



Dear St. Pius X Families & Community,

October 15, 2019

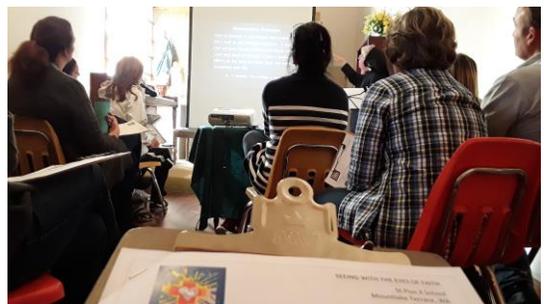
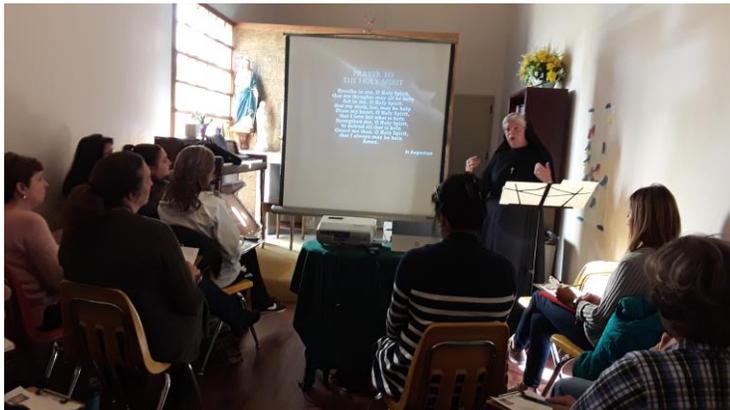
Looking forward to seeing you all tonight at our Parent Club and Education Night. We will begin at 5:30pm with the meeting, and then enjoy a presentation on Kids, Technology and Faith with Deacon Eric Paige from 6-7 pm. We will meet in the Apostol Constantino Gym; light snacks will be provided instead of a potluck. Sorry, no childcare is available.

Conferences are this week: early dismissal at noon on Thursday, October 17 and no school Friday, October 18. Teachers are ready to meet and discuss with you both your child's progress and MAP data. All students in grades K thru 8 participated in the Fall MAP tests this year. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program that provides educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused, data-driven decisions. MAP tests are adaptive tests taken on the computer, aligned to Common Core, and measures growth over time. The student results are reported in RIT units which is an equal-interval scale much like feet and inches on a yardstick. There is a new layout for Family Reports—look for academic growth and achievement percentages for each subject. Kindergarten and first grade had two tests—Math and Reading—while 2nd thru 8th grades were administered four tests—Math, Reading, Language Usage and Science test. You will also be learning about how we are using SMART goals in the classrooms.

Please note, we are now including our 2nd & 3rd grade students in student-led conferences. Previously, students in grades 4th and higher participated in these conferences, but this year we believe our younger students will also benefit by participating with their parents and teacher.

Finally, we are very excited for the last weekend in October as we will have our Silent Auction on Saturday, October 26 from 3:30-5pm and then on Sunday, our school's Open House and Scholastic Bookfair from 10am-3pm. We will also have our monthly All School Mass at 11am that morning. This is definitely a weekend not to miss!

Last Friday, October 11, the school faculty and staff participated in our fall retreat, "Seeing With the Eyes of Faith: Liturgical Education." Thank you for your prayers! We were very grateful to have Sr. Moira Debono gift us with her expertise, wisdom, knowledge, and spirit.



Peace,

Mrs. Farewell