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Dear St. Pius X Families,

Summer is in full swing and we are busy planning, learning, and working to make 2017-2018 a great school year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on August 7th for the first day of classes. At St Pius X Catholic School we pride ourselves in delivering high academics, religious formation and social consciousness. Our school has a legacy of admissions into prestigious schools and admirable careers.

We thank you for always striving to partner with our teachers with enthusiasm, support and involvement. Our teachers are dedicated to teaching our students to be life-long learners. They are committed to working with each student as a unique and special individual.

New Faculty Faces

We have new additions to our faculty, replacing Sister Carmeli, who was transfer to Maryland, is Lori Barton, and the new choir and band teacher is Veronica Parra. The new PE teacher is Roman Velasco. Join us in welcoming them to the St. Pius X Catholic Community.

New Family Orientation

All new families are invited to the New Family Orientation on Tuesday, July 25 at 5:30 PM. Come and meet our Parent/Teacher Club, members of our School Board and other families. Get some valuable information about the school and ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Before and After School Program

The After School Care Program is specifically designed for those parents who can only pick up their children between 3:15-5:30 pm the program will run daily beginning the first day of school. On early dismissal days the program runs from 12:30-5:30 P.M. Before care begins at 7 am.

COST: \$4 per hour for the first child, \$3 for each additional child per hour, \$5 per child for every 10 minutes that he/she remains after 5:30 P.M.

These charges will begin promptly at 3:31 PM and will be billed in hourly increments. A form is available in the front office that will need to be filled out should you be planning on using the program. You will be billed monthly for this service.

Other important information regarding the beginning of school:

1. The first day of school will be Monday, August 7, 2017. This will be a full day schedule.
2. Uniforms will be required on first day of school. BLUE JEANS are allowed on jean days. Short shorts, bare shoulder tops or tank tops are not allowed for girls or boys. Be sure your child has tennis shoes for P.E. class whenever they are in free dress.
3. The following items must be completed before the first day of school:
All outstanding tuition or fees from the 2016-2017 school year must be paid in full.
Registration fees and the Building Assessment Fee must be paid by the first day of school unless arrangement to have it rolled into tuition has been made. There will be a late fee of \$100 for those who miss the July 10th deadline for registration.
4. Immunization records must be up to date. A copy is required by the first day of school.
5. FACTS enrollment must be completed

All families must meet with the finance department in order for the tuition contract to be complete and signed. Please be advised that if any of the above items have not been completed, your child/children will not be admitted to class on August 7th.

6. **Virtus Trained** – All parents or family members wanting to volunteer on campus in any capacity must be Virtus trained and have a background check. Without this certification you will not be able to be on campus or participate in field trips. The first training will take place on September 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the JP Room. Cost is \$5. Please make sure to register for the class on-line at virtus.com. If you have taken the training, you will need to take an on-line renewal course.
7. The Hot Lunch Program will be available on the first day of school. *Ambriz Catering* provides the lunch service. Cost of lunch is \$3.50 per day. Breakfast is also available for purchase. A monthly menu is provided for meal selection and payment is handled by the catering company in the cafeteria.

Students may bring their own lunch. **NO SODAS OR ICED TEA ARE ALLOWED WITH LUNCH AT ANY TIME.** Students are expected to eat lunch at lunch time. If school is already in session, please take the child's lunch directly to the front office making sure that the child's name and grade is visible. Students will pick up their lunch when notified by the front office. **PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO EAT LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA WITH THEIR CHILD ONCE A MONTH PROVIDED THEY HAVE TAKEN THE VIRTUS CLASS.**

8. Students may be dropped off on Clark Street near the parking lot in the morning beginning at 7:30 a.m. There is supervision from 7:30 to 7:55 am on the blacktop. Students who need to be dropped off earlier would need to be taken to the before care program. After school **KINDER-8TH GRADE STUDENTS** will be picked up on the Placita. **PREKINDER** students will be picked up in their classroom. **All students must be picked up by 3:15 p.m.** To insure the safety of all students, any child remaining after this time will be taken to the After School Care Program. For dismissal, the blacktop parking lot will be opened for parking. **NO ONE IS PICKED UP ON GERONIMO DR.**
9. Class assignments will be posted on Friday, August 4th on the front door. **No homeroom changes will be made.** School personnel will be on the Placita on the first day of school to direct students to the correct homeroom, after opening prayers. Students will line up in the designated area on the blacktop, during the school year, and the teachers will take them to their homeroom.
10. On the website, elpasostpiusx.org, you will find the supply list for each grade level. Please see that students have the necessary supplies on the first day of school. **Student agendas (\$10 each), Bibles (\$10 each), and pencil bags (\$5)** must be purchased at the school. Required **boys and girls ties** are also on sale for **\$10 each.** The front office also has **RAMS T-shirts for \$14 for youth size, \$16 for adult sizes, and \$18 for X sizes.** You will also find the uniform code in the parent handbook, also on the school website. Please see that students come to school in proper uniform each day.
11. Students will be required to be in full uniform dress beginning Monday, August 7th. Walking shorts may be worn throughout the year. These shorts should be no more than 2" above the knee for both boys and girls. All girls will wear the walking shorts for their P.E. short; this includes girls in grades 5-8. Girls in grades 7-8 will wear the uniform skirt the rest of the day. **BOYS AND GIRLS MUST FOLLOW THE UNIFORM CODE. SPORT SOCKS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Students not wearing the correct socks will purchase correct ones from the office at \$5 a pair.

Boys not wearing a black belt will rent one from the front office for \$1 a day. For detailed information see the school handbook.

12. You will find the St. Pius X School Handbook on the school website. Please take time to read the handbook thoroughly with your child/children and ***return the signature page to the homeroom teacher by August 14th.***

Thank you for your confidence in St. Pius X. Your child's Catholic education is our priority. I look forward to the coming year, trusting in our continued collaboration. May your family enjoy peace, health and prosperity during this school year.

In Faith,

Ana Silva
Principal