

July 18, 2011



Dear Parents,

We are gearing up for another school year at St. Pius X School. A reminder that Registration Day for the 2011 - 2012 school year is scheduled for- **Wednesday, August 3, 2011, in the school gym.** Times are 11:00 - 1:00PM or 5:00 - 7:00PM.

All registration papers, except one, will be on the school's web site at www.stpiusxschool.org. Please print off the **registration papers**, fill them out, and bring them to registration day. **The student Emergency Card will still need to be completed at registration so remember to bring names and addresses of emergency contacts and business phone numbers.** Please print off and sign all the permissions on the **Sign-Off Form**. That form **must** be completed and returned to school **PRIOR to or on the first day of school.** You **must still attend Registration Day on August 3, 2011** make your first tuition payment, sign up for volunteer opportunities, open lunch accounts, sign up for band, find out homerooms, purchase used uniforms, order spirit wear, volunteer to help with the auction, sign up for Adventuretime, and a list of other opportunities to get involved in St. Pius X School. If you are not able to attend registration day, please call the school office to let us know. All parents are **required to register children for school**, even though the returning children were pre-registered in February.

The **Parent/Student Handbook** and the **Athletic Handbook and Physical Form** (for families with children in grades 5 - 8 who will participate in athletics) are on the website. Please read the handbooks for information about school procedures. Paper copies of these Handbooks will not be available. All students who participate in athletics **must have an athletic physical.**

First Student Contract Services offers **bus transportation for students** in grades K - 8 living within the Urbandale Community School District. They are issuing bus passes this year, so **you must register your child as a bus rider at registration.** A form is on our website to use. Transportation will be provided to bus students on early dismissal dates and other school days as long as it is a day that Urbandale Community Schools has school.

A **used uniform exchange** will be held during registration sponsored by Home & School with proceeds going to the school library. If you have clean girls' or boys' uniform clothing to donate, bring your items to the Parish Center by August 2, 2011 to be included in the sale. Used uniforms not sold will be donated to charity. If you want to look at new uniform items, samples from Carpenter Uniform Company will be available for trying on and ordering in the music room in the gym.

All new grade 1 - 8 students to St. Pius X School and all 6th grade students should attend Open House on Friday, August 19, 2011 from 10:30 - 11:00 AM in their classrooms. All returning students and all Preschool and Kindergarten students should attend Open House any time between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. **Parents are**

encouraged to attend the Open House and to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences in the hallway near the library while they are there. Students may bring in school supplies at Open House. They will also get a chance to meet homeroom teachers and classmates.

The first day of school is **Monday, August 22, 2011**. Students may arrive at school at 7:50 AM each day and go to their classroom. Adventuretime is available before and after school. **School begins each day at 8:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM.** The daily tardy bell is at 8:05 AM. **All visitors, including parents, must report to the school office and sign in** and secure a “visitor” label regardless of the amount of time planned on staying in the school. For **security purposes**, all visitors throughout the day **must ring the school office** to be allowed entry into the school.

There will be a **new traffic pattern** and procedure beginning on the first day of school. Details will be available at Registration Day. All parents enter the East parking lot from Douglas Avenue. There will no longer be parking in the East lot at dismissal time. A line will form and parents will proceed, in line, to pick up children from the homeroom teachers. This includes middle school students. All students will be waiting in the East parking lot. Students will no longer be picked up on the North, South or West side of the school. This will be an adjustment for everyone. For the safety of all, **please follow the traffic pattern.** It will take just one person to make this process unsafe for many.

For drop off in the morning, the process does not change. The **East Parking Lot is one-way, in from Douglas and out to 66th Street, counterclockwise. DO NOT drive from 66th Street to the East Parking Lot.** In the **East Parking Lot**, please wait to unload your children until you get to the drop-off point – pull forward, two or three cars can let out children at one time. Have students exit the car on the driver’s side so they do not have to cross in front of or between vehicles. If you park, do not park in the traffic pattern.

Do not drop off students on the West side of the school as you travel South because the students have to cross the street without a crosswalk. Pull into a parking space or drop the students at the corner crosswalk. All car pool drivers need to be aware of the number of children around the school at this time of day and be watchful of them.

There are new parents and students to welcome to our school this year. If you see someone you don’t know, please introduce yourself, and see if they have any questions that you can answer.

Teachers report to school on August 16 to begin their inservice meetings and to prepare their classrooms for the school year. Have an enjoyable rest of the summer, and we’ll see you on August 3 for registration and on August 19, for Open House.

Mr. Zahm