



August 13, 2020

Dear St. Pius X Families,

On behalf of the entire school community, let me welcome our new and returning families to the 2020-2021 school year at St. Pius X Catholic School. My name is Mark Zafra and this year will be my fourth year as principal of St. Pius X. As an alumnus of the school, I can say that you have made an excellent educational and spiritual choice for your child and your children. For over 60 years, St. Pius X Catholic School has served this area and we continue to take steps to grow as a school, so we can continue to serve students for another 60 years and more.

Although we are entering a rather unconventional school year, please know that our faculty and staff will continue to provide rigorous academics, moral and spiritual development and the love and support that your child needs to be successful. There will be a sharp learning curve for us all in terms of new procedures and protocols as well as adjustments throughout the year, but with your help and support, we can all make this journey together as smooth as possible.

Please know that our community is here to assist your family. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. The strength of our school is our community, so we celebrate and struggle together. This year, we will lean on each other each day to make it through the year. **In particular, I ask all families to follow and to take the necessary precautions to ensure that your child / children are healthy prior to bringing them to school. Check your child's temperature and go through wellness questions with your child in the morning. This will help mitigate any spread of germs in our school and among our students. We can all agree that an extended amount of time out of the building for our community due to illness would be difficult for us all.**

Again, I ask all of our families to be flexible this year. Drop off and dismissal routines will be different this year and will no doubt take longer than usual, but they are designed to limit transmission and the number of students in communal areas. School health and safety guidelines in school may change during the year, please be supportive of any changes that we make. Again, these changes are for the health and safety of the students and staff.

Finally, please pray for our community, nation and world. Pray for peace. Pray for understanding. Pray for further progress to help us deal with this pandemic. Know your family remains in my prayers.

God bless you and God bless St. Pius X Catholic School.

Sincerely,

Mark Zafra
Principal