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From the Administrator Desk

Parents,

Registration Day

August 4, 2010 is Registration Day for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Save that date to attend Registration Day in the gym from 11AM – 1PM or from 5PM – 7PM. All forms will be available on the website later in the summer so you can have all those completed prior to attending Registration Day. Always check the website for the most up-to-date information.

Calendar Reminders:

The last day of school is Friday, May 28th, with a Noon Dismissal. It is a dress down day for all students.

The 2010 – 2011 school year calendar is on the school website. Refer to it for the first day of school and other events throughout the year. The school calendar is subject to change.

Summer Office Hours

The school office hours during the summer will be: June 1 – 15 from 8 AM – 2 PM; from June 16 – Aug 1 the office will be on answering machine which will be checked periodically, e-mail is also an option and will be checked periodically

Have a very good summer and see you on August 4 for Registration and August 19 for Open House and for August 23 for the first day of school.

Mr. Zahm

MAGAZINE DRIVE - ALL YEAR AROUND

Our fall Magazine Drive kicks off on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. If your magazine subscription runs out prior to September, or if you are giving

a gift subscription, you can still renew or purchase a new magazine subscription to benefit St. Pius X School. Through the QSP website, www.QSP.com, you can purchase or renew magazines and use the St. Pius X School account number: 425002157. Every subscription ordered with our account number brings money back to St. Pius X School. Tell your friends and relatives that if they are ordering anyway, our school may as well benefit, too.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Where has the year gone? We would like to extend our appreciation to all of the parents for their support and help this year. We couldn't do our job without you. It is very important that the students continue to read, work on math facts, and practice their handwriting this summer. A few minutes daily can make a big difference. We hope you have a relaxing, enjoyable summer with family and friends. Thank you for a wonderful year!

Mrs. Caligiuri, Mrs. Zaletel

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

4th graders embarked on a 300 year old farm tour and learned about the crops, animals and way of life of people who settled in Iowa. Students were excited to see the homes, tools, animals and goods that made it possible for the people to live in our state from the 1700's to the present. Students took part in a real-life classroom experience as if they were living in the year 1875. The headmistress had a lot of rules that were different than today and students enjoyed standing up to recite their lines, respond to a question, and quote lines from poems. Students even participated in a spelling bee! One rule that made the students giggle, was that it was proper to let girls go into the school first, while the boys followed. For recess, students played games from that era, including Duck, Duck, Goose! They wrote math problems using chalk and slates--you wouldn't want to be left-handed during this time period, as it was considered improper! Students really enjoyed heading 'back in time' for a day at Living History Farms!

Ms. Meyer, Mrs. McGee

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

I can hardly believe that the year is over already! We have been busy in Social Studies these last weeks of school. The 6th graders have

spent time learning more about the Russian Revolution and World War II. They have been very interested in these events and have impressed me with their knowledge.

In 7th grade, students have learned the locations and geography of the countries of South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Learning about the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas as well as Spanish colonization have been part of this unit of study. We took a close look at the construction and function of the Panama Canal, as well as the influence of communism in Cuba.

Our time in 8th grade has been spent recently studying the Civil War. The students studied the causes and effects of the war, as well as important people from the era. The 8th graders are well prepared for high school! I will miss seeing them every day!

I hope you all have a fun and relaxing summer! See you in August!
Mrs. Anthofer

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

Well, another wonderful year! 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have done a great job for me in math this year!! All 3 grades completed everything in their standards and benchmarks for their curriculum. We completed all of the lessons I set out to complete from their math books. 7th graders even got to turn their math books in with 2 weeks left in the school year. So, I was able to review and refresh their memory on topics we'd covered, that I wanted to be sure they still knew how to do. I will miss our 8th graders. They have been great getting to know over their 3 years in middle school. They are ready to move on to high school, and face the new experiences, challenges, and opportunities. Good luck Class of 2010, and down the road, 2014.

Happy summer to all,
Mrs. Raes

BAND NEWS



St. Pius X Band

May is a very busy time in the band department! On Monday, May 10th, the 5th-8th grade band students played a concert for friends and family in the St. Pius gym. Many students were recognized with awards and certificates. The 8th grade students were recognized for their contributions to and leadership for the band program. The middle school band played, "Summit March," "Highlights from Beauty and the Beast," "Hymne," "Carpathia," and "Amen!" The 5th grade band played the following musical selections: "Character," "Rise and Shine," "America, the Beautiful," "Northridge Overture," and "Costa del Sol." On Tuesday, May 11, St. Pius X hosted "A Night of Jazz." Five jazz bands from three schools, Dowling Catholic, Sacred Heart and St. Pius X played for the crowds. The St. Pius X middle school jazz band played "Fast Break," soloists were 8th graders Kyle Hobt, alto sax and Nick Galimoto, trumpet. Eighth grader Christine Haag sang vocals on "Orange Colored Sky," and the band finished with

"Earth, Wind and Fire Dance Mix." On Friday, May 14th, the 5th grade band played a concert at the Merle Hay Mall Food Court. Afterwards, the student musicians got to eat at the Food Court.

Best wishes to our 8th grade students: Laura, Danni, Mary, Christine, Alex, John, Kyle, Dan, Nick and Isaac.

Mrs. Haag

Library News

What Would You Do For Reading?

Students at St. Pius X School earned money for new library furniture as they purchased books to increase summer reading. At the kick-off assembly on Friday, April 23, the students issued a challenge to principal, Mr. Zahm. If Scholastic Book Fair sales reached \$4000 then Mr. Zahm would sit on the roof of the school during recess. Students exceeded their goal and on Thursday, May 20, 2010, Mr. Zahm sat on the roof with a three-bucket target to catch water balloons. Classes waited eagerly as each student took a chance to make the bucket and earn a sucker.

Mrs. Dales, Mrs. Halligan

Thank you!

Everyone in the 'specials' teacher unit, Unit 4, would like to thank the homeroom parents and Home and School for their thoughtful gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week!

