

St. Pius X Regional Academy Newsletter November 2017

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Mission Statement

St. Pius X Regional Academy is a Roman Catholic school providing a personalized, specialized, and spiritualized 21st century education to preschool through grade 8 students.

Dates to Remember

November 1st

All Saints Day

School Mass at 9:30 am

November 1st

Christmas Bazaar Meeting

3:30 pm

November 3rd

Middle School Dance

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

November 15th

PTO Meeting 6:15 pm

in the technology room

November 17th

PTO –Students-

Serving Thanksgiving dinner

to the community

5:30 – 6:30 pm

November 24th

Lighting of the School and

Caroling

6:00 pm

November 25th

Christmas Basket

Stroll

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Twisted Vine, Amigos, and

one TBA

****Save the Date****

Whole School

Christmas Concert

Thursday, Dec. 14th

6:30 pm

Upstairs in the Church

Christmas Bazzar

Dec 1st and 2nd

Dear Parents,

November 1, 2017

We are grateful for all of the blessings that have been bestowed upon our school. October has been an amazing month. We celebrated a whole school Mass on the day of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Parents and grandparents joined us at our beautiful shrine. Throughout the month our students have been part of a discussion of the precious gift of life. Our faith is spread throughout everything that we do here at school, and that in itself is a great gift.

October has brought families together to participate in the Walk-A-Thon, Movie Night, and Trunk 'n Treat. The Walk-A-Thon brought students, family members, and parishioners together to walk, play games, and the highlight of the day was The Dunk Tank. It truly was a fun day of physical activity, team work and a chance to dunk a teacher or Fr. Najim. We are thankful for the beautiful weather and the opportunity to join together as a school community. Thank you to Mrs. Melissa Brown and her committee for a job well done.



In November we celebrate the month of all Saints. We will begin by attending a whole school Mass on November 1st. We are especially grateful for St. Pius X who was called the "Pope of the Blessed Sacrament." I had the opportunity to attend the Adoration after school group this month. It was a wonderful experience to share with the students. They are truly an inspiration.

Classroom Highlights



Computer News from Mrs. Martin-Tuite - The Computer Lab has been a busy place this fall. Along with learning about our New Chromebooks and laptops, the Pre-K-8th grade have been applying Technology Manners, Coding, Typing, and Best Practices to their skill set. Many of these programs are available to use at home and we encourage using; **typetastic.com**, **Code.org**, **Starfall.com**, and **ixl.com**. Common Sense Media is a useful site for parents, it's free and has important tips, especially concerning middle school students using social media. (www.digitalpassport.org)

Music Notes from Mr. Pare - Learning about the wonderful and unusual history of our National Anthem captivates the interest of our students. The talented voices of our students can be heard as they apply fun music theory and singing. The preschool students love to use creative music on instruments as they learn songs. Recorders and reading music will be taking place in grades 3 through 5. As always, we are learning beautiful hymns for our Masses and the school-wide Christmas Concert.

School-wide Christmas Concert

This year the Christmas Concert will be held upstairs in the church. We ask that you "Save the Date". The Christmas Concert will be held on **Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 pm**. More information will follow.

Physical Education News from Mrs. DeSarro -

The middle school students will begin their physical fitness test. Our first test will be the mile run.

Students will run, jog or walk one mile and test their own personal best and of course, friendly competition.

Our elementary students will be completing their jump rope unit and will be tested on improvement in jump roping since September. No worries, I am so happy with their enthusiasm and know that all our students have been practicing! Some of their favorite games this year have been Steal the Bacon, Ant Trap, and Pirates Gold.



Art Happenings with Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Forcier (Mrs. Forcier teaches grade 6 art only)

The preschool students are learning about the artist, Frida Kahlo, and how she painted self-portraits. Then they created their own self-portraits. The students in kindergarten and grade 1 and 2 have been practicing their cutting skills to make self-portrait collages on paper. Grade 2 created multi-colored crayon rubbings and then used them to create a collage. In grade 3 children have been learning about Henri Matisse and his technique of "drawing with scissors". We are learning about symmetry and visual rhythm from there we will create a collage that displays both.

Students in grades 4 and 5 are learning that artists use sketches to explore ideas for artworks. We practiced this skill while drawing natural objects like shells and rocks. Next, we used these sketches to create a finished etching of our objects. Grade 6 students have completed some doodle art as well as painting on "St. Pius X rocks" with words of faith. You may find them around Westerly. Grade 7 students are creating Egyptian walls murals and are trying to demonstrate an understanding of

Egyptian perspective. Grade 8 is interpreting a set of directions in a personal way to create an abstract composition. Each student is trying to show the principles of variety and balance.

Progress reports have gone home as well as the STAR testing results. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Report cards will be handed out on December 5th and parent conferences will be scheduled during the school day on Wednesday, December 6th.

Yearly school calendar is on our website at www.westerlystpiusxonline.org

May God Bless You,

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Matthew: The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

We have a responsibility to nourish our seeds and see that they flourish for the kingdom of God.

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Where our students:

**P – Pray
I – Inspire
U - Understand
S - Serve**