

September 30, 2011

Dear Parents,

Sunday, October 2, is the Feast of the Guardian Angels and Tuesday, October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis, the co-patron of our Archdiocese. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Tuesday with a prayer service at the beginning of the day. All pets are welcome to come to school with the students at 8:05 am. This will take place in the area between Fitzsimon Center and the school building. Please be sure all pets are on leashes, in bowls, boxes, cages, etc. After the prayer service the pets will need to return home.

The PTG sponsored family directory is included in your brown envelope that was sent home today. Many thanks to Julie Pierce for all the time she spent preparing the directory that I know is a great resource for families.

**Important dates this coming week are:**

Monday, October 3  
Tuesday, October 4

12:45 pm Dismissal  
Feast of St. Francis  
Blessing of the Pets at 8:05 am  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
PTG Board Meeting at 7:00 pm  
School Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 6

Blessings on your weekend.

Sincerely,



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.

**ATHLETICS UPDATE:** Mark your calendars... Fall sports picture day is **Tuesday October 18**. Packets & more information to follow. The St. Pius Athletic Board is now accepting applications for a **Secretary/Communications Director**, as well as at least two **At Large** positions on the board. Applications can be found on our school website and should be turned in by **October 14** to have your application considered for the current school year.

**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.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE:** The 2nd grade Brownie Scouts are holding a Halloween Costume Drive to benefit less fortunate families. Please bring in your gently used Halloween or dress-up costumes on **Tuesday October 11th and Wednesday October 12th**. All donations will be given to the St. Francis Center in Redwood City.

If you have any questions, please contact **Courtney Caccia** at [courtneyc@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyc@gmail.com).

**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.

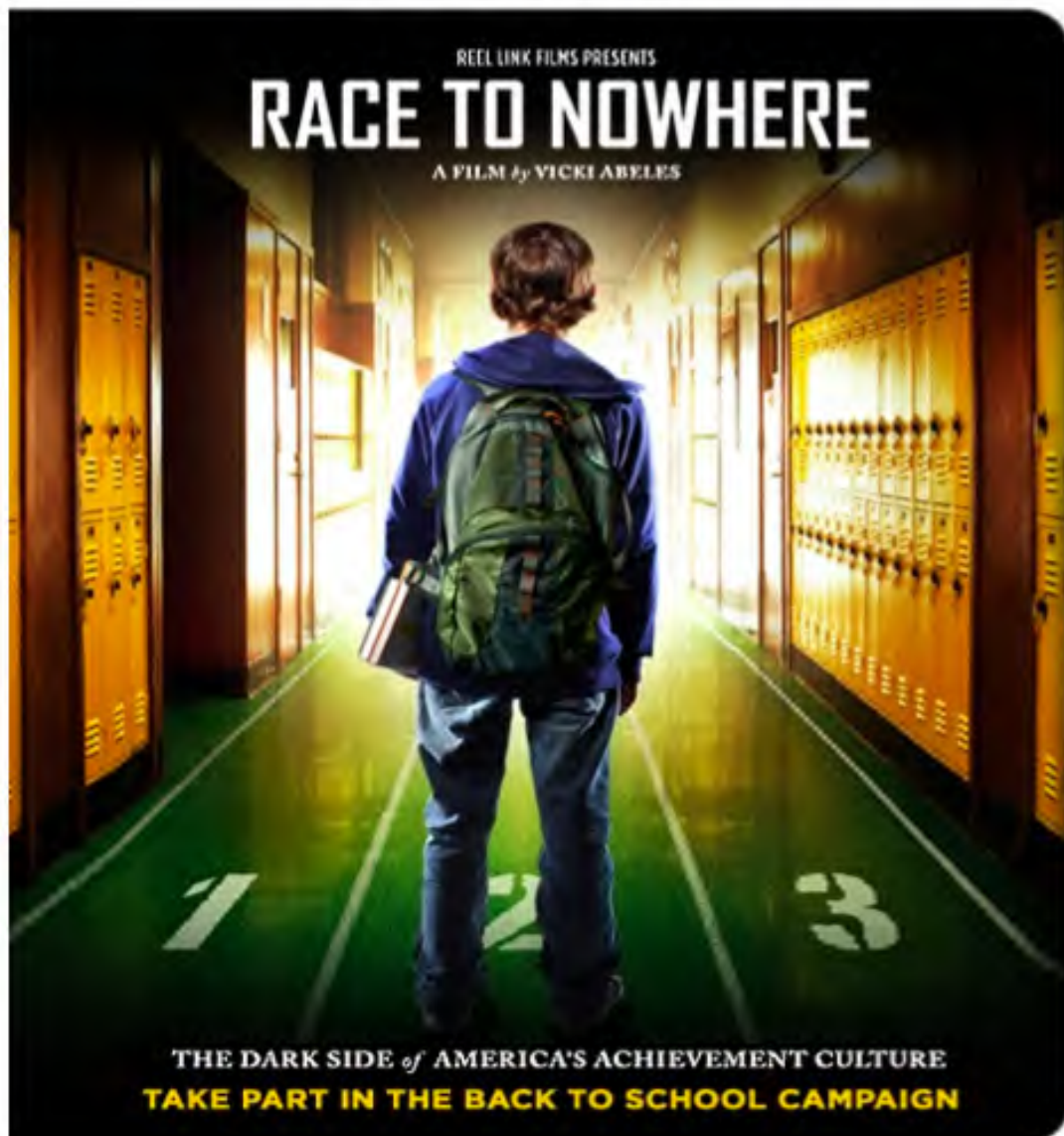
If you can help, please send your donation of \$5 to help pay for the materials needed to create the priceless class gifts for the November 5th, St. Pius by the Bay fundraiser.

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

# SPECIAL SCREENING AT ST. PIUS!

Tuesday, October 18, 2011—Fitzsimons Center  
Tickets Online @ [RTNSTPIUSSCHOOL.EVENTBRITE.COM](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.



# 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](mailto:Kelli.Crowley@cnb.com) or  
Heidi McLalan at [heidimclalan@yahoo.com](mailto:heidimclalan@yahoo.com)

# Hocus Pocus

Calling all witches  
**Bring your brooms  
and leave the grooms.**

Join us if you can  
*Dressing in your best glam!*

Host: St. Pius Women's Club

When: Wed. October 12th 6:30

Where: Bewitching Hall, Homer Crouse

Babysitting Needed? Please let us know

The cost for dinner is \$15.00

RSVP Women's Club

Hotline at [364-5204](tel:364-5204) or email us at [womensclub@stpius.org](mailto:womensclub@stpius.org)



# Partners in FAITH™

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

October 2011

## Thoughtful Moments

### Too busy?

On your deathbed you are not going to lie there thinking, "Boy, I wish I had worked more." You are going to long for more time with your spouse, your children, or your family. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for a little while each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

### St. Francis

One of the most cherished of all saints is St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Friars Minor. On his feast day, Oct. 4, many parishes offer a blessing of the animals during which you can bring your pet for a special blessing in his honor. St. Francis rejoiced in all of God's creation.



### Parent love

When we give love to our children, they learn to give love to others. When we give them unconditional love, we give them the courage to overcome their natural self-absorption and become sacrificial in their love – just as Jesus intends.



## Help your child live a good Catholic life

The best way to ensure our children will live good Catholic lives as adults is to build a strong Catholic foundation while they are young. That foundation will make it likely that they will continue to live their faith. Consider these suggestions:

### Lay the foundation.

Make sure your child is getting the Catholic education she deserves so she has all the necessary resources on which to draw in adulthood. Support her religious education, whether she attends Catholic school or the parish school of religion, by supervising homework and helping her master the prayers and doctrine required.

**Present positive influences.** Present

to youngsters grown-ups whose lives you would like your children's to mirror when they are adults. Invite interesting, religious adults to your home to talk about how they live their faith. Bonus: Offering appropriate role models gives

children substitutes for the less-desirable celebrities of today.

"Do as I do." Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can live by the world's rules yourself but expect your children to follow God's rules.

Abraham's nephew, Lot, made that mistake and lost most of his family during an emergency. They didn't respect him because his words and deeds didn't match (Genesis 19). To raise faithful Catholics, we have to be faithful Catholics ourselves – and that begins with going to Mass every week.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why is the Mass going to change next Month?

Actually, the Mass isn't going to change but some prayers we say will sound different when the Third Edition of the Roman Missal is implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

The Missal is the guide to the prayers and instruction of the



Catholic Mass. The update will include newly canonized Saints as well as additional prayers and Masses.

Although the Mass is the same, the new translation will make it a more meaningful and authentic interpretation of the original Latin.

## The value of family traditions

Spending time together as a family and creating a sense of belonging strengthens our families. That's what family traditions are – the handing down of a culture that binds us together. Consider enriching your own family with three kinds of traditions:

**Celebration Traditions:** These are the activities built around special occasions that call for a celebration, such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or holidays. Christmas and Easter, and the seasons that precede them, are wonderful



opportunities to practice traditions: lighting the Advent wreath, trimming the Christmas tree, praying the Stations of the Cross, or lighting the Easter candle.

**Lifestyle Traditions:** Special ways your family can come together, such as pizza night on Fridays, monthly family meetings, or weekly breakfasts before Mass on Sunday mornings.

**Patterned Family Traditions:** Everyday events that give your lives stability and comfort – saying grace before meals, stories and prayers at bedtime, family dinners, a kiss before starting the day.

### Scripture LESSON

#### Matthew 23:1-12, Do I practice what I preach?

In this passage, Jesus accused the Pharisees and scribes of hypocrisy. He pointed out that although they may have faithfully taught what Moses handed down from God, they acted as if they were better than the people they served.

Jesus' message serves as a warning to all leaders, especially those in our governments and in our Church. While he tells us to follow their faithful teachings, we should remember that they are human and can err.

This warning is a message that applies to all of us. When we are dealing with

family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors, Jesus' message in this Gospel instructs us to practice what we preach. When we exalt ourselves, we move away from God. When

we humble ourselves, God will exalt us in heaven.

*What can a parent do?*

Remember that children watch their parents. They learn more from

what a parent does than what a parent says. Striving to show how to live a Godly life is more important than telling a child what to do.



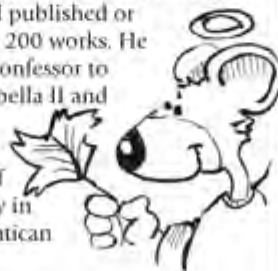
### Feasts & Celebrations

**October 14 – St. Callistus I (222).** Born a Roman slave, Callistus was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schismatic movement. He fought against heresy and showed forgiveness toward sinners. He was martyred in Rome.

**October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775).** Born in Italy to a poor noble family, St. Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720 and was elected superior general of the

order. He lived a penitential life and cared for the poor and sick.

**October 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret (1870).** Born in Spain, St. Anthony traveled and preached in Catalonia before becoming the archbishop of Cuba. In 1849, he founded the Claretian orders. He also founded the Religious Publishing House and published or wrote over 200 works. He served as confessor to Queen Isabella II and defended the doctrine of infallibility in the First Vatican Council.



### Parent TALK

When Julia turned twelve, she stopped talking much about school, expressing her feelings or engaging in any real communication unless I bugged her.

Frustrated, one Saturday I told her we had a special project.

I decided she was old enough to learn the family recipe for homemade pasta.

We broke our bags of flour, cracked eggs and dusted off the pasta machine. Soon we were up to our elbows in dough.

We both laughed more that day than we had in months. And we talked for hours as we slowly cranked out tables full of spaghetti. Without even asking, I heard all about school, her friends, and her life. Now we make pasta once every six weeks or so and we both look forward to that special time.

My Grandmother always said that pasta has a way of bringing people together. Now I realize the true wisdom in her words.



### Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children  
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# Spanish by IES

The basic philosophy of the nonprofit IES Language Foundation is that all children can learn a multitude of languages at a young age if given the opportunity. The IES mission is to prepare its students for the new global society. Using a whole language, cultural, and immersive natural approach, the classes become fun and stimulating. IES has a proven method and curriculum. Students experience songs, games, stories and activities in class, and the native-speaking instructors develop cultural sensitivity in students. Reading and writing are introduced for continuing students. These classes are appropriate for beginning students and for students with some knowledge of the language. Students receive home reinforcement materials, all of which is included in the class tuition.

Classroom: TBD  
 Number of weeks: 30  
 Dates: Classes begin October 11<sup>th</sup> and meet each Tuesday from 3:10-4:10 at St. Pius  
 Cost: \$470 – (Installment plan also available)  
 Contact Information: IES at 800.231.4703 or 925.484.6028 or e-mail [iesadmin@ieslanguages.org](mailto:iesadmin@ieslanguages.org).  
 Visit the IES website at [www.ieslanguages.org](http://www.ieslanguages.org)  
 Registration: Registration is by website ([www.ieslanguages.org](http://www.ieslanguages.org)), fax (925.462.1692), or mail/flyer

Class day & time you are registering your child for:

**Payment Option**

Full amount (This fee includes materials and a non-refundable \$20 enrollment fee).

Installment Plan (This fee includes materials and a non-refundable \$20 enrollment fee as well as administrative accounting fees. Installment payments will be made by credit card only and will automatically be debited on the due date below as referred to in the IES policies.)

**\$470** (includes 30 classes of instruction and materials)  
**\$550** Installment price

**Tuition Installment Payments Due Dates**

**\$86.25** payment due at registration and **\$66.25** payments due 11/15, 12/15, 1/15, 2/15, 3/15, 4/15 and 5/15.  
 Payments must be made by credit card. You must notify us to cancel enrollment and auto payments.

Late fees will apply to all outstanding accounts of a minimum of \$20 per fee.

**Payment Method**

Check (Made payable to IES Language Foundation). A check must be received with the registration form in order for IES to process the registration.

**Credit Card:**

MasterCard  Visa  Discover

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

A place in the class will not be held if payment is not received. There will be a \$20 service charge for all returned checks or credit cards.

**Optional Home Reinforcement Materials**  
Prices include CA sales tax & shipping

**Music CD \$15 each**

- "Sing Along Songs"
- Spanish  French  Japanese
- Traditional Spanish Songs for Children
- "Music in Motion" - Spanish Only

**Computer CD-ROM \$24 each**

- "Hello Big Tree" - Spanish Only
- "An Adventure Aboard"  Spanish  French

**Activity Books \$15 each**

- "1,2,3 Let's sing the Basics"  Spanish  French
- "Music in Motion" - Spanish Only

**How to Register**

By making fees, I understand and accept all of the IES program, payment and refund policies in this brochure. I understand that I can contact IES or view the IES web site for a complete list of policies.

Registration cannot be processed if not initialed by parent.

Please mail or fax both sides to:

IES Language Foundation  
 7020 Koll Center Parkway  
 Suite 127  
 Pleasanton, CA 94566

FAX: 925-462-1692

Or register online at:  
[www.ieslanguages.org](http://www.ieslanguages.org)

Questions? Call:  
 1-800-231-4703

## Foreign Language Instruction Now Offered at Your School!

The IES Language Foundation is pleased to offer foreign language classes at:  
**St. Pius School**  
 (Monthly Payment Plan Available)

**Spanish for Grades K-8**  
 Tuesdays, 3:10-4:10 PM

Come join the fun beginning 10/11/11

This is a 30 class session.

**Deadline to Register:** October 7, 2011



7020 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 127  
 Pleasanton, CA 94566

1-800-231-4703  
[www.ieslanguages.org](http://www.ieslanguages.org)


**IES Language Foundation**  
 Language For Kids

### IES Program Features

IES has been teaching foreign languages to children throughout the U.S. since 1982. We offer both in-curriculum and after-school programs using our own highly-acclaimed methodology. Classes have 8-15 students and are held one hour per week. Each student receives home reinforcement materials which include curriculum for the entire program. Our teachers are usually native speakers and all are bilingual and trained by IES through ongoing seminars. Our methodology follows a progressive program of instruction with language acquisition using one word and short sentence responses (one year or more provides progression of fluency). All children will receive a certificate at the end of the program.

### IES Program Policies

1. There are no refunds for classes attended, enrollment fees or materials received.
2. Installment payments: IES is not responsible for sending installment notices. We do not accept checks for installment payments. Credit cards will automatically be charged on:

**\$86.25 due on 10/7 and \$66.25 due on 11/15, 12/15, 1/15, 2/15, 3/15, 4/15 and 5/15.**

3. Late fees will apply to all outstanding accounts at a minimum of \$20 per late payment.
4. No refunds after 30 days for unattended classes. If an emergency situation occurs, and your child must drop the program after 30 days, parents will be charged a rate of \$15 per class attended plus the non-refundable enrollment fee and any room rental fees that may apply.
5. Registrations are entered on a first come, first served basis. You will receive a confirmation call from IES regarding your registration the day before class begins. Your child cannot attend class until you have received this call.
5. We expect to begin all classes on the scheduled start date, however rather than cancel a class (due to low enrollment), we reserve the right to postpone the start date or combine classes. IES reserves the right to cancel a class or drop students from a class at any time for the betterment of the program.

For complete list of IES Policies contact the IES Language Foundation or visit the web site at [www.ieslanguages.org](http://www.ieslanguages.org)

### Your Commitment

The IES Language Foundation is a National Non-Profit Organization seeking to enrich children's lives with the gift of second languages. In order to facilitate low cost enrichment programs, we need your parental support.

A minimum number of children is required for this program to exist. We hope that you and your child will take his or her decision to learn a language seriously to make a commitment for a school year (or the term of the program) as not to jeopardize the program's existence to other children.

For your records:

Payment sent to IES on \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I paid by \_\_\_\_\_ and sent it by way of \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents, please fill out one registration form for each child you are signing up and fill out BOTH SIDES of the form. IES does not accept phone registration. Please DO NOT bring registrations or payments to school or to class! Please separate this brochure at the fold, mail or fax this half, and keep the other half for your records.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_   
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_   
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_   
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The best way to reach me is: (check one)

School's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
This will be my child's: (Please circle one) 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th year with IES  
Number your 1st and 2nd choice of language

**SPANISH**

### Emergency Information

Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Does your child have any medical conditions we should know of?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach a sheet if necessary)

In an extreme emergency, I can be contacted to sit with the class  Yes  No  
IES has my permission to film, photograph my child for marketing (print/web) and training purposes  Yes  No

### Dismissal Information

The teacher has my permission to dismiss my child:

- To walk or bike home
- To go to day-care after class (Teacher will escort child)
- To be picked up by (List names below)
- To carpool with (List names below)
- To go to class at school

\*Students will need to be picked up from the classroom and signed out. People on list will need to show ID.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete back of the form

# 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. 27<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten 2:30-3:00

\$40.00

1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> 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 [maryma27272@yahoo.com](mailto:maryma27272@yahoo.com) or [www.mannerswithmary.com](http://www.mannerswithmary.com) for formal table manners course.

## Brush-up on Manners In Time for the Holidays!