

St. Pius X, TIGER TALES

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ PTO meeting-
Sept 7 @ 7pm-
gym
- ◆ Hooten Chalk
Talks-Sept 8 @
7pm- Parish Hall
- ◆ All school Mass-
Thursday @ 8am

Pastor, Fr. Michael Guadagnoli
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Lauro Gonzalez
Priest in Residence, Fr. Rudy Garcia
Fr. Loyd Morris
Principal, Cindy Elwood

Principal's News



Great first week of school. Thank you for your efforts. Thank you for checking your student's **RED FOLDER** each Thursday after school as well as RenWeb for the latest newsletter to include weekly reminders and important information.

Thank you for being an involved parent. Your child's success is our desire. Together we can make it happen.

Dear Parents

We are gearing up for a great school year and are ready to begin providing tutoring for grades 4-8.

Tutoring is scheduled for Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-4:15pm. Please make sure you have discussed this with your child(ren) ahead of time.

As a courtesy, please make every effort to email the teachers to let them know that your child will be attending tutoring and for which subjects.

If your child will be attending, thank you for being prompt in picking them up at 4:15pm in the front of the school.

Also, be reminded that teachers are available to assist students during the lunch hour. Your child will need to let the teacher know ahead of time for a pass.

We invite you to be an active and vital part of our St. Pius X Catholic School community firsthand by coming to visit us at 3030 Gus Thomasson Rd. Once you step foot onto our campus you, too, will feel the blessing of being a part of our wonderful and exciting community. We look forward to welcoming you soon onto our campus. You are always welcome here by visiting, calling 972-279-2339 or emailing us at celwood@spxdallas.org. We anticipate great results from our entire community.

Be blessed.

Cindy Elwood, principal

Tiger Blessing





Team Building in
Science

*“The TIGER WAY is
to be gracious and
respectful to God,
ourselves, and
each other.”*



Mrs. Ward's Class

Library News

St. Pius Library needs to renew their magazines! Please consider going to the school website and ordering magazines through QSP. Even though we no longer have a magazine fundraiser, our PTO still receives 40% of any magazines purchased from the website. Just go to the bottom of the school home page and click on the QSP logo!

For a list of magazines that the students love to read in the library, please contact Kathleen Huggins at: khuggins@spxdallas.org or 972-279-2339. Thanks!

Cafeteria News

This is a friendly reminder to sign up for your cafeteria duty by emailing Ann Stover at: astover@spxdallas.org

Thank you for your timely assistance in signing up. Come and see how well behaved our students are.



Chess News

Chess club is starting up again! We will be meeting after school 2 Wednesdays a month until 4:15 p.m. Students will be divided in groups levelled by their abilities. We will still need parent volunteers so contact Kathleen Huggins at khuggins@spxdallas.org or 972-279-2339 if interested. Group sizes are limited by the number of committed parent volunteers. If your child is interested in participating in chess, forms are available in the media center.

*Remember to
pray a Hail
Mary for the
intention of
vocations.*

Immunization Update

This is a friendly reminder to make sure your child's shots are up-to-date. Feel free to call our school health coordinator, Mrs. Schermann for any clarification. Thanks for taking care of this as soon as possible.

Choir News

Auditions for St. Cecilia Choir:

When: Wed., Sept. 15 at 3:15 – 5 pm
Where: Music Room
Who: Any 3rd – 8th grade student that would like to be considered for the “honors” choir.

Rehearsals will be held every Wed. after school from 3:15 pm – 4 pm when school is in session.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet outside the music room. Note: You will need to audition if you have been a member of the choir previously.

Ms. Crist, Director
St. Cecilia Choir

Family Income Letter

In today's red folder you will find an envelope containing the 2010-2011 family income survey. We ask that you take time to fill this out and return it back to the school by September 8th. The information from the forms is used to get financial help from federally funded programs. We need everyone to return this survey, not just those families that fall within the income levels described, in order for the survey to be considered valid. All information is kept confidential. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Follow the TIGER
WAY.

Special Shout Outs to...

Thank you to our wonderful ladies in the office, Roxanne Weaver and Margaret White. We appreciate their hard work and dedication to St. Pius X.

Thank you to Ken, Michael, Fernando, Jose, and Pete for continuing to work on the school grounds. We appreciate the beautiful landscaping.

Thank you to the Ladies Society and President Bev Kosco for graciously partnering up with our school this year.

Destination Imagination

What does duct tape, recyclables and imagination have in common? All of these are integral parts of Destination Imagination which is an educational program for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving. We would like to start up several teams here at St. Pius. Teams consist of up to 7 students and are "coached" by parent volunteers. More information can be found at <http://www.idodi.org/>. Contact Kathleen Huggins at khuggins@spxdallas.org or 972-279-2339 if interested.

Fundraising

Remember to use SCRIPS and fulfill your fundraising requirements. Email scrip@spxdallas.org for more info.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Boxtops for Education fundraiser is one of the easiest fundraisers at St. Pius. For every Boxtop, St. Pius receives 10 cents. Cut the Boxtop from the participating products and turn them into to your child's classroom in an envelope with your child's teacher's name. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to help you collect.

There are two deadlines to submit the Boxtops: Oct. 31 and Feb. 28. A popsicle party will be awarded to the class that collects the most for each deadline.

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Seventh and Eighth Grade News

As an integral part of our service to you and your child(ren), St. Pius X Catholic School faculty and staff, in conjunction with the Athletic and Safe Environment Coordinator, Ginger Farrell, will be hosting "Hooten Chalk Talks". These talks will be geared toward the grade level audience of parents and students. You are invited and strongly encouraged to be present on the designated evening to hear an hour full of passionate and heartfelt treasures concerning performance enhancing drugs, steroids, from a Metroplex family that has been most touched by this topic.

Our gracious, Coach Bill Stynetski, has made this wonderful opportunity available here at St. Pius X, not only because of his love for our success but also because of his passion to keep the story alive in hopes of keeping all athletes free and safe from harm.

8th grade students and parents will meet on Wednesday, September 8th @ 7pm in the Parish Hall.
7th grade students and parents will meet on Wednesday, September 15th @ 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Remembrances

We ask for prayers for the deceased aunt of the Angelier family. Please keep the Angelier family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please pray for the father of Ginger Farrell who recently passed away. Keep the Farrell's in your thoughts and prayers.

Work of Heart

We are very excited that the anonymous Catholic family and The Catholic Foundation will be continuing the Work of Heart Award program for the 2010-2011 school year! We have had numerous teachers win an award in past years, and it is always such an honor and a thrill to have one of our staff members win. We greatly appreciate the families who have nominated our teachers and staff members in the past. Now, let's keep up the good work and nominate more of our teachers this year! This award is given to Catholic school employees who "go the extra mile," or perform a specific act of kindness for a student or family, or always work/teach with a smile on their face, or set a good Christian example, or mentor/tutor fellow teachers or students. It is an award to honor excellence in Catholic education.

The nomination process is very simple. Write a nomination letter and include your name and relation to the nominee. Send the letter in one of three ways - fax to 972-661-0140; email to workofheart@catholicfoundation.com; or mail to The Catholic Foundation, Work of Heart Award, 5310 Harvest Hill Road, Ste. 248, Dallas, TX 75230.

No School Monday, September 6 - Labor Day