



October 1, 2020

Dear St. Pius X Parents,

With a few weeks left in our Pirates' Gold Raffle sales window, we are currently at 49% of our goal of \$37,500 in ticket sales. Although that is a good start, over 50% of our families have NOT sold even one initial ticket book. This year's raffle money was earmarked for additional funds for our new playground equipment. This area benefits all of our students and is in desperate need of attention. At this rate, we will not reach our goal.

Because tuition does not cover the complete cost of educating a child at St. Pius X, we rely on fundraisers for operating costs, necessary upgrades and for special projects. Our Pirates' Gold Raffle has been successful the past few years because of parent support and involvement. In 2017, we grossed over \$20,000 from the raffle. These funds helped us replace the computers in our technology lab and freed up funds to purchase additional Chromebooks for our Middle School. In 2018, we grossed over \$15,000 from the raffle. These funds helped to complete a number of renovation projects around school and to repaint our Art room. In 2019, we grossed over \$30,000 for our playgrounds and on October 12, we will begin the process of upgrading our playgrounds with the removal of a few large trees.

For those families that have sold their raffle tickets and more, thank you for your support of this project. I ask the rest of our families to make a final push this week to sell their ticket book and return the money and stubs to the school office. If every family sold at least 30 tickets, we would hit \$37,500. If you do not feel comfortable selling the raffle tickets, please consider buying some of the tickets from your raffle book or making a direct donation to the raffle. If you are unable to finish selling your raffle tickets, please return your ticket book with any money to the school, so other families can have the opportunity to sell them.

I believe that we can still reach our goal of \$37,500, so we will extend ticket sales and accept ticket stubs and money through October 30.

Sincerely,

Mark Zafra
Principal