



Hello St. Pius V Families!

Well, we've completed the first week of school! Here's to a wonderful 2018-19 school year.

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### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT**

Our Back-to-School Night will be tomorrow, August 29. We will start with Mass at 5:15 pm (Fr. Paw will be the celebrant). We will NOT hold a general session but will, instead, go straight to the first "Classroom Session". This first session will be from 6:30 - 7:00pm. For those of you who have more than one classroom to visit, there will be a second session from 7:05 - 7:35pm.

This is the first year that we will be celebrating a Mass with all our families at one time. The Student Council will be leading this Mass and we hope you and your family will join us.

We will also have our daycare room open from 6:15 - 7:45pm. You are welcome to have your children stay with our daycare staff while you are visiting the classrooms. This will help you and our teachers. (Really, the students do not find classroom business to be very interesting AT ALL. They would much rather be with their friends in daycare.)

Please do NOT leave the campus without taking your children with you. The daycare room will close at 7:45pm.

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### **PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR 2018-19**

For your reading enjoyment, the updated Parent/Student Handbook for 2018-19 is available on our website. Please take special note of school uniform and cell phone policies.

<https://4.files.edl.io/4fd0/08/09/18/224648-949e6e27-9f92-4577-bbf4->

## **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

In each parent email, we will list service hour opportunities to help ensure that you are able to meet your service hour requirement.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society.** Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of assistance. This is not for everyone. If you, however, feel called to help the needy and can provide approximately 8 hours a month to help staff the pantry or make deliveries, please contact [Don Westenhaver](#) or [Dr. Bravo](#). This work applies to service hours.

**St. Pius Volunteer Recognition Reception and Dance.** On October 6, 2018, we will have both the St. Pius V 70th Anniversary Mass and Volunteer Recognition Reception and Dance. If you enjoy working with events, you may be interested in helping us with this reception. For more information, or to volunteer, please send an email to [Lorraine Garcia](#).

**Mardi Gras Casino Night.** On Saturday, March 2nd, we will hold a Mardi Gras Casino Night in the Hall. This event will benefit our school and will be open to the parish community. If you enjoy working with large events, you may be interested in helping with Casino Night. Please send an email to [Lorraine Garcia](#).

**Lunch Duty Help.** Miss Judy and our lunch staff are in need of a few extra people. If you are available during the day, we need help with lunch duty from 11:30am - 1:15pm on regular schedule days. If you can assist us, please email [Lorraine Garcia](#).

**Liturgical Ministry.** Are you interested in serving as a lector, usher, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or as a musician (instrumental or choral) for the Masses at St. Pius V? When you serve as a liturgical minister, you may also earn service hours. The number of hours is dependent on the ministry: per year, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and ushers earn 5 hours, lectors earn 10 hours, and musicians earn 20 hours. In addition, training time and meetings also count for hours. If you are interested in serving in any of these liturgical ministries, please email [Dr. Bravo](#). (Please note: Student ministry hours do not apply to parent service hours.)

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## **BAND CLASSES AT ST. PIUS!**

Many parents and students have commented on how excited they are that we will have a band program this year. Provided through an organization called "M.U.S.E." (Musical Understanding thru Sound Education), our classes will be taught by Mr. Tom Mitter, a professional musician and a music instructor.

All of our students in grades 3 - 8 have had the opportunity to see the instruments and talk with Mr. Mitter and Mr. Maramba. If you would like to sign your son/daughter up for our band program, please register and set up payments at [museband.com](http://museband.com).

On Thursday, August 30th, we will have representatives from Morey's Music, a well-respected music company located in Long Beach, bring instruments and supplies to St. Pius V. They will be in the hall from 6:00 - 7:30pm. You will be able to rent or purchase an instrument, if necessary. Band classes will begin the next day, August 31st, after school. As always, you may email [Dr. Bravo](mailto:Dr.Bravo) with any questions you may have.

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## **YOUTH CHOIR**

Youth Choir has resumed! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:00pm in the church. Students in youth choir go directly to daycare after school and are picked up there and walked to the church by Mr. Maramba and/or Dr. Bravo. Students who are not picked up in the church at 5:00pm are returned to daycare. If your son or daughter would like to join the Youth Choir, click [here](#) for the enrollment form. **Returning students do not need to complete a new form nor do they have to pay the \$30.** If you have any questions, please contact [Art Maramba](#).

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## **COOKING CLASSES OFFERED AFTER SCHOOL**

Many of our students are interested in learning how to cook. (We saw that during Creative Summer School!) We are happy to announce that we will host a 6-week cooking class conducted by LIFT Enrichment. The classes will start on Monday, September 17, and finish on Monday, October 29. (We will skip Monday, September 24th - there is no school that day.) For more information, including how to sign up for this program, click [here](#).

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## ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Our annual beginning-of-the-school-year Family Picnic will be held on Friday, September 7th, from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and your picnic dinner or purchase dinner from the food trucks that will be here. **Please do not bring pets!** Student Council will be selling sweet treats and we will have face painting and karaoke for great family fun. Come visit with old friends and welcome our new families to our community. For more information, please click [here](#).

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## ST. PIUS V SPIRIT SHIRT ORDER FORM

It's time to order your St. Pius V Spirit shirts! The order form is available by clicking [here](#).

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## ST. PIUS APP and AMAZON SMILE

Have you downloaded the St. Pius V app onto your smartphone? Go to your app store and search for SPV Catholic Church & School (hosted by Zing Mobile Apps). You will be able to access forms and information from the app. Please remember to allow notifications so that you will receive our push notifications.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please consider using your Amazon purchases to help our school. By going to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and selecting St. Pius V Parish School, you will help raise money for our school. Please be sure to select the St. Pius V in Buena Park (there are several St. Pius V schools in the country). Every time you shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), we will get a small percentage without increasing the price to you. The purchase must be made through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Purchases made through the mobile app and Amazon.com do not earn credit for your selected charity. Thank you!

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## BOX TOPS

Please remember to save those box tops! We receive checks during the year and, slowly but surely, those little pieces of cardboard really add up over time! Just stick 'em in a little baggie and bring them in when school begins.

Also, did you know that there is a Box Tops App? It's true! For more

information, click [here](#) or download the Box Tops Bonus App from your app store. Be sure to create a profile that identifies our school. (Search for "St Pius V School" or use our zip code 90621)

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## **BRAIN POWER! AT THE BUENA PARK MALL**

As most of you know, our small but mighty school is a dynamo at Buena Park Mall's Brain Power competition. Thanks to our amazing families, we won 1st place last year - earning our school \$2500! **IT'S TIME TO DO IT AGAIN!**

Our school earns points by participating in several different contests and activities. One of the easiest methods is to register receipts from the stores in the Buena Park Mall. Any receipts dated August 15th or later count toward our progress. You are welcome to register your receipts at the mall yourself or, even easier, send your receipts to school with your children! If the receipt is sent in an envelope with your name, your child's name, and room number, your receipts will be returned to you.

For more information, click [here](#).

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## **JOG-A-THON SPONSORSHIPS**

Our annual Jog-A-Thon will be on Friday, October 19th, and we are preparing for it now. We are looking for business sponsors and for family/alumni boosters! For more information, please read the [Business Sponsorship Letter](#) and the [Jog-A-Thon Booster Letters](#).

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

The September calendar for your refrigerator door (or to share with someone else) is available. Simply click [here](#).

**Wednesday, August 29** (8:30am) Mass for grades 5 - 8. Students in grades 5 - 8 wear formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Wednesday, August 29th** - Back-to-School Night. Please join our entire school community at 5:15 Mass. ([Add to calendar](#)) Classroom sessions will begin at 6:30pm. ([Add to calendar](#)) This is already on the subscription calendar. During Back-to-School Night, daycare will be available from 6:15 - 7:45.

**Thursday, August 30** (6:00pm) - Band Instrument "one-stop shop" in the hall. (See "[St. Pius V School Band](#)".) ([Add to calendar](#))

**Friday, August 31** (3:30pm) - Band classes begin. Grades 3 - 5 will have class from 3:30 - 4:30. ([Add to calendar](#)) Grades 6 - 8 will have class from 4:35 - 5:35. ([Add to calendar](#)) Register online at [museband.com](http://museband.com).

**Monday, September 3** Labor day. No school. ([Add to calendar](#)) This is already on the subscription calendar.

**Thursday, September 6** NOON DISMISSAL. ([Add to calendar](#)) This is already on the subscription calendar.

**Friday, September 7** (8:30am) Student Body Mass. Formal uniforms for all students. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Friday, September 7** (5:30pm - 7:30pm) Annual Family Picnic on the Green Field. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Wednesday, September 12** (8:30am) Mass for grades 2 - 4. Students in grades 2 - 4 wear formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Saturday, September 15** (8:30am - 1:00pm) Liturgical Ministry Retreat. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Monday, September 17** (3:30pm) Cooking classes begin. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Wednesday, September 19** (8:30am) Student Body Mass. All students wear formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Friday, September 21** NOON DISMISSAL. ([Add to calendar](#))

**Monday, September 24** NO SCHOOL ([Add to calendar](#)). This is already on the subscription calendar.

**Wednesday, September 26** (8:30am) Mass for grades 5 - 8. Students in grades 5 - 8 wear formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at Back-to-School Night.

May God bless you always and in all ways,

Dr. Joan Bravo, Principal  
St. Pius V Parish School

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