nice after the busyness of beginning a new school year.

We concluded our wrapping paper drive this week, and I thank you in advance for all your support with this fundraiser. The PTG has committed to raising \$45,000 this year for the operating budget of the school. Hopefully, this fundraiser will get us well on our way to that goal. Very special thanks to Nadine Kaepler for chairing this large project. She has done a great job keeping this drive visible for all of us.

We are halfway through the first quarter and progress reports will be coming home with students in grades 1-4. Feel free to contact a teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. It is much better to make an appointment with a teacher rather than just "dropping in". This gives the teacher an opportunity to provide uninterrupted time for you. If you have children in grades 5-8, you are able to check their progress on PowerSchool.

St. Pius Parish has designated this coming Sunday as Ministry Sunday. The different ministries of the parish will be available after all the masses. This is a good way to learn about various groups that make up our parish and also a good way to find an area where you can share your talents. The eighth graders and their parents will also be having a pancake breakfast in Home Crouse Hall. All proceeds will benefit their trip to Yosemite.

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis on Tuesday, October 4. We are trying something new this year by having the pets come to school with the students and leave after the blessing. Our short prayer service will begin after the second bell at 8:05 am on this day.

Important dates this coming week are:

Sunday, September 25

Tuesday, September 27

Wednesday, September 28

Ministry Sunday

8th Grade Pancake Breakfast

4th Grade Field Trip

8th Grade Parents High School Night 7:00 pm

Blessings on you weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita Carroll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rita Carroll

Principal

SCHOOL TOUR: Do you know a family member, friend or neighbor who may be looking for a school where "The students are awesome, the teachers and staff are dedicated and the sense of community is amazing?" (*quote from a St. Pius School Family*). If so, please invite them to join the school tour on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 8:30AM** in the foyer of Fitzsimon Center. There are tours scheduled monthly through February so watch the newsletter for more dates.

ART REQUEST: The art room is looking for old shirts that can double as paint smocks. If you have any that you would like to donate, please bring these to the art room Wednesday through Friday. Thank You!

CLASSROOM PARTIES: If you have not yet turned in your class party money, please do so immediately. Send your \$15.00 per child fee to the office in an envelope marked with your family name. Thank You.

SPECIAL THANKS: Thank you to everyone for making the Welcome Back BBQ a great success. It was a fun night, and we appreciate all the help in getting the job done. Thanks to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade families for providing the delicious fruit and dessert for the event... Courtney Caccia, Heidi McLalan and Monica Wik for selling raffle tickets... Chris and Karen Chang for providing and setting up the volleyball net... Mike and Jen King for providing the extra garbage and recycling containers, and the dads who helped cart all of the garbage to the bins for us. Finally, congratulations to the Reich Family for winning the raffle! Sincerely, Julie Luttringer Cristina Lawrence, Lisa Maguire, and Kim Velez

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 tuned for more details!

YARD DUTY: Yard Duty is a great and easy way to earn your 40 service hours for the school. You get to hang out in the California sunshine with our wonderful kids and you can also bring your little ones with you. It's 45 minutes of your time, from 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm, and you earn 1.5 hours toward your service requirement. There are still many spots open in the coming weeks, don't be shy! This year, yard duty assignments are being done via an online sign-up. Once you have provided your email address, you will receive an invitation to the website. You can pick the dates and areas you want to cover. Questions? Please contact **Mimi Koberlein** at thekobes@comcast.net or 650-599-9415. Thank you for your support!

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.

THANK YOU: A special note of appreciation to **Nancy's Tailor & Boutique in San Carlos** (previously located on Broadway in Redwood City) who was able to alter and resize ten of our baseball teams jerseys in the past week. Their staff did a fantastic job & was able to 'rush' our order through, so the baseball teams could be in full uniform this past weekend. Nancy's Tailor & Boutique is located at **889 Laurel Street in San Carlos**. Phone: 650-622-9439 email: info@nancystailor.com

PTG AT A GLANCE

~ "Race to Nowhere" special screening at St. Pius

Tuesday, October 18th

St. Pius Gym

7-9pm

Tickets online @

<http://rtnstpiusschool.eventbrite.com>

Cost : \$ 11.54

This is sure to be a great night and is open to family and friends! Refreshments will be served.

"Race to Nowhere" is an award-winning documentary that highlights the unintended consequences of our pressure cooker culture and education system. An eye opening call to action, the film challenges our deepest held assumptions about how we can best prepare young people for the future. (plagiarized from www.racetonowhere.com)

Buy your tickets now!

~ Mark your calendars for the **St. Pius Hoedown** Friday October 21st!
An exciting evening for the whole family! This fun night takes place in the gym!

~PTG Board is looking for a **Pizza Hot Lunch Trustee** beginning in March through June. The commitment is on Tuesday and this job can be shared! Please contact Carolyn Reich if interested.

~ Our annual auction will be Saturday, November 5th in Fitzsimon Center.... **"St. Pius by the Bay."** This will be a great evening for shopping, eating, dancing and visiting with friends. 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. Thanks in advance for your support with our largest fundraiser of the year!

St. Pius by the Bay, Class Project Donation:

Every year, each class collectively creates one artistic item for purchase at our annual PTG auction. Your children will be working on their items over the next few weeks, and we hope you can support the PTG by helping to underwrite the materials used to create them.

If you can help, please send your donation of \$5 to help pay for the materials needed to create the priceless class gifts for the November 5th, St. Pius by the Bay fundraiser.

Please send cash or checks made payable to St. Pius PTG to the office. Every contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Facebook News:

St.Pius PTG is now on Facebook! Please join our page for all of the latest information on the auction, general meetings, hot lunch and more!

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.

Please contact Kelli Crowley at Kelli.Crowley@cnb.com or
Heidi McLalan at heidimclalan@yahoo.com

Manners with Mary

Everyday Etiquette for grades K-8th

Need a fun class for youngsters that helps master manners in an upbeat way?

Manners with Mary provides instruction that fosters kindness and builds confidence.

Courses are taught in a fun and positive way that will build self-esteem while learning manners that will stick with your children throughout life.

Classes cover social situations from meet-and-greet, all the way through proper table etiquette.



4 Week Course
Thursdays After School
Oct. 27th - Nov. 17th

Brush-up on Manners
In Time for the Holidays!

Kindergarten 2:30-3:00
\$40.00
1st- 6th Grade 3:15-4:15
\$55.00

Childs name/grade: _____
Childs name/grade: _____
Parent Name/contact #: _____

Please send check to:
Mary Meyer
711 Tamarack Ave.
San Carlos Ca, 94070

Already taken a class? Please sign-up again. This class is ongoing covering different material each session.
Contact Mary 595-1547 maryma2727@yahoo.com or www.mannerswithmary.com for formal table manners course.