

St. Pius X Home & School News

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Upcoming Home & School Events

December 2009

- 3 - K-2 Musical, 7pm in gym
- 4 - 7 & 8 Grade Dance at St Pius X
- 8 - Immaculate Conception Liturgy 9am, Band Concert 7pm in gym
- 9 - Early Dismissal 1pm
- 14 - Choir Concert 7pm
- 16 - Skating Party 6-8pm
- 18 - Mission Awareness Dress Down Day, Christmas Vacation begins at end of school day

January 2010

- 4 - Classes Resume
- 8 - No School
- 13 - Early Dismissal
- 21 - Preschool Roundup 6:30pm
- 29 - Mission Awareness Dress Down Day
- 31 - Catholic School Open House 10-11:30

Fiesta Auction Results

Our 2009 Auction was a great success, raising \$44,000 for our school (and our children).

A huge thank you goes to Lynn Lilly and Debbie Sheehy for their leadership chairing the Auction.

Also, thank you to all of the sub-committee chairpersons and volunteers for donating their time, talent and resources to make this such a successful auction. Mucho Gracias.

Help Wanted:

Welcoming Committee: Please contact Courtney Matt if you are interested in joining our Welcoming Committee for families new to St. Pius X School during our school year.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair: Contact Jan Holtkamp if you are interested in helping with this Book Fair.

Save the Date: Family Fun Night is February 6, 2010. Planning meetings start in December, so contact Jan Holtkamp if you'd like to help plan this fun annual event!

Home & School Assoc. Officers

2009-2010

- President: Jan Holtkamp
- Vice President: Jen Bussey
- Secretary: Laurie Baumhover
- Treasurer: Denise Youngers
- Past President: Brigid Greening

H & S Meeting Highlights

Date: November 12, 2009. Find a complete copy of the minutes at:

<http://www.stpiusxschool.org/Pages/hsnews.html>

- 2009 Auction gross earnings were nearly \$60,000, leaving around \$44,000 in profit once all expenses have been paid.
- Teacher & Staff Christmas Gifts were finalized.
- H & S is working to get templates made for the East parking lot for 4-Square, Hopscotch, and Kickball.
- A proposal is being made to move the current playground area to the green space south of the parish center. Look for more information on this in the future.
- St. Pius X School will be hosting a 2-day Mad Science event during Catholic Schools Week.
- The Artists in Residence program has invited two artists to come to school to work with 4th & 5th graders from 4/26/10 - 4/30/10.
- H & S is purchasing the musical copyrights for this spring's middle school musical.
- Barnes & Nobel Book Fair: We need someone to chair this event, which is usually held in late-January or early-Feb. Contact Jan Holtkamp if you are interested.
- Reusable Bag Challenge raised \$100 for the middle school service group.
- A New Welcoming Committee is being created by Courtney Matt and Linda Virnig to welcome new families coming to St. Pius X School during the school year. They will set up a Meet & Greet event, and pair them with a Buddy Family to ease their transition into our school.
- Scrip Report: See backside of this paper.

Thank you to Kay Schoon for organizing the meals for our teachers during conferences in October.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the large meeting room. Please join us.

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Scrip Report

Christmas is coming and Scrip is the perfect way to shop this holiday season, especially with some of the great deals the Scrip team is offering!

- For orders received from Monday, 11/30/09 through 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 12/8/09 profits will be changed so that 60% of the Scrip profits will go to Scrip participants and 40% to Home & School. Our usual percentage is a 50/50 split, so families will earn an additional 10% during that time frame.

So stuff those stockings, do your Christmas shopping, and even treat yourself to something nice.

Plus, Scrip is giving away a week's worth of gifts for orders placed from Wednesday, 12/9/09 through 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 12/15/09. Here's how it works:

- Purchase a total of \$100 - \$299 in Scrip gift cards and you'll receive one chance to win
- Purchase a total of \$300 - \$499 and you'll receive two chances to win
- Purchase a total of \$500 or more and you'll receive three chances to win.

The drawing takes place on the morning of Friday, 12/18/09. Prizes will be awarded in the following order:

1. Family Movie Night includes a Family Video gift card, \$10 to Papa Murphy's & a basket of goodies
2. A Pulse Kick 'N Go Nitrous Scooter
3. Movie Date Night: A \$25 Century Movie gift card and \$25 restaurant gift card.
4. 10.4" Digital Picture Frame to view 2,000 of your favorite family photos
5. Nikon CoolPix Compact Digital Camera with an extra memory card

You can't win if you don't order Scrip, so be sure and submit an order between 12/9/09 - 12/15/09.

Holiday Gift Wrapper: During the holiday season Scrip is selling paper gift card holders for \$0.50 each. They have a festive holiday design and serve as a nice package for your gift card. These are not on our Scrip forms, so just write them in at the bottom of your Scrip order form.

Retailer News:

- HuHot: \$20 gift cards with a 16.7% discount will be available for a limited time this holiday season. Order now, because once our supply is gone they will no longer be available.
- Tastefully Simple will be discontinued in Scrip.
- iTunes now offers a 5% discount, and \$15 or \$25 gift cards

Remaining 2009 weekend Scrip sales are: December 5th & 6th, 12th & 13th. Our last Tuesday cash & carry will be December 15th with delivery on Friday, December 18th. After that, the Scrip team will take a break until Tuesday, January 5th, 2010.

Home & School Association would like to say THANK YOU to:

- Bonnie Ehler and Denise Hobt for their leadership in the Scrip program
- All of the volunteers who keep our Scrip program running
- All of our St. Pius X families who support our Scrip program, which generates income for our school.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Ehler (tabehler@msn.com) or Denise Hobt (tomndee1@msn.com). See <http://www.stpiusxschool.org/pdfs/Scrip%20order.pdf> for a Scrip Order Form.

Additions / Deletions to our School Directory:

Add: Jordan Stenger, 5J. Brian & Kristy Stenger, 6741 University Ave. Windsor Heights, IA 50324. 255-4237
Belle McNeer, 3WH. Mike & Cyndy McNeer 1015 68th St. #7 West Des Moines, IA 50266 601-573-5889
Delete: Ryan Miller, 3Z