

St. Pius X School Newsletter

Newsletter
March 2010

Principal - Geri Morrison
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NOTICES

March 1st
Prismatic Magic

March 9th-11th
Book Fair

March 11th
Munchkins for Moms

March 10th
Individual Pictures

March 12th
Noon Dismissal
No AfterCare

March 17th
Grade 7 Retreat
Pack-a-Lunch Day

March 19th
Awards Assembly
8:30 A.M.

March 28th
Open House
12:30-2:30

March 30th
Grade 8 Retreat

March 31st
Grade 6 Retreat
Noon Dismissal

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

During Lent we are mindful of a time when we can make a change in our lives for the better. Let's work together with our children to live more simply, offering and sharing our special gifts with those less fortunate. I encourage all our students and families to take time to Pray, Fast, Learn, and Give of themselves. May your family know deep peace and blessings from our loving God.

Please join us for Mass on Tuesday mornings at 8:20 A.M., and join us for the Stations of the Cross on March 11th in the church and living stations on March 25th in the school gym; both are scheduled for 1:45 P.M. Our seventh grade will also participate in the living stations on Friday, March 26th at 7:00 P.M. in the church.

I am so proud of our eighth graders! During the week of February 16th, students received high school acceptance letters. All of our students were accepted into schools of their choice and as of today, thirteen scholarships have been awarded to our eighth graders. Congratulations to our students, their parents, and teachers. You have the prospect of successful futures. We believe in you!

March is a busy month for St. Pius X School. Important dates and activities are listed to the left of this letter. You are invited to some special events such as the Book Fair (March 9th-11th) and Munchkins for Moms and Grandmoms (March 11th).

Individual pictures will be taken March 10th. Middle School retreats will be held during March.

The *Stanford 10* standardized testing will take place during the week of March 22nd. All students in grades 3-8 will be tested. During this week, please give your children a good breakfast and, most of all, get them to school on time. Students who are late will have to test later in the day or make up testing on another day. This is not the best scenario for success in standardized testing. **Research shows that students who are prepared and not rushed do better on these tests. Please create the best situation for all.**

Sincerely,

Geri Morrison
Principal



CLASSROOM CHATTER

Pennies for Peace

One of our school's Lenten projects, "Pennies for Peace," is off to a wonderful start! This is a service-learning project designed to broaden our students' cultural horizons. Our pennies will help educate Afghanistan and Pakistan children. One penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy. Children in over 400 remote mountain villages are on the waiting list hoping for school supplies and new schools. A six minute video showing the project's success can be found on the website www.penniesforpeace.org. Greg Mortenson's book, Three Cups of Tea (adult and middle school editions) and Listen to the Wind (primary edition) relates the story behind the program.



On March 3, 2010, Jennifer Drechsler, Jordan Robinson, Christian Flynn, Shannon Kelley, Brianna Romagnano and Mrs. Barb Romagnano will travel to Annapolis, to represent St. Pius X School at the Annual Legislative Reception.

They will have face-to-face meetings with Legislators to ask them to support and enact the BOAST Maryland Tax Credit. Afterwards, they will enjoy a lunch reception with members of the Maryland General Assembly. We are proud to have these students and parent represent St. Pius X in our state's capital. We thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair:

It's that time again – The book fair is coming to SPX the week of March 8th! You are invited to attend, and all classes will have the opportunity to visit the fair..and buy books!! Look for a sample book list and more information coming home with your student. We also always need volunteers to help during the fair, so please fill out the volunteer form and return it to Mrs. Comber in the library. And please – check out our webpage at:<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stpiuslibrary>.

Special Reminder
Emergency Closings
Delayed Openings

- *If school is closed - Before & AfterCare is closed
- *If school is delayed in opening, BeforeCare will open one hour prior to the delayed start of school
- *If school closes early - there will be no AfterCare.

In case of weather or emergency related closing, delays, and early dismissals, you may find information concerning SPX three ways:

1. Listen to WBAL radio (1090) for an announcement concerning Baltimore County Schools. We follow Balto. Co. plans.
2. Call 410-427-7400-voice prompt 4 - for closing/delay info.
3. Look for a g-mail sent to your e-mail address on file for the latest updates.

Sewing Volunteers Needed:

Sewing volunteers are needed to stitch quilt blocks and sashing into quilt tops for the Spanish quilt project. Straight seams are all that's required! Everything will be provided, except for the white or off-white thread, and irons. Please let Mrs. Fredericks, room 13, know if you can assist.

K News:

March is Parents' Month in kindergarten. Parents are invited to come in and share their favorite book, recipe, or even their own special talents. Pajama Day is March 12th for winning the class spirit day.

Join us for our. . .



Annual Parish Mission

Sunday, March 21 7-9 PM

Monday, March 22 7-9 PM

Tuesday, March 23 7-9 PM



Presented by Fr. Michael Martin, OFM, Conv.

President, Archbishop Curley High School

Fr. Michael is a 1979 graduate of Archbishop Curley High School has been in Catholic education for over twenty years. After entering the Conventual Franciscan Friars upon graduation from Curley, Fr. Michael received his BA in philosophy from St. Hyacinth College Seminary. He later received an STB in Theology from The Pontifical Theological Faculty of St. Bonaventure – The Seraphicum – in Rome, Italy. Ordained a priest in 1989, Fr. Michael was assigned as Admissions Director of St. Francis High School, Athol Springs New York where he served for five years. During those years, he attended summer classes and gained a Masters in Education Administration from Boston College. Assigned to the Archbishop Curley faculty in the fall of 1994, Fr. Michael served for two years as Admissions Director, five years as Principal, and as President since 2001. Fr. Michael is a Regional Associate of the National Catholic Educational Association, and serves on the boards of Notre Dame Preparatory School and St. Thomas Aquinas School.

Music by “40 More Days” and St. Pius X
Contemporary Choir

Free Will Offering Accepted

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent - Stations of the Cross are held at 7:00 P.M. in the Upper Church

*March 26th
Living Stations - SPX Students
7:00 P.M.
Upper Church*

Stations of the Cross During the School Day:

*March 11th - 1:45 P.M.
Upper Church
And
March 25th
Living Stations - SPX Students
1:45 P.M.
School Gym*