

St. Pius X School Newsletter

Newsletter
June, 2010

Principal - Geri Morrison
Asst. Principal - Peg Hauf

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

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The year seems to have flown by again! Each August we begin fresh, not knowing what will transpire throughout the year. We are always hopeful that our students will be challenged academically. We also want them to be faith filled children of God and lifelong learners. I must say that as I look back on this year, the challenges have been many, but all things considered our students have shown that they have been successful in so many facets of St. Pius X School's programs.

The eighth grade graduation was indeed a glorious celebration. In the new church, with thirty-one students, faculty, parents, and friends, we experienced many emotions as achievements in academics, athletics, art, music, and sports were showcased. How often does an elementary school have fourteen students win \$382,700 in high school scholarships?

Our seventh grader, Jordan Robinson, won the State Optimist Oratorical contest representing St. Pius X School. Several of our teachers received awards at the Archdiocesan awards banquet.

It has been an exciting year in many ways. It is also hard to know that after twenty - six years of teaching and administering at St. Pius X School I will not be continuing. St. Pius X School will always be my family. When we chose the motto "More Than a School, A Family" we were already a strong community of faith. We have continued to grow stronger. Our strength shows in how we treat our students, our parents, our faculty and staff. Let it continue always.

With faith and love,

Geri Morrison
Principal



NOTICES

6/2, 6/3, 6/4
6th & 7th grade exams

6/4
Noon Dismissal

6/7
Pre-K 3 celebration
9:00 AM

No Pre-K 3 AfterCare
Noon Dismissal
Pre-K 4 through 7th

6/8
Pre-K 4
Closing Performance
9:00 AM
No Pre-K 3 or Pre-K 4
AfterCare
Noon Dismissal K-7th

6/9
Kindergarten Graduation
9:00 AM
No Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 or K
AfterCare
Noon Dismissal 1st-7th

6/10
Closing Mass 8:20
11:00 Dismissal
No Before or AfterCare

6/11
Teachers Professional
Day
Golf Outing

CLASSROOM CHATTER

Instrumental Music Festival:

Our band was awarded an Excellent rating at this year's Instrumental Music Festival!

The festival is designed to present a concert for the families and friends of band members, as well as a positive motivating force for the students. Each band's performance is judged according to ten different musical criteria by individuals who are experts in the field of music education. Based on the scores, bands are awarded one of the following ratings: (I+) Superior, (I) Excellent, (II+) Very Good, (II) Good or Participation. Congratulations to all involved.

Physical Education News:

Mr. Hubbard would like to thank all of the parents who helped make field day a success!! And a thank you as well to the eighth graders for doing a super job of running their stations!

Have a great summer!

**Message to:
The HSA, all Parents, Faculty and
Students at St. Pius X School.**

Thank you for the part you played to make the ice cream social so memorable. Whether it was scooping ice cream, writing a page for the memory books, contributing money, or sending us prayers and well wishes, you have provided us with lasting memories of our good times together, and we will cherish them, and you, for being a part of our lives.

Fondly,
Geri Morrison and Peg Hauf

Notice RE: School Office Hours:

The school offices will be closed June 14th-18th.

Message from a departing family:

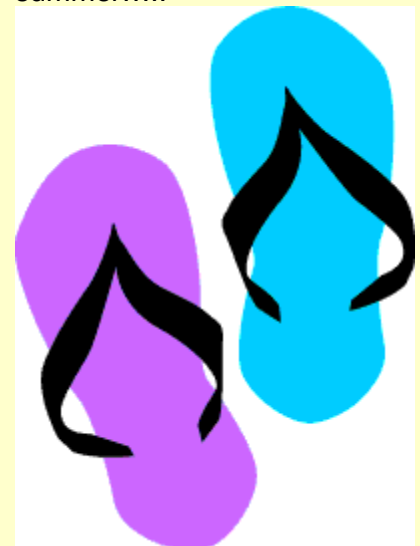
To our friends at St. Pius,

With mixed emotions we would like to announce that our family is moving to Manassas, Virginia at the end of June. We would like to thank everyone who has helped shape, grow, and promote our children's identities. We have always been proud to say our children attend the St. Pius X School. However it is not the school. It is the kids, the families, the teachers, the staff and the message that has made it all worthwhile.

Good luck, God bless, and stay in touch.

Bill, Monica, Addison, Dane, Ainsley and Sage Ludwig

Enjoy your
summer.....


**GOOD TO KNOW****NEW EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

We now have 2 Defibrillators for use in emergency cases. One is located in the sacristy on the Parish side.

One is located in the Parish School at the top of the gym steps.

When the defibrillator is turned on, it will give the user very clear directions on what to do. Also in the defibrillator box is a CPR Kit.

Additionally there is a First Aid Kit in the Parish office side sacristy washroom and a wheelchair in the usher's closet on the Overbrook side (the closet behind the sound board).

A decorative border with a double-line brown and gold design, featuring ornate scrollwork and flourishes at the corners and midpoints.

*The Community of St. Pius X
Invites you to a
Mass of Thanksgiving
for*

*Geri Morrison
&
Peggy Kauf*

*To Celebrate their Many Years of
Service & Ministry to
St. Pius X School*

Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 11:15 AM

Reception to follow

Dear St. Pius X Family;

Over the course of the school year the Character Education Program has focused on 5 traits that demonstrate strength of character. I have sent newsletters with tips for parents attached to your monthly newsletter and trust that you have had a chance to read over them. I would like to continue to partner with parents in the hopes of inspiring our young people to become the visions of good character they all have the potential of becoming.

The students are offered discussions, activities, and skits to emphasize the Character Trait of the Month. This year we focused on Diligence, Courage, Tolerance, Enthusiasm, and Justice. Each class should have a poster of the Trait of the Month which defines the trait in behavioral terms for our students.

Our Character Coaches are students in 7th and 8th grade who have volunteered to take on the task of working with a younger class and conducting an activity that describes and reinforces the trait of the month. This year I received over 60 students in grades 7 and 8 who were interested in becoming Character Coaches. Twenty-two students were selected by the Character Education Committee to work with grades K thru 5 reinforcing our traits for the year. I would like to recognize these hard working and committed students:

Gr. K Ms. Franks: [Mariellen Kemp, Katy Pugh, and Annie Hutchinson](#)

Gr. 1 Ms. Jones: [Jen Drechsler and Monica Salters](#)

Gr. 1 Ms. Mays: [Emily Gentry and Maria Kelly](#)

Gr. 2 Ms. Filling and Ms. Bowman: [Grace Derbyshire, Sarah Connell, & Tommy Maxwell](#)

Gr. 3 Ms. Lutz: [Ben Toler, Kenyon Booker, Jordan Robinson](#)

Gr. 4 Ms. Massa: [Anna Bolton and Colleen Cook](#)

Gr. 5 Mr. Ripley: [Emma Jones, Sofie Massa, & Maddie Doyle](#)

Gr. 5 Ms. Fredericks: [Christian Flynn, David Gately, & Gerard Whalen](#)

One of the pleasures of working with students is to see their growth over the course of the year. It has been wonderful to see these students mature and assert themselves as student leaders. Congratulations to them. I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer!

Best Wishes,
Vivian Morgan, MS
School Consultant