



Hello St. Pius V Families! Here's the latest information!

First of all, thank you all for your concern for Mr. Mario. He is safely home, now, following surgery to mend the vein in his head. He will be at home resting until September 25th and then will be able to return to work. Your prayers for his complete and speedy healing are deeply appreciated.

ATHLETIC "AWAY" GAMES (This is for team parents.)

Volleyball and football seasons are upon us! As you know, many of our families depend on carpooling to get their student-athletes to away games. In order to allow a student to leave school with another parent (usually the parent who is driving), we **MUST** have permission to sign a student out to him/her. In the packets that Mr. Hills distributed to the athletes today, you will find an "Authorized Pick-Up" form. (It is also [here](#).) You **must** list the parents to whom we may release your son/daughter for a sporting event. If we do not have your permission to release your child, **we will not do so**...even if it means he/she will miss the game.

AMERICA ON TRACK

As many of you know, for the past two years, we have been partners with America on Track. The funding is from a grant received by America on Track (AoT), which allows them to work with students and families from selected schools. St. Pius V is one of only two Catholic schools in the program and we are grateful to be included.

One of the most noticeable aspects of AoT on our campus is the ability to host an additional P.E. class for students in grades K-8. "Mr. Randy" (as opposed to our own Mr. Randy Hills) is the instructor for these classes and we are very glad to have him again this year.

You will notice that your children will come home today with pedometers. This

is to provide baseline data for the AoT data collection necessary to meet the criteria of the grant. All students are asked to track their walking all day, every day, until the pedometers are collected. Students in grades K-4 will turn their pedometers in on Tuesday (to their teachers) and students in grades 5 - 8 will turn them in on Thursday.

HELPING IN THE LIBRARY

Thank you to those of you who responded for our call for help in the library. We will get back to you next week with a schedule or plan.

SCHOOL FOOD GARDEN & COMPOSTING

Are you an avid gardener? (Maybe even a Master Gardener?) Do you have expertise in composting? We are interested in starting a school-site food garden but we need some help. We are also in need of someone who has knowledge of composting. (With the amount of trash we generate, we should be able to help our environment by composting.) Through America on Track, we have access to grant funds to help us purchase materials but we need the knowledge and the person-power to help us make this happen. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, please let Dr. Bravo know via [email](#).

CHROMEBOOKS NEED TO BE CHARGED

Please help your son/daughter remember to charge his/her Chromebook overnight. We are receiving a large number of students who forget to charge their Chromebooks and need to come to the computer lab for assistance. Please help us help them! A little reminder will most certainly help. Thank you!

JOG-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Our annual Jog-A-Thon will be held on Friday, October 19th, in the morning. We are still looking for Business Sponsors, Family Boosters, and volunteers.

For the Business Sponsor form, please click [here](#).

For the Family Boosters letter, please click [here](#).

To volunteer to help with the Jog-A-Thon, please send an [email](#) to Lori Holguin.

FINGERPRINTS AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

This is a reminder that if you plan on volunteering at school (including the Jog-A-Thon), we must have your fingerprints cleared and you must be up-to-date on the Safe Environment training. The Safe Environment certificate is good for three years. If you need to take the Safe Environment online course, entitled "Safe Haven", please go to orange.cmgconnect.org. If you need step-by-step instructions you will find them [here](#).

If you need to clear your fingerprints, please complete the Safe Environment Applicant Information for Live Scan Form (click [here](#)).

Once you have completed the Safe Environment online course, please bring your Certificate of Completion to Lori Holguin in the office.

PLEASE NOTE: The name on the Certificate of Completion **must match** the name given when your fingerprints were taken.

COMMUNITY GARDENING IN BUENA PARK

The City of Buena Park Community Service Department and the FIT Committee are hosting three Food Garden workshops on three Saturdays - September 29th, October 13, and October 27, from 10:00 - 11:00am. All classes will be held at the City of Buena Park Community Garden at [6600 Thelma Avenue](#) (between Knott and Holder). All workshops are free and Spanish translation will be available. For more information, click [here](#). (Para información en español, oprima [aquí](#).)

IMPORTANT DATES

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

For those of you who really like to plan ahead, the **October** calendar can be found [here](#).

Friday, September 14 Band Classes

Grades 3-5 3:30-4:30 pm ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr High 4:35 - 5:35 pm ([Add to calendar](#))

Saturday, September 15 (8:30am - 12:00pm) Liturgical Ministry Retreat. ([Add](#)

[to calendar](#))

Monday, September 17 (3:30pm) Cooking class begins. ([Add to calendar](#))

This class is full and, for safety reasons, we cannot expand the number of students. There will be two more 6-week sessions this year, assuming the first session is successful.

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

Friday, September 21 (11:00am) Jog-A-Thon Kick-Off Assembly ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, September 21 NOON DISMISSAL. ([Add to calendar](#)) This is already on the subscription calendar.

Friday, September 21 Band Classes (Time change due to noon dismissal.)
Grades 3-5 12:30-1:30pm ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr.High 1:35 - 2:35 pm ([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](#))

Monday, October 1 (3:30 pm) Cooking Class ([Add to calendar](#))

Tuesday, October 2 (9:00am) Student Body Mass with Bishop Kevin Vann. All students wear formal uniform. ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, October 3 School Pictures. Formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, October 4 NOON DISMISSAL. ([Add to calendar](#)) This is already on the subscription calendar.

Friday, October 5 Band Classes

Grades 3-5 3:30-4:30pm ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr High 4:35 - 5:35 pm ([Add](#)

[to calendar](#))

Finally, as you know we are working hard to secure our campus. We have heightened the walls around our school and will soon be adding a "Ring"-type doorbell to help us better identify people entering the school. Additionally, we have in the past (and will again) teach students to not open the gate for ANYONE. That includes Fr. Paw. That includes Dr. Bravo. That includes their parents and friends' parents. Please don't think they are being rude when they do not open the gate. They are doing as they have been instructed for their own safety. Thank you for your kind understanding and support.

May God bless you always and in all ways,

Dr. Joan Bravo, Principal

St. Pius V Parish School