



ST. PIUS X-ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY
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VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS: Parent Student Handbook. Please spend some time over the weekend to review it with your teenagers. <http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/schools/9660>

After reviewing the handbook, please click on the last Tab to electronically sign the Parent/Student Policy Agreement Form. If you have not done so already please complete. Please note this is now past due. Failure to sign the form will impact our ability to serve your family.

ONLINE FORMS TO COMPLETE: ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please take a moment to review the links below and complete the forms that are requested at the beginning of each school year.

- [PARENT RELEASE FOR STUDENT NON-COMMERCIAL MEDIA](#)
- [ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR TECHNOLOGY](#)
- [PMA Family Resource Form](#)



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PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL	<p>Dear PMA Parents,</p> <p>We want to thank you for entrusting PMA with your child's Catholic education. You are a valued partner in our mission to serve students and inspire them to live with PRIDE, VIRTUE, and PURPOSE. I know we are going through very unprecedented times but together we can support our students, your children. Continue to Pray, as Prayer gives us the strength and the faith to finish the race victorious and find peace.</p> <p><i>God Bless you always,</i> <i>Mrs. Zozaya</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Don't Forget</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Virtual Coffee with Principal 11th/12th grade parents Date: 10/29/2020 Time: 6:30 pm Zoom Link: https://la-archdiocese.zoom.us/j/91605948612 Meeting ID: 916 0594 8612 Passcode: 647336</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is important to hear from you, Please fill out the survey Below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parents as Partners Survey [Parent as Partners Survey]</p>
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATIONS	<p>Important: Student Make-up Picture Day - December 4, 2020</p> <p>Friday, December 4th is student make-up picture day. These photos are taken by our professional photo company and will appear in the school yearbook and on student IDs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Times: Appointment Times (TBA)• Dress Code: All students must come in PMA Formal Uniform



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- PMA White Collared Shirt, School Tie, Pullover Vest or Cardigan, and Black Skirt (Girls) and Black Pants, and Formal Shoes [see photo below for reference of Formal Uniform Appearance]



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF
ACADEMICS**

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR - WEEK 11 OF INSTRUCTION - OVERVIEW

- **Monday (10/26/2020):** Remote Learning - Periods 1,2,3
- **Tuesday (10/27/2020):** Remote Learning - Periods 4,5,6
- **Wednesday (10/28/2020):** Remote Learning - Periods 1,2,3
- **Thursday (10/29/2020):** Remote Learning - Periods 4,5,6
- **Friday (10/30/2020):** Co-Curricular Events [events & times available on master calendar on PMA website]



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2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR - WEEK 11 OF INSTRUCTION - BELL SCHEDULE

REMOTE LEARNING - PERIODS 1,2,3			
	START TIME	END TIME	LENGTH
ZERO PERIOD	7:00 AM	7:55 AM	55min
ADVISORY	8:20 AM	8:50 AM	30 min
PERIOD 1	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	90 min
NUTRITION	10:30 AM	10:55 AM	25 min
PASSING PERIOD	10:55 AM	11:00 AM	5 min
PERIOD 2	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	90 min
LUNCH	12:30 PM	1:10 PM	40 min
PASSING PERIOD	1:10 PM	1:15 PM	5 min
PERIOD 3	1:15 PM	2:45 PM	90 min
STUDENT DISMISSAL	2:45 PM	-	-
TUTORING	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	30 min

REMOTE LEARNING - PERIODS 4,5,6			
	START TIME	END TIME	LENGTH
ZERO PERIOD	7:00 AM	7:55 AM	55min
ADVISORY	8:20 AM	8:50 AM	30 min
PERIOD 4	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	90 min
NUTRITION	10:30 AM	10:55 AM	25 min
PASSING PERIOD	10:55 AM	11:00 AM	5 min
PERIOD 5	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	90 min
LUNCH	12:30 PM	1:10 PM	40 min
PASSING PERIOD	1:10 PM	1:15 PM	5 min
PERIOD 6	1:15 PM	2:45 PM	90 min
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**DEAN OF STUDENT
SUCCESS**

FAFSA FORM FOR SENIOR STUDENTS: The new 2021–22 FAFSA form is here! HS Senior students should submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid starting October 1st. PMA will host a second **FAFSA workshop on November 5th starting at 6pm**. During this workshop we will provide you with general financial aid information as well as giving you resources to help guide you in filling out the FAFSA. **If you have not done so, please be sure to create your FAFSA account prior to the workshop by visiting: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6476296967?pwd=TzFwakhFcXRtWUc4d2JNVFO4WTR0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 647 629 6967

Passcode: Valenzuela

ACADEMICS IN MOTION (AIM):The Academics in Motion “AIM” Program is an all-inclusive academic, tutoring, student accountability program. It is open to all full time students. Students who qualify for academic probation will automatically participate and adhere to all its requirements. Mandatory sessions for students who qualify for AIM will be held on zoom on Fridays at 11am. Sessions will begin on Friday, October 30th. Qualifying students will be receiving a google classroom invitation for AIM, we ask that all students accept the invite before the end of this week. Important information will be posted to the AIM google classroom. If your student wants to join AIM sessions, please have them contact their academic counselor. Mrs Banuelos 9th-10th or Mrs Acker 11th-12th

SCOIR: We are pleased to announce last week we launched a new college and career platform for all students to use. The platform is SCOIR. Scoir empowers students to discover, connect, and apply to the *right* college. This platform will help students expand college access and improve collegiate outcomes as well as an opportunity where every student understands and appreciates his or her unique talents and pursues interesting career paths well-suited to those abilities. Please encourage your son or daughter to continue exploring the available resources on SCOIR and check often for activities that will need to be completed to continue supporting them in their college search.

REGULAR COUNSELING MEETINGS AND CHECK-INS: Why should you meet regularly with your counselor? When you meet more than once, your counselor is able to get a better idea of who you are, how you have changed throughout high school, and what you are like. By getting an understanding of how you have changed over time, your guidance counselor can better track your academic and personal progress. In order to do this effectively, however, they need to have an established relationship with you. The best way to create one is to schedule regular meetings and check-ins with



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Mrs Banuelos and Mrs Acker. Students, please continue using the links below to schedule your ongoing appointments. Parents are also encouraged to schedule appointments, please either call or email the counselor to request an appointment.

Mrs Banuelos 9th and 10th grade counselor

Student link to schedule virtual appointments: <https://calendly.com/mbanuelos>

Email: mbanuelos@piusmatthias.org extension 1017

Mrs Acker 11th and 12th grade counselor

Student link to schedule virtual appointment for 11th grade: <https://calendly.com/cacker/15min>

Student link to schedule virtual appointment for 12th grade: <https://calendly.com/cacker/one-on-one-senior-meetings>

Email: cacker@piusmatthias.org extension 2129 or 562-337-9103 during school hours

Ms Valenzuela, Dean of Student Success

Student link to schedule virtual appointment: <https://calendly.com/lvalenzuela-1/15min-1>

Email: lvalenzuela@piusmatthias.org extension 2216

College and Career Google Classroom: Students, please continue checking often for events, scholarships, resources and other important information

**DEAN OF CAMPUS
MINISTRY**



Cause-A-Month - October

- **October Casuse-A-Month - Breast Cancer Awareness...**



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- During the month of October we continue to focus on *Breast Cancer Awareness* and we will take some time pray for all who suffer as well as share the importance of Domestic Violence Awareness.
- Check instagram for updates on our pages [@piusmatthias](#) and [@pmacampusministry](#)



- **Wear Pink!** Tuesday October 27 students and teachers are encouraged to wear pink during the school day. All dress code policies apply and students not able to participate should remain in dress code with a PMA Polo.
 - *Let us Pray; O Heavenly Father, Who raised Agatha to the dignity of Sainthood, we implore Your Divine Majesty by her intercession to give us health of mind, body and soul. Free us from all those things which hold us bound to this earth, and let our spirit, like hers, rise to your heavenly courts. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, forever. Amen. St. Agatha, Pray for us.*



- **Wear Purple!** On Wednesday October 28 our Cause A Month will focus on Domestic Violence Awareness. All dress code policies apply and students not able to participate should remain in dress code with a PMA Polo.
- Check out this resource: [“Recognizing the Reality of Domestic Violence Today”](#) - use it to learn more about domestic violence, what you can do and information that may help you or others.



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- Let us pray: *Come, O Comforter, bless us and grant us the grace of recognizing and responding with love when others are in need or are suffering from injustice or abuse. May we be ready to help them find safety and shelter. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*
- We encourage you to share via social media and tag @pamacampusministry when sharing your support on social media. Thanks for participating.



Faith at Home - Praying and connecting as a family → [Sunday October 25 faith at home resource](#)

- Access the link above and use the guide as a family to reflect on the Sunday readings, grow in your relationship with God and strengthen your faith.
- The resource is organized in 3 areas: **Hear, Pray, Talk**. We want to help you Hear God, Pray/Experience God, Talk or share with your family or a friend.
- We hope that these resources bring you closer to Jesus and to others. May the love of God radiate from your home to the world. *(Courtesy of the ADLA Office Of Religious Education)*

Have you been to Mass lately? - Check out the resources below for online and in person Mass

- Our faith and participation in prayer and sacraments continues to be challenged with the many limitations and guidelines we are currently faced with. It is important to stay safe and help others remain safe and healthy. Please reflect and consider attending an outdoor Mass at your local parish or watch on of the many online Live Stream Masses available - you can even use the *Faith at Home* resource above to get the most out of Mass.
 - Live Stream Masses - Use the link for all the available live streams:
<https://lacatholics.org/parish-livestreams/>



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- Outdoor Masses - Use the link to locate parishes near you and ask about outdoor confession and outdoor Mass times: <https://lacatholics.org/find/?type=parishes>
- Mass at PMA - Although we cannot currently gather for our Monthly School Mass we will share live streams of our next Mass from PMA. We also encourage you to use the Faith at Home Resource to stay connected with faith and family.

DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE

Hello Warrior Parents and Students!

Please encourage your student(s) to participate in the month of **October** as we celebrate **Italian American Heritage Month!**

Awareness: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

We keep in our prayers the families and friends of those affected by breast cancer.



Halloween Drive-in Movie Night is almost here!



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On Friday Oct. 30, 2020 PMA ASB will be hosting a drive in Movie night and drive-through Haunted house!

- The movie for the evening is Coraline.
- Tickets may be purchased through the PMA website under the Student Life tab.
- \$20 per vehicle for movie and haunted house.
- Parking is first come, first served.
- Large vehicles will be parked near the rear of the Drive-in movie area location.
- Please allow approximately 30 minutes after the movie ends to exit through the Drive-thru Haunted House.





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Drive-In Movie Night Parking:

- Vehicles may enter the event through the west Gardendale gate near the softball field.





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For PMA families who want to attend the drive through Haunted House only, tickets may be purchased through the PMA website under the Student Life tab. Tickets for the Drive-thru Haunted House are \$10 per vehicle.

Drive-thru Haunted House:

- The event is open to PMA students and families only.
- Please allow up to 30 minutes after the movie for the drive thru Haunted House.
- During the Drive-thru Haunted House: No Exiting the vehicle.
- No stopping except where posted.
- Speed limit 4 mph. **NO SPEEDING**
- **Follow all staff instructions.**

DEAN OF CHARACTER & DISCIPLINE

PARENTS/STUDENTS: Please remember that students must be in a PMA polo for every class.

PARENTS: Your son/daughters full face should be shown during remote learning and is crucial with regard to student safety and their education



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<p>DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS</p>	<p><u>PARENTS/STUDENTS:</u> It is important that you fill out the athleticclearance.com form and get your Physical Exam.</p> <p>As we start the conditioning process for our athletes we will do the best we can here at school to follow protocols as set forward by the state, county, and archdiocese. Please remind your athletes to take care of themselves when not at school, wear face coverings when outside, and practice social distancing. Email the Athletic Director at bsantisteven@piusmatthias.org with any questions or concerns.</p>
<p>ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS</p>	<p>Thank you for contributing to the 2020-2021 Building a Legacy Annual Fund. We appreciate your help in forwarding the link to friends and family who might be interested in making a contribution.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that many companies have corporate matching programs in place for their employees. If you or someone you know works for a company that offers a program like this, any donation you make to PMA could be doubled. We thank you in advance for taking the time to learn more.</p>
<p>ONWARD SCHOLARS PROGRAM DIRECTOR</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS: 9th: October 27 at 4 p.m. TACSC Time Management Workshop 10th and 11th: October 28 at 4 p.m. YouScience exploring your strengths Zoom links shared via email the day before</p>
<p>ADMISSIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR</p>	<p>Application Now Open! Attention all Class of 2025 families: The application is now open on our website, piusmatthias.org, under the Admissions Tab. Apply today! The \$50 fee covers the Application, HSPT Prep Book, HSPT Tutoring Sessions on December 12 and January 9 (9:00am-12:00pm Virtually), and HSPT on January 23, 2021 (9:00am at PMA).</p> <p>Join us for Open House! We will be hosting an Open House for all families interested in PMA on Sunday, November 8. It will be "Drive-In Style," where families will experience PMA from the comfort and safety of their cars. Be ready to enjoy some snacks and Discover PMA! Available time slots are 12:00pm, 12:45pm, and 1:30pm. Sign-up by clicking here.</p>



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**DISCOVER PMA:
SAVE THE DATES**



OCT. 21	6:00PM	PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
NOV. 8	12:00PM	OPEN HOUSE
DEC. 2	3:00PM	HSPT PREP BOOK PICK-UP
DEC. 2	6:00PM	PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
DEC. 5	11:00AM	*EN ESPAÑOL: DESCUBRE PMA
DEC. 12	9:00AM	HSPT VIRTUAL TUTORING
JAN. 8	6:00PM	YOUTH NIGHT AT PMA FOOTBALL GAME
JAN. 9	9:00AM	HSPT VIRTUAL TUTORING
JAN. 13	6:00PM	MEET & GREET WITH PMA ADMINISTRATORS
JAN. 15	4:00PM	APPLICATION & SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
JAN. 23	9:00AM	HSPT AT PMA
FEB. 8-10	TIME TBD	INTERVIEWS AT PMA
FEB. 22-24	TIME TBD	INTERVIEWS AT PMA
MAR. 5	5:00PM	ADMISSIONS & SCHOLARSHIP NOTIFICATION

VISIT: PIUSMATTHIAS.ORG/ADMISSIONS



On-Campus Tours Available

If you or someone you know would like to schedule a tour on campus or informational zoom session, please contact Mr. Boulahoud at aboulahoud@piusmatthias.org.

Discover PMA Virtual Info Night:

All prospective families are welcome to join us for our upcoming Parent Information Night on December 2, 2020 at 6pm on Zoom. [Please RSVP by clicking here!](#)

High School Placement Test (HSPT) Information:

The HSPT is a requirement for all priority applicants. The \$50 Application Fee covers a HSPT Prep Book, HSPT Tutoring Sessions (virtually on Dec. 12 and Jan. 9 at 9:00am), and the HSPT (on-campus on Jan. 23 at 9:00am).



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HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

APPLY TODAY!
PIUSMATTHIAS.ORG

- 1**
\$50 APPLICATION FEE INCLUDES HSPT PREP BOOK, TUTORING SESSIONS & TEST
- 2**
VIRTUAL TUTORING SESSIONS:
SATURDAY, DEC. 12 & SATURDAY, JAN. 9
9:00-12:00PM
- 3**
TESTING DATE:
SATURDAY, JAN. 23
9:00AM AT PMA

BUSINESS OFFICE

FALL FUNDRAISER UPDATE - Families who pay their fall fundraiser in full in November, please note the fall fundraiser due date has changed to JANUARY. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Garcia.

All Payments must be made using Smart Tuition. Smart Tuition offers two immediate payment options including:

Pay online at <https://parent.smarttuition.com> or Pay over the phone by calling (888) 868-8828

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Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for our organization. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

How it works:

- Buy gift cards at face value
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases

Get started - Create an account on [the RaiseRight app](#) or at [ShopWithScrip.com](#) using our organization's enrollment code: 79656B3B69958 **(UPDATED ENROLLMENT CODE)**

Seamlessly check out by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.

Please do not forget to add the student's name and in the classroom/teacher area please put a daytime contact telephone number. Have questions? Physical card orders must be submitted by 8:00 am on Monday, to receive the cards by the end of the same week. Any questions, contact: Ms. Garcia at tgarcia@piusmatthias.org or (562)861-2271 ext 1023.