



October 15, 2019

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Oct. 15	Progress Reports go home Parent Club/Parent Education Night – 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 16	School Mass – 9:00 AM, Full Uniform Parent Ambassadors/Parent Education Night – 5:30 PM
Thursday, Oct. 17	12:00 NOON DISMISSAL – NO AFTERNOON ESS PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Friday, Oct. 18	NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Monday, Oct. 21	2:00 PM Dismissal Day of the Dead Altar Preparation
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Picture Retake Day
Wednesday, Oct. 23	School Mass – 9:00 AM, Full Uniform
Thursday, Oct. 24	Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Sale
Friday, Oct. 25	Grandparent/Grandfriend Luncheon – 11:30 AM Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday, Oct. 26	Silent Auction 3:30 – 5:00 PM Apostol Constantino Family Gym
Sunday, Oct. 27	OPEN HOUSE – 9:00 AM Scholastic Book Fair – 10:00 AM Student Mass – 11:00 AM, Children’s Choir sings
Monday, Oct. 28	2:00 PM Dismissal School Commission – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 30	School Mass – 9:00 AM, Full Uniform
Thursday, Oct. 31	Halloween Carnival
Friday, Nov. 1	All Saints Day Mass – 9:00 AM, Full Uniform

Conference Forms – Last week you received your assigned Parent/Teacher Conference appointments. If you are unable to attend your scheduled conference time, please call Mrs. Brown at 425-778-9861 and reschedule your appointment. Students will be released from school at **12:00 PM on Thursday, October 17th** and will not

be attending school on **Friday, October 18th**. The conferences are twenty minutes in length: parent/guardian and teacher for grades K & 1 and parents/guardians **and** students attend in Grades 2 – 8.

***There will be no afternoon ESS on Thursday, October 17th and no ESS on Friday, October 18th.**

Auction Meeting – Our first Auction meeting of the year is next **Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:30 PM** in the Apostol Constantino Family Gym. Everyone is invited to come and participate in Auction ideas and subcommittees.

Scholastic Bookfair – The Bookfair will run from **Thursday, October 24th through Friday, November 1st**. Here is the link to sign up to volunteer for the Bookfair <https://signup.com/go/PDCtHMY>
These volunteer hours will count towards your Fundraising Hours. Many hands make light work to help set up, sell books throughout the week and take down.

Grandparents/Grand Friends Luncheon – **Friday, October 25th**, guests will **arrive at 11:15 AM** and our Grandparent/Grand Friend luncheon will begin **at 11:30 AM**. A flyer is coming home with your children today. Students will make a lunch at home for their special person/s. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 425-778-9861.

Cross Country Boys and Girls Team – A big Thank You to our Cross-Country coach Scott Lawrence, his assistant Judi Rash and all the parent volunteers in making this season a huge success!

Halloween/All Saints Party Information – The annual all school Halloween/All Saints party will be celebrated on **Thursday, October 31st**. This year we will have two different times for the party. Grades PS-3 will be from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM and Grades 4-8 will be from 1:00 – 2:30 PM. Please see the enclosed flyer on the rules regarding what costumes are allowed at school and what each class is required to bring regarding candy or Halloween/All Saint mini toys.

Save the Date! – The 13th Annual Fund Dinner is **Saturday, November 16th at 6:30 PM** in the Fr. Fox Social Hall. The Annual Fund is a process to seek charitable funds used to support the operating budget, provide additional resources that enrich the educational experiences of our students and keep tuition rates at a reasonable level.

Reminder! Auction Procurement - Every family is required **to procure or donate an item worth a minimum value of \$100 (with receipt) and \$50 cash (already being billed through FACTS)** to the Auction. Procurement Items are due **Monday, December 16th**.

*****Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program 2020-2021*****

Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program – Now open for the 2020/2021 school year.

The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant program is designed for families and students currently enrolled or applying for the next school year in any Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Seattle. A family must apply each year through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment to qualify for a grant—all awards are made based on financial need.

Please apply online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Application Due Date: 1/3/2020-no extension

See the flyer for directions and please start now to ensure enough time to gather the required info.

****FROM THE CLASSROOM, COMING HOME TODAY, October 15:** 1) Grandparent/Grandfriend Luncheon RSVP; 2) Scholastic Book Fair flyer



KIDS, FAITH AND TECHNOLOGY

MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

Parent formation night

On Tuesday, October 15, Deacon Eric Paige, Director of the Archdiocese of Seattle's new Office of Marriage and Family Life will speak about ways that parents can support and teach their children about how we can work together as a community to support them in an increasingly challenging world. On Wednesday, October 16, Macarena Sosa will offer a similar presentation in Spanish.

Learn how to talk
with your kids
about

Taming
Technology

God's plan for
love, marriage and
your child's
vocation

How faith can
strengthen our
relationships with
one another as
families and a
community

FOR MORE RESOURCES CHECK OUT THE OFFICE OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE WEBSITE

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlarchdiocese.org>

ST. PIUS X

English

Tuesday, October 15
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Spanish

Wednesday, October 16
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm



GRANDPARENT AND GRAND FRIENDS LUNCHEON

DATE: Friday, October 25, 2019
TIME: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
PLACE: Apostol-Constantino Family Gym

Dear Parents,

We are so thankful to grandparents, grand friends and special people who have influenced our lives and those of our children. Their dedication and faith are a testimony to the good things that are happening in our world.

For over 50 years, we have had a sound academic program, devoted teachers and staff, hard working students, supportive parents and parishioners committed to a faith filled Catholic school. We treasure our history and look forward to the future of St. Pius X School.

Please have your child ask his or her grandparent, grand friend or special person to a luncheon on Friday, October 25 at 11:30 AM. We wish to honor those people that impact us in a positive way. Classes will perform entertainment during the program.

Students will make a lunch at home for their special person.

If you have any questions, please call the school office, (425) 778-9861.

In Christ,
The Faculty of St. Pius X Catholic School

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY OCTOBER 23rd, 2019

Number of Guests Attending _____

Names and addresses of attendees:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name(s) of Students visiting: _____



St. Pius X
Catholic School

PLEASE JOIN US!

TOYS, TRINKETS & TREASURES
SILENT AUCTION

BENEFITING ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL



These are just some of the items being auctioned off!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 3:30-5:00 PM

Apostol Constantino Gym

Registration begins at 2:45pm

Avoid the rush, do your Christmas shopping here and help our beloved neighborhood school at the same time. Plus, this can be your warm up to our February LEAP Auction!

For information, please contact: 425-778-9861

Dear Families,

October 15, 2019

The school is going to celebrate the Day of the Dead. You may ask, “What is Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead?”

Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead is a Mexican tradition that is celebrated each year on November 1st and 2nd, to honor family's relatives who have died.

Dia de los Muertos historically has roots in Indigenous cultures, especially Aztec but it was blended with Catholic traditions when the Spanish arrived in Mexico.

Today, people in the U.S. and other parts of Latin America celebrate Dia de los Muertos, but it is still most closely tied to Mexico.

For the people who celebrate the Day of the Dead, death is not seen as necessarily sad. Instead, Dia de los Muertos is viewed as just part of the cycle of life and children are taught not to fear death. It is meant to be a happy time to share memories of loved ones who have passed.

Families who celebrate, often set up a Dia de los Muertos altar in their homes to honor the deceased. They place their loved one's favorite items on the altar, such as food, drinks and any other items that the family member enjoyed while they were alive. It is also traditional to put calaveras or Sugar Skulls and marigold flowers on the altar.

After they have decorated their homes, the families then go to the cemetery for a celebration. They have a huge feast and spend time cleaning the tombstones and honoring their family members who have passed, through sharing precious memories and storytelling.

In our school, each class will be making a special project to decorate their own altars to celebrate their deceased loved ones.

Please send your child with a picture of a deceased loved one (such as family members, dear friends and pets) and put your child's first and last name and grade on the back of the photo.

The decorating process will start on Monday, October 21. Our altar will be up until November 4, and all photos will be returned through your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact your class room teacher.

Sincerely,
St Pius X School

Octubre 15, 2019

Queridas Familias,

El colegio va a celebrar El Día de los Muertos.

Ustedes se preguntarán, “Que es el Día de los Muertos o Day of the Dead?”

Día de los Muertos o Day of the Dead es una tradición principalmente Mexicana, que es celebrada cada año el día 1 y 2 de Noviembre, para honrar a familiares y amigos que han fallecido.

Historicamente el Día de los Muertos tiene raíces en culturas Indígenas, especialmente Aztecas. Estas tradiciones fueron mezcladas con tradiciones Católicas al llegar los Españoles a México.

Hoy día, la gente en los Estados Unidos y en otras partes de América Latina celebran el Día de los Muertos, pero aún estas tradiciones estan fuertemente arraigadas al pueblo de México.

Para las personas quienes celebran el Día de los Muertos, la muerte no es vista necesariamente como una situación de tristeza. En realidad El Día de los Muertos es observada como parte del ciclo de vida; a los niños se les enseña a no tener miedo a la muerte. Esto es visto como un tiempo de alegría, en el cual se comparten recuerdos y memorias de los seres queridos que han fallecido.

Familias quienes celebran esta tradición, frecuentemente preparan un altar Del Día de los Muertos en sus casas, para honrar a sus familiares que ya han partido. La familia decora este altar con algunas posesiones favoritas de la persona fallecida, tal como: comida, bebidas y algunas otras cosas que el miembro de la familia disfrutó en vida. Es tradicional poner calaveritas de azúcar y flores en el altar.

Después de haber decorado sus casas, la familia va al cementerio para celebrar. Allí ellos hacen una gran fiesta, al mismo tiempo que limpian las tumbas y honran a sus familiares queridos que han fallecido, compartiendo recuerdos.

En nuestro colegio, cada clase hará un proyecto especial para decorar su propio altar, y celebrar sus seres queridos.

Por favor, envíe con su niño o niña una foto, de sus familiares, amigos, y mascotas que hayan fallecido.

Escriba el nombre, apellido y el grado de su niño atrás de la foto. El proceso de decoración comenzará el lunes, 21 de Octubre.

El altar estará puesto hasta el 4 de Noviembre. Todas las fotos se devolverán a través de la maestra de su hijo o hija.

Si usted tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a la maestra de su niño o niña.

Sinceramente,

St Pius X School

HALLOWEEN/ALL SAINTS CARNIVAL

Thursday, October 31st



We need your help to make our annual Halloween/All Saints Carnival the best yet!

If you have a child in Grades PS/PK, 1, 3, 5 & 7 please send in a bag of Halloween/Saint mini toys (ages 3 years and older) Holy Cards, spider rings, Halloween/Religious pencils, trick or treat size play dough or Halloween/Religious stickers etc.

If you have a child in Grades K, 2, 4, 6 & 8 please send in a bag of individually wrapped candy. We are a **NUT FREE** so please make sure the candy you send in is **NUT FREE** and **not manufactured in a Nut Plant Facility!** Please check the labels.

Drop off Halloween/Saint items in the office no later than Monday, Oct. 28

We will need parent volunteers to help set up, decorate and run the carnival. Please come to the Apostol-Constantino Family Gym on Thursday, October 31st at 9:00 AM. **This year we will run the carnival for Grades PS-3 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM and for Grades 4-8 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM!**

The children may wear orange and black colored clothing to school. At the end of the first recess, they may put on their costumes for the party. Costumes may not contain blood and gore, weapons, alcohol or tobacco. Masks can only be worn at the Carnival. If wearing a mask, please make sure your child's visibility is not restricted. **Encourage your child to dress up as their favorite Saint!**





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FULCRUM FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

October 1, 2019

Dear School Families,

For those interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2020/2021 school year you will need to apply online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The link will take you to your FACTS account page where you will sign in with the user name and password that you set up for your tuition and incidental accounts. Once you enter the site there will be a tutorial and instructions on how to apply for both Fulcrum and parish assistance (your application will be used for both options). Instructions and customer service are provided in both English and Spanish. Once you begin your application process there will be an area at the bottom of the first page asking if you are applying for Fulcrum. You **must** click on the drop down and enter **yes** or you **will not** be considered for parish assistance. All school families that are requesting tuition assistance must apply for Fulcrum (tuition assistance given directly from the Seattle Archdiocese Fulcrum Foundation). The final step to your application will be to send FACTS your supporting documents. This information will be given to you once you are near the completion of the process. They will let you know which forms you will need and how to send them securely.

There is a small application fee. Once you have completed your application each family will pay a small fee to FACTS to apply for Fulcrum tuition assistance. The fee covers all Fulcrum applications for 1 year.

The application deadline is **January 3rd, 2020**. You may want to start now to ensure that you have enough time to gather all the information required.

If you need anything further that FACTS customer service cannot assist with, please contact Mary Brown at mbrown@stpx.org.

Sincerely,

Dottie Farewell, Principal

St. Pius X School