

St. Pius X Catholic High School Mothers' Club Activities

WELCOME!

It is an exciting year for St. Pius and we are so delighted that Mothers' Club is part of it! We invite every mom to join us. The time commitment can be as large or as small as your life allows. We have service projects, special events and social events. You can pick the activities that interest you and fit your schedule.

We look forward to a faith-filled, service oriented and fun year. We hope that you will be there with us!

WHAT DOES MOTHERS' CLUB DO?

Marketplace – A Holiday Craft Fair: This major fundraiser combines a craft show, bake sale, raffle, lunch and other activities to kick off the holiday season. Many volunteers are needed to organize the vendors, publicity, food, etc. Be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors to join us for this festive day!

Advent by Candlelight: Mothers' Club hosts an evening of fellowship and spiritual growth as we focus on keeping Christ in Christmas. Plan to take a break from the usual hectic pace of this time of year and give yourself this special gift of the season.

Mothers' Retreat: All moms are invited to attend this day of reflection and spiritual growth. The retreat is held on a Saturday morning in February. This program will have a theme and a guest speaker. Breakfast and/or lunch are included and the program is concluded with the opportunity for reconciliation.

Fashion Show: This fun day of friendship and good humor is held during the spring in alternate years from the Gala. See faculty and students' model upcoming styles! Many volunteers are needed to make this event happen. Retail experience is particularly valuable.

Service Projects: Mothers' Club has three service projects.

1. **Toiletries for the Homeless:** We prepare several hundred toiletry packets for St. Vincent de Paul Society to donate to homeless shelters. If you have hotel sized toiletries to donate to this project, these items may be left with Mrs. Cynthia Carson, Chairperson of the Theology Department.
2. **"Pillows for Pam"** is a service project which provides hand made pillows to breast cancer patients at Northside Hospital. These pillows are used to support the patient's arm or under her seatbelt to protect the incision. These pillows are donated in memory of Pam Haddad Miller, a St. Pius mom who died from breast cancer.
3. **Gift of Grace House:** Four nuns from Mother Teresa's order founded this hospice in 1992 for women with AIDS who have no families. Mothers' Club provides a meal or groceries once a month for the women living at the house.

Teacher Appreciation: Mothers' Club has several activities to say "thank you" for being there for our children.

1. **Start Up Kits:** Mothers' Club provides items such as notepads to kick off the new year.
2. **Birthday Cakes:** Each faculty and staff member receives a cake on their birthday
3. **Teacher Appreciation Lunch:** Lunch is served buffet style for the faculty and staff on the afternoon that students are dismissed early for the PSAT.
4. **Christmas Gifts:** The Mothers' Club presents each faculty and staff member with a special gift for the holiday season.
5. **Christmas Party:** Volunteers from the four parent organizations help the Development Office host the faculty/staff Christmas party.
6. **Valentine Treats:** Special treats are laid out in the faculty dining room on Valentine's Day.

Dresden School Partnership:

- ❖ **School Supply Drive** - Due to the transient nature of the student body at Dresden, many students are in need of school supplies throughout the year. During Lent, the Mother's Club collects school supplies for Dresden Elementary School students.
- ❖ **Used Book Drive** - The students at Dresden Elementary have wonderful library books that they are able to borrow, but many of the students do not have books of their own. The Mother's Club holds a

- recycled book drive throughout the year to help Dresden students establish home libraries.
- ❖ **Holiday and Spring Luncheons** at Dresden hosted by the Mother's Club
 - ❖ **Host A Breakfast** - a coffee and coffeecake breakfast for Dresden teachers/staff is hosted in November during a teacher's work day.
 - ❖ **Sponsor Dresden families for the Christmas holidays** – we sponsored 18 families in 2007, and hope to do many more in years to come!
 - ❖ **Tutoring** – This Works of Mercy project helps promote the Dresden afterschool and Saturday morning tutoring program. Great opportunity for SPX students.
 - ❖ **A Friendship Garden** - planted simultaneously with Campus Beautification efforts at St. Pius.

Spiritual Growth: The underlying premise of the Mothers' Club is our need to gather in faith and prayer. 1) The Prayer Group provides uniform prayer support for the students, faculty and staff of the St. Pius community. Moms, dads and friend gather to say the rosary and pray for particular and general intentions of the school community. 2) Eucharistic Adoration is coordinated for each Friday. Guardians are sought for one hour time slots between 8:00am and 3:00pm.

Campus Beautification: This committee strives to make sure the grounds of St. Pius are groomed consistently. Physical appearance has an important impact on mental sharpness and spiritual growth.

Hospitality: Mothers' Club assists the administration by hosting receptions and providing refreshments at meetings throughout the year.

Sunshine/Sympathy: Members of this committee coordinate assistance and support for those who need to be remembered (get well, sympathy, congratulations).

Used Uniforms: Collecting and organizing used uniforms for resale is a tremendous service to the St. Pius community. Any assistance in containing costs is much appreciated by parents. Consider donating your old uniforms that are in good shape for resale.

Sorority Recommendation Letters: Packets are distributed in the spring to help Senior girls who plan on participating in college sorority rush. This includes a list of sorority alumnae moms willing to write recommendation letters, a sample letter requesting a recommendation and advice on preparing a resume.

Student Assistance: Mothers' Club funds are used to contribute to the scholarship programs administered by the Development Office. In addition, funds are made available for the Dean of Students to use at her discretion for students in need.

Alumnae Moms: Many moms continue to be involved in the St. Pius community after their children have graduated. They help us in our fundraising and service projects. They staff tables during mini-class night to free up other moms to "attend class".

End of Year Potluck: This is an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments. We will express our appreciation to the Senior moms who have dedicated so much time to the Mothers' Club. It is also time to put leadership in place for the following school year.