



Saint Pius X School Newsletter

From the principal

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September 2, 2010

Calendar Highlights

- 9/2 Innisbrook Sale Begins
Soccer vs. GDS @ SPX, 4pm
9/3 Dress Down Day – Peru
(bring \$1.00 donation)
9/6 **Labor Day – No School**
9/7 **School Mass, 8:30 am**
Soccer @ BMHS, 5 pm
9/8 **Homeroom Parent Meeting,**
8:30 am (Kloster Center)
Bake Sale, (Gr. 3)
(items are .25 each)
9/10-11
Eucharistic Congress,
(Charlotte)

Saint Pius X School Mission Statement

Our mission, as a Catholic faith oriented school, is "to make one's faith become living, conscious, and active through the light of instruction." Our program strives to develop in each student a positive self-image with all the skills needed to assume Christian responsibility and become a contributor to our changing society. We recognize the importance of a strong partnership within our school community.

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Dear St. Pius X Family and Friends,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the first PTO meeting of the year. It is evident that we are all going to have a terrific school year by the large turn-out of parents and by the positive attitude that your children have exhibited so far. When students are excited to learn, feel comfortable in their school surroundings, and are supported and cared for by their parents and teachers, how could meaningful learning and instructional interactions not happen on a daily basis? Thank you, parents, for sharing your children with us. We are truly blessed!

Over this Labor Day weekend, may each of you have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the days with which the Lord has blessed us.

In Christ's love,

Anne W. Knapke

IMPORTANT CARPOOL INFORMATION!

- Please use *only* the **BACK** carpool line if your carpool includes at least one middle school student.
- Please write your last name and the last name of the other families in your carpool in **BOLD** letters on a piece of poster board/paper and place on your dashboard during afternoon carpool. This will allow our teachers to identify you easily and keep the carpool line moving efficiently. During inclement weather, students will be called to the carpool line from their classrooms instead of waiting outside in bad weather.

HOMEROOM PARENT MEETING REMINDER - A

Homeroom Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8 @ 8:30 am in the Kloster Center. This meeting should be brief.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE –

ALL articles and inserts for the Thursday Newsletter **MUST** be submitted via email no later than Monday afternoon at 3:00 pm of the week that you would like your article to run. *Information received after that time will be included in the following week's newsletter.* Please email your information to Jean Navarro at jnavarro@spxschool.com.

PROTECTING GOD'S

CHILDREN WORKSHOPS will be offered on Sat., Sept. 18 and Sat., Nov. 13 from 9am -12 pm in the St. Pius X School Media Center. You must pre-register for this workshop at www.virtus.org. All school parents are required to attend a workshop before volunteering. Please bring your certificate of completion to the school office and complete a Background Check Form.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM –

Registration for SPX Performing Ensembles will continue through September 3, 2010. Violin and Guitar Ensembles are open to students in grades K-8. Band and Choir are open to students in grades 4-8. Check Miss Blanton's website for schedules and registration information. For more information, contact Miss Blanton @ 273-9865, ext. 110 or cblanton@spxschool.com.

SCHOOL FORMS can be by found by clicking on the Forms tab under the Admissions & Policies on the St. Pius X School website: www.spxschool.com.

THE COMET: Student Literary Magazine – We are ready to get the press rolling for The Comet, our school's new literary magazine. The formation of a Journalism Club is vital to the editing and publishing of this student magazine.

All students in grades K-8 may submit a letter of interest to their homeroom teacher addressed to the faculty advisors of the Journalism Club (Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Ruddy, and Mrs. Cotton). Letters should explain why a student has an interest in joining the St. Pius X Journalism Club and what qualities and talents they have that would make them an effective team member. Students should turn in their letter of interest no later than Friday, September 3. Any letters received after this date, will not be considered for membership this school year.

If you were a Journalism Club member last year, please stop and see Mrs. Parker or Mrs. Ruddy to confirm the Continuation of your membership.

BEVERAGE, SNACK/ICE

CREAM COUPONS – A Coupon Order Form for Beverages, Ice Cream and Snacks can be found by clicking the "Coupon Order Form" link on the home page of the St. Pius X School website: www.spxschool.com.

To order, simply print and complete the form and send back to school (with check) in your child's Thursday folder. Orders will be processed and the coupons will be sent home in the **following week's Thursday folder**. Coupon Order Forms are also available in the brochure holder that is located in the front lobby of the school. Questions? Contact Lee Ann Clark @ 273-4584, ext.136.

HOT LUNCH UPDATE -Parents, there is still time to sign up to volunteer for hot lunch.

Coordinators for each day are listed below. To volunteer, just contact the person that coordinates the day that best suits your schedule.

Monday - Backyard Burgers

Mary Edmonds 643-0469

Tuesday -Barberitos

Kelly McDonald 333-5787

Wednesday - Quiznos

Therese Chase 644-9196

Thursday - Chick Fil A

Gina Decker 545-9910

Friday - Elizabeth's Pizza

Kristin Lloyd 605-5566

HOT LUNCH ORDER PERIOD #2:

9/13/10 - 9/24/10

START ONLINE ORDER:

8/30/10

CUTOFF DATE:

9/8/10

SPX CHESS CLUB – Calling all chess players, and those interested in learning to play! The SPX Chess Club will resume on Tuesday, October 5th for students in 4th grade and up. Students below 4th grade must be experienced in playing Chess. This year we would like to teach more students the fun and challenge of Chess. We plan to participate in several Chess matches with local schools as we learn and develop our game skills. We will meet on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15 pm in the school library.

For more information and a registration packet, please contact: Joan Workman@jworkman1963@hotmail.com or 457-6950 by Wednesday, September 28th.

SPORTS UPDATE FROM COACH SHELTON -

Congratulations to all of our students who will be participating on the JV and Varsity Volleyball teams, as well as the Varsity Boys Soccer team!!! Last weekend the volleyball teams traveled to Saint Leo's to take on the Lions of SLS and the Eagles of IHM. The JV lost in two games to IHM and SLS. With mostly 5th graders on the team and only one returning player, the team showed signs of improvement and potential throughout the day. I am looking forward to much success with this team as the season goes on.

The Varsity lost to IHM and SLS in three game matches that went down to the wire. It was very exciting to see the team rally together and try to pull out the wins. The team is very strong with a nice combination of 7th and 8th graders. I think we are in for a wonderfully competitive season.

Good luck to the Varsity Boys Soccer team this week as they have their first two matches back to back on Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday the team will travel to Forsyth Country Day and on Thursday the team will be home against Greensboro day School at 4pm. Please come out and support the Comets!!!! Results of these soccer games will be posted in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to all those families who have supported the Booster Club thus far. Your contribution will help create an even more successful athletic department.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY – Please call the school office by Sept. 3, if you **do not** wish to include your family's name, address, and/or phone number.

***RE-LINK *SHOP *GIVE US YOUR TRASH** - Please re-link your Harris Teeter VIC Card. Our school code is 1852. St. Pius X will receive a portion of your purchases on Harris Teeter products. Last year our school earned \$2500.

Please clip and save General Mills Box Tops. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to our school. We collected over 13,000 Box Tops last school year. That's \$1,300 for our school!!

Campbell Soup Labels (the UPC not the label) also provide points to our school. We are able to "bank" the UPC points and redeem for a variety of school supply items. Remember...we need the UPC code. The label is worthless to us without the UPC code. Last year we collected over 6,400 labels!! Turn Box Tops and Soup Labels in to your child's homeroom. The next collection is Sept. 30. The winning classes will receive a special snack.

INFORMATION NEEDED – All Student Emergency Cards, Volunteer Driver Forms, and Photo Release Forms are to be completed and returned to school tomorrow. Each driver in the family who plans to drive for field trips must complete a form. Also, volunteer drivers must complete the Protecting God's Children Workshop and a Background Check Form.

JUST A REMINDER -Please be considerate of others and keep your child home if they are sick. If your child is home due to fever or vomiting, they must be symptom-free for at least 24 hours without medication before they are allowed to return to school. If your child has strep throat, they may not return to school until 24 hours after an antibiotic has been started.

MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING (MOMS) – Be a Part of it! Over 100 women in our school and parish have attended **MOMS**. Join us for the next group of **MOMS** – beginning Thursday, **October 7, 2010**.

MOMS is an opportunity for women to look at motherhood as a ministry and spend time with Women who devote their time to the spiritual and physical upbringing of their children Women who live stressful lives Women who live with many demands on their time and energy Women who need a place and time to receive personal and spiritual nurturing.

It is a wonderful way to connect with mothers in the parish, school, and community.

This program runs eight Thursday evenings with the final meeting being a celebration with the other women of the parish and school who have already attended **MOMS**. Attending all seven sessions is requested so that you can get the best experience.

Three mothers facilitate the group and there is a journal involved that leads participants through the weekly meetings – the cost is \$35.

Brochures are available in the front hall of the school. For more information and/ or to save your spot call or email Mary Easton at 202-1786 or ebjeaston@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR UPDATE – The date of the St. Pius X School **TALENT SHOW** has been changed to Thursday, November 18, 2010.

"The Lord is just in all his ways."

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



If you are planning to travel to the Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, September 11, 2010 and aren't crazy about driving to Charlotte yourself, I have a solution for you.

I have reserved a Luxurious Bus for the ride to Charlotte and back. The cost is \$20.00 per person. If you plan to bring your entire family please contact me at 336-215-9318 to work out details and cost. To reserve your seat(s) you must pre-pay no later than **09/07/2010**.

May God's Blessings always be with you and your family.

Gregory V. Rachal
Grand Knight
SPX Council 11101

CROP WALK T-SHIRT DONATION FORM SPX ALL SCHOOL CROP WALK FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15th

Family Name: _____

Student's Homeroom: _____

Please check: _____ I would like to sponsor my child's class

(The cost of each shirt is \$2.00).

Please make checks payable to: St. Pius X School



**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
501 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET
CHARLOTTE, NC 28203**

MEMO

DATE: July 1, 2010 Feast of Bl. Junipero Serra
TO: All Parents of Students in our Diocesan Education Programs
FROM: Father Arnsperger
RE: Eucharistic Congress 2010 Children's Track and Middle School Track
Saturday, September 11, 2010 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM (Lunch Before Arriving)

Dear Parents,

The 2010 Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress is fast-approaching and I have an opportunity for your stewardship of time and talent! As you know, the Congress has been an annual time of celebration, community building and catechesis. The Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Again this year, we are blessed to have Rob Evans, "the Donut Man," for the children's program (K-5) on Saturday, September 11. As you may know, Rob is a nationally recognized singer and songwriter who was received with great joy by the children at the 2009 Eucharistic Congress. We are also blessed to have the Brothers and Sisters of the Alliance of the Two Hearts (O.A.T.H. and L.I.H.M.) with us for the Middle School Track (6 - 8). The Youth have enjoyed their program immensely.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would volunteer and if you could recruit five other parents to serve as "guides" from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm or from 1:30 - 3:30 pm to help us on Saturday September 11. This scheduling will provide the time to see some of the Youth Programs as well as attend at least one talk in the adult program if you would like to do so. This year we are not providing lunch in the various youth tracks but there will be a snack in the afternoon.

You can view the requirements and register to volunteer by visiting the Eucharistic Congress' website: <http://www.goeucharist.com>.

Thank you for all you do to shepherd God's children! I hope to see you at the Congress! May our Lady intercede for you and our Lord grant you abundant graces. You are in my prayers daily.