

WELCOME TO PMA

Recognize Your Significance
Seize Your Opportunity

Parents Prayer

Loving God,

You are the source of all that is good, all that is love, all that we need.

We thank and praise you. Especially for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.

Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you, the
one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and
goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.

May their eyes see your presence in all
things.

May their lips proclaim your word.

May their hearts be your dwelling place.

May their hands do works of charity.

May their feet walk in the way of Jesus
Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Parents as Partners

Agenda

- Leadership Welcome
- Campus Ministry, Student Life, & Athletics
- Campus Health, Safety, Security, & COVID
- Academics/College & Career Counseling
- General Information: FAQs

- **Parent/Student Handbook**
- **[PMA Website](#)**

What We Do

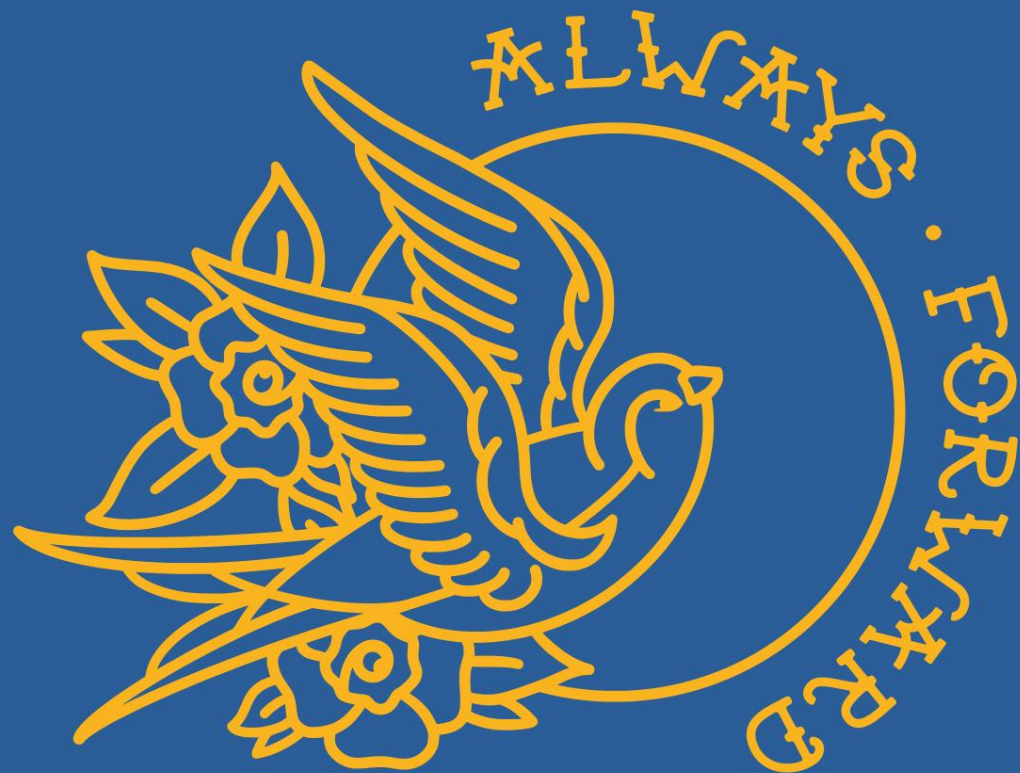
The mission of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is to provide a challenging Catholic college preparatory education in a supportive learning community that will positively affect the lives of teenagers, and provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose.

Parent Partners

- **Recognize your role as first and primary educator**
- **Your faith life matters - live and practice your faith together!**
- **Be present**
- **Communicate**
- **Get involved (Parent Association, Boosters, Committees)**

Communication

- Weekly Communications
- School Website www.piusmatthias.org
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- Email directly to students
- Hard copies sent home with students





Campus Ministry

Mr. Reyes

Director of Campus Ministry

Follow on instagram: @PMACampusMinistry

Spiritual Nourishment - Liturgies

Mass

- Monthly as a school (+feast days/seasonal)
- Prayer services monthly, themes vary

Eucharistic Adoration

- Monthly as a school
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered
- Various forms of prayer to experience

Spiritual Nourishment - Retreats

Each year students attend a class retreat:

Freshman - Group A: 12/9, Group B: 2/28

Sophomores - Group A: 9/23, Group B: 1/20

Juniors - Group A: 10/18-10/19, Group B: 2/15-2/16

Seniors - Kairos 14: 11/18-11/11

Kairos 15: 3/14-3/17

Kairos 16: 5/2-5/5

MINISTRY - Mass/Adoration

MUSIC MINISTRY (BAND + CHOIR)

- Our student band and choir leads music at Masses to aid their fellow students in worship and prayer. Student can serve as cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song at Mass, Adoration and other events.
- Music Rehearsals will be scheduled (typically after school, once a week)
- All new and returning members please contact Mr. Reyes in the CM office.

ALTAR SERVING

- Students who are altar servers aid in serving for Mass and Adoration
- Training will be provided, all levels of experience are invited to sign up
- Contact Mrs. Rutz mrutz@piusmatthias.org

LECTORS (PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD)

- Student led proclamation of scripture during our monthly Masses
- Contact Mrs. Rutz mrutz@piusmatthias.org

MINISTRY - Mass/Adoration

OTHER LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- Students are encouraged to serve as lectors, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and gift bearers
- Other additional roles include: audio/visual techs, hospitality and assistant MC

SACRISTANS

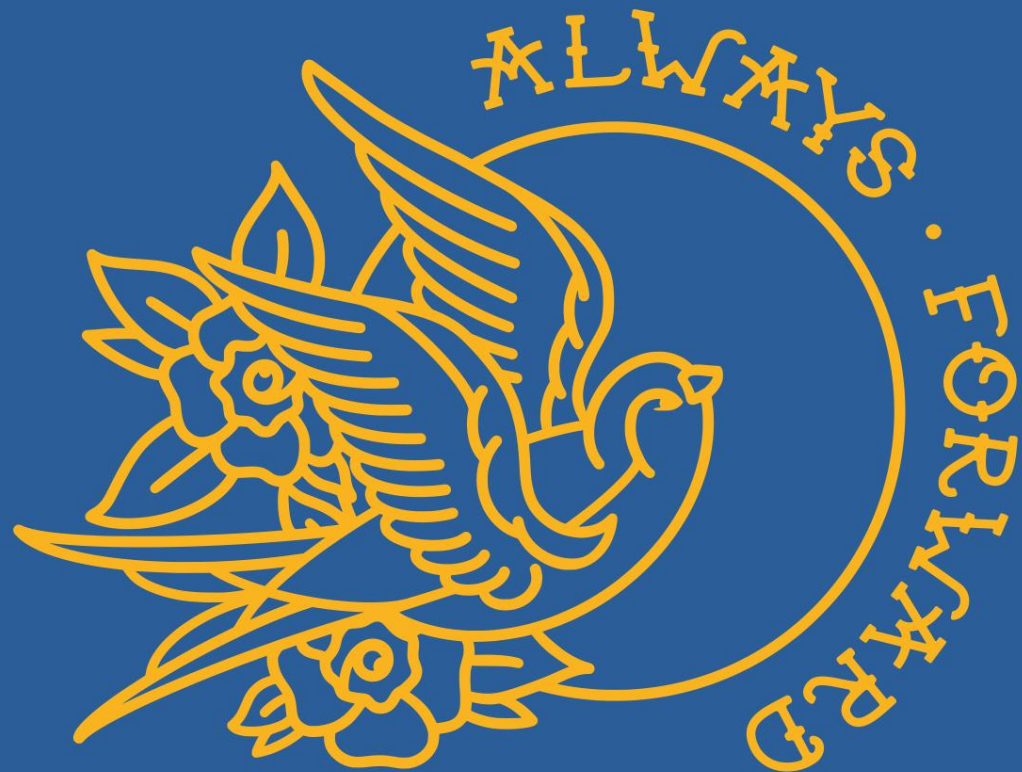
- Assisting with the sacristy and its contents, such as the sacred vessels and vestments as it related to all liturgical celebrations/services.
- Contact our head Sacristan Mrs. Lozano klozano@piusmatthias.org

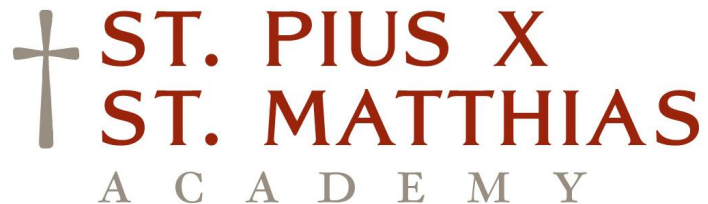


Campus Ministry

Leading our St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy community closer to God through **relationships** that foster **prayer, virtue** and **service**.

- Applications are open to seniors (executive team)
- Applications for 2022-2023 will begin in **April**
- Contact the campus ministry office to learn more (Mr. Reyes)
- **9th-12th graders** participate/serve in variety of ways (service hours)
- Follow us on instagram **@pmacampusministry**





Student Life

Mr. Ramos
Dean of Student Life

Members of ASB ... *MEMORY MAKERS!*

- Plan School Events
 - Rallies, Spirit Week, Dances, W.O.W. Week, and other special events
- Coordinate with Red Cross for blood drive
- Implement new ideas for the school
- Build Class Spirit
- Make friends and build ***MEMORIES!***

As a member of ASB...

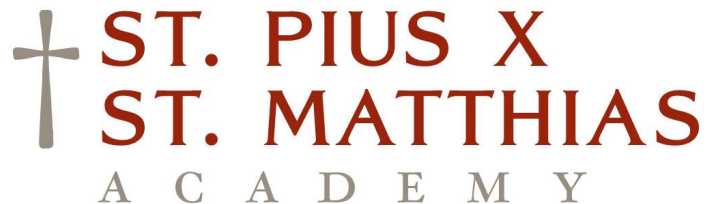
- Encourage student participation in campus life and events
- Enhance leadership skills
- Communication skills are increased
- Increase project management skills
- Increase presentation skills

How to get your student involved with leadership!

- All students at PMA are part of ASB
- Volunteer with Class Councils on class/school events.
- Become involved with a School Club (Club Day 9/15)

IMPORTANT DATES

- WOW Week 8/22 - 8/26 (games at lunch)
- Welcome Back Dance - Fri 9/15 (7:30 - 11pm on campus)
- Penny War for Childhood Cancer (9/14 - 9/20)
- Become involved with a School Club (Club Day 9/15)
- Spirit Week/Homecoming (10/3 - 10/7)
- Homecoming Dance (Sat 10/8)



Athletics

Mr. Jackson

Sports Teams by Season 2022-23

Fall Sports

- Girls' Volleyball (Closed)
- Football (Closed)
- Boys' & Girls' Cross Country

Winter Sports

- Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Boys' Soccer
- Girls' Soccer

Spring Sports

- Boys & Girls Track and Field
- Softball
- Baseball
- Boys' Volleyball

Athletic Updates 2022-23

Maxpreps.com

- Schedules
- Rosters

School website

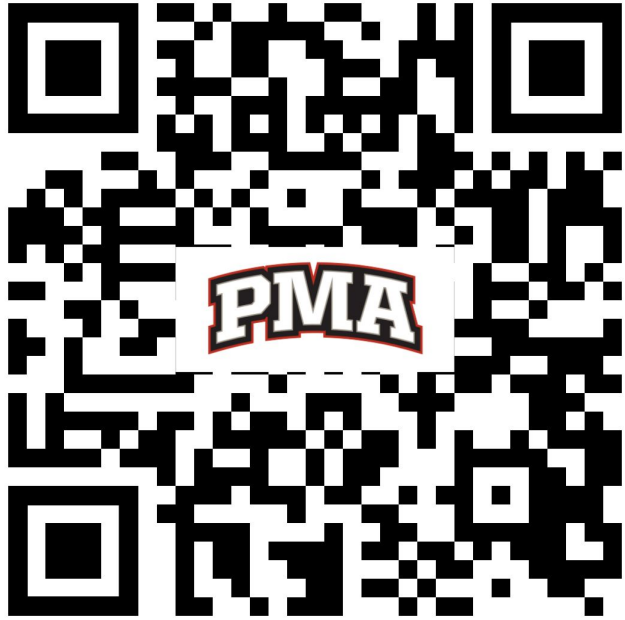
- Forms
- Important Dates
- Forms

Winter Sports Information Meeting

October 5th

- **General Parent Meeting**
- **Zoom Meeting**
- **Meet the Coaches:**
 - **Boys and Girls Basketball**
 - **Boys and Girls Soccer**

Athletic Clearance/Physicals



- **Athletic clearance needs to be done annually**
- **Must be cleared for every sport participating in**
- **Physicals must be valid within the year of participation**



Student Life, Character & Discipline

Mr. Jackson

Assistant Principal of Student Life

Mr. Bray

Dean of
Character & Discipline;
Assistant Retreat Coordinator

PMA Values

For Schools to Remain open safely

These core values have guided the work PMA administration, faculty/staff, and coaches to ensure a smooth and safe 2022-2023 school year for each student:

- Follow California Department of Public Health Orders
- Maintain an inclusive and caring supportive school culture
- Establish systematic protocols for health and safety
- Timely, frequent communication and transparency

Continuing-School Safety Measures

Face Coverings

- The use of facial coverings are **OPTIONAL** for all PMA students, teachers, staff and visitors in accordance with LA County Department of Public Health guidelines currently in effect.
 - **Note:** This policy may change in accord with the LA County Department of Public Health

Covid-19 Protocols

- **@ Home**Pre-screening questions of symptoms should be done at home before coming to campus.
 - Fever over 100.4
 - Chills, Cough, or difficulty breathing
 - Shortness of breath
 - Persistent headaches
 - Sore throat
 - Recent loss of taste or smell
 - Been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19

Covid-19 Protocols

Testing

- **Testing will be begin on Wednesday August 31st, 2022. And will be optional.**
 - Students can tests as early as 7:30am every Wednesday till 1:30 pm.
 - We will be monitoring cases and follow LA County of Public Health.

Attendance (Absence Procedures)

- Parents/Guardians must **call or email** the attendance office between 7:30 am and 8:30 am **each day** the student is absent.
- **Upon returning to school** after an absence, the student must bring a note from parent or a doctor's note to the Attendance office.

Attendance (Absence Note Content)

- Student's name and grade
- Date(s) of absence
- The explicit reason for absence
- The signature of the parent/guardian and the phone number(s) at which parent/guardian may be contacted during the school day.
- Upon receiving the note, the attendance office will then excuse the absence, otherwise it will remain unexcused.

Types of Absences

(Excused vs. Unexcused)

Excused Absences

- Illness*
- Medical/Dental appointments*
- Funerals
- Quarantine
- Court appearances*
- Approved school activities (ie. retreats, sporting events, school sponsored field trips)

*Must provide official doctor/court documentation

Unexcused Absences

- No doctor's/court note upon return to school
- **Vacation**
- Outside organization sports teams

Student Checkout Process (Main Office)

Step 1 Notify Main Office

- Parent note submitted before 7:50am
 - Student released when indicated on note
- Parent phone call to main office
 - Student will be called down upon parent arrival

Step 2: Sign Out Student

- PMA will release student to Parent/Guardian or any of the 3 emergency contacts
- All parents/guardians and emergency contacts MUST provide a photo ID to check out students

Dress Code

PMA Dress Code: *Standard Uniform*

- Polo with PMA logo
- Uniform skirt (Girls), pants, or shorts (black or grey)
- Shoes (School Colors: Black, White, Grey or Crimson Red)

Note: Cargo shorts and Crocs are no longer an acceptable form of school attire.

A Phone call home will be made to

Dress Code

PMA Dress Code: *Formal Uniform*

- **Black Pants Skirt (for girls) , Oxford Shirt, Vest, Pullover or Cardigan Sweater, School Tie, White Long Socks (Girls), Black socks (Boys), Dress Shoes**

PMA Dress Code: *JSS*

- **Jeans (No torn or ripped jeans)**
- **Shirts (PMA)**
- **Shoes**

Jewelry, Piercings, & Accessories

Girls

Earrings: Two pairs of earrings only.

- No larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
- No other visible part of the body may have an earring or stud in it (**e.g. eyebrows, nose, lips, belly button, tongue, etc.**)

Boys

Earrings: not permitted

Bracelets: not permitted

Tattoos:

Tattoos must be completely covered at all times while on campus or at off-campus school activities.

Hats and Caps:

No head covering may be worn in the building.
Only PMA hats/caps may be worn outside during the school day

Phones, earpods & Electronic Devices

A) Use of Personal Electronic Technology Devices (PTD) pg.77

All extraneous personally owned technology devices (PTD), including, but not limited to, Smartphones with App capability, gaming devices, headsets, PCs, Macbooks, laptops, mobile presenters, wireless tablets (iPad, Samsung, Galaxy, Kindle), digital audio and video recorders, iPod Touch, texting calculators, phones with cameras, or digital cameras are to be used **only**

when permission has been granted by legitimate authority for educational purposes.

This includes devices that are run using commercially available networks. The use of SnapChat, Tik Tok, Facetime, and etc on PTD are **not allowed at all during classes, school hours and at school grounds and facilities.**

B) Headphone/Earbuds Policy pg. 51

Students are to abstain from using headphones/earbuds in communal areas on campus **in an effort to improve school culture and community engagement**

C) COMMUNICATION DEVICE/CELL PHONE POLICY pg. 51

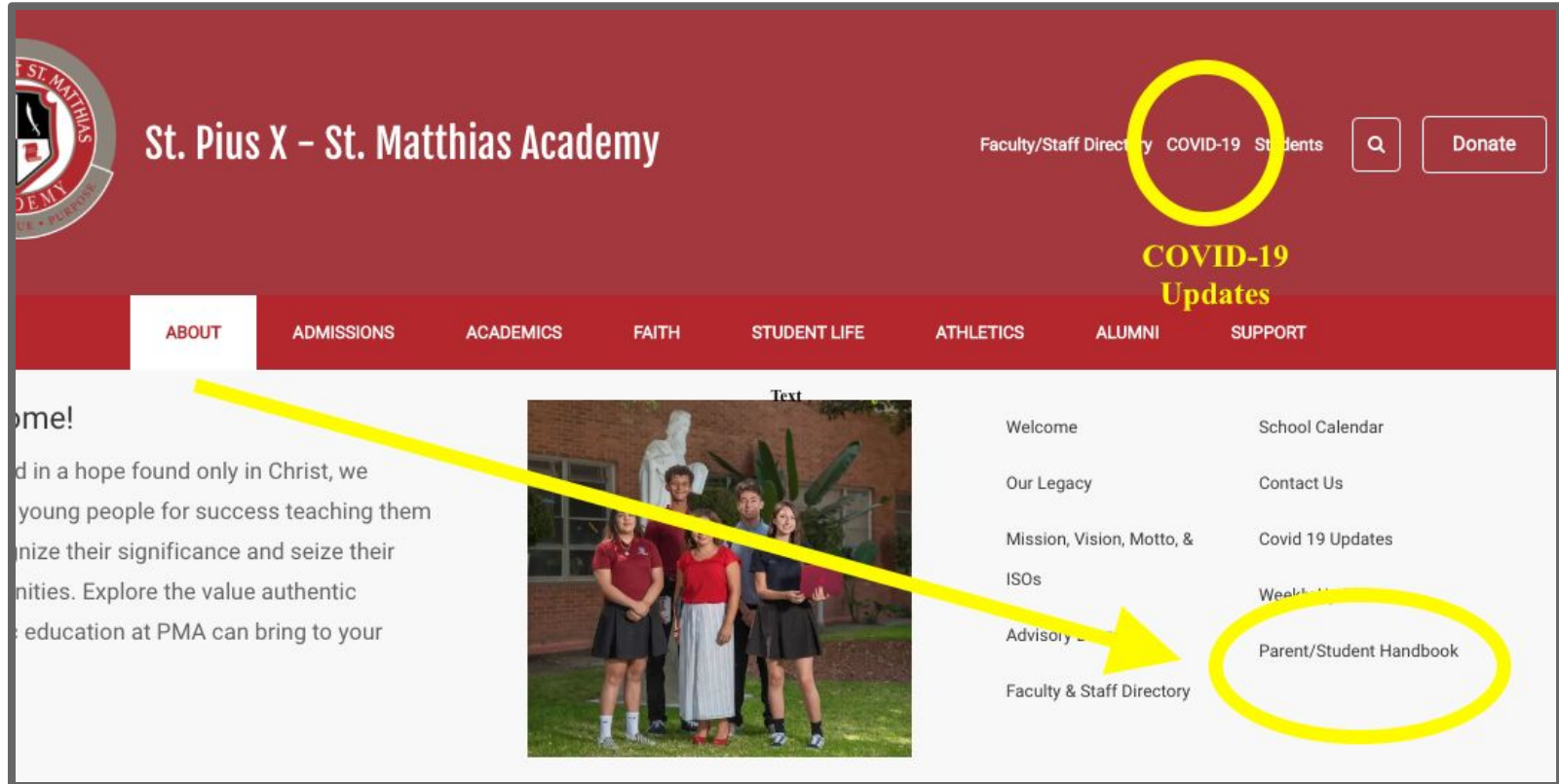
All communication devices, text message units, cell phones, electronic tablets and laptop computers are on the list of student property that can be confiscated by the dean and not returned until the last week of school. Cell phones and laptop computers etc. can be returned sooner to parents who come to the office to pick them up,

1. pay a \$25 fine for the first offense
2. The second offense will result in a \$50 fin
3. Three or more offenses will result in no return until June.

Student Drop off & Pick Up Areas



Student/Parent Handbook



The screenshot shows the homepage of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. The header is dark red with the school's logo on the left and navigation links on the right. A yellow circle highlights the 'COVID-19' link in the top right. Below the header, a red navigation bar contains links for ABOUT, ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, FAITH, STUDENT LIFE, ATHLETICS, ALUMNI, and SUPPORT. The main content area is white. On the left, there is a welcome message. In the center, there is a photo of a group of students and a statue, with the word 'Text' above it. On the right, there is a list of links. A yellow arrow points from the 'Parent/Student Handbook' link in the right-hand list to the 'COVID-19' link in the top right header. The 'Parent/Student Handbook' link is also circled in yellow.

St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy

Faculty/Staff Directory COVID-19 Students

COVID-19 Updates

[ABOUT](#) [ADMISSIONS](#) [ACADEMICS](#) [FAITH](#) [STUDENT LIFE](#) [ATHLETICS](#) [ALUMNI](#) [SUPPORT](#)

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young people for success teaching them
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education at PMA can bring to your

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Wellcome

Our Legacy

Mission, Vision, Motto, &
ISOs

Advisory

Faculty & Staff Directory

School Calendar

Contact Us

Covid 19 Updates

Week

Parent/Student Handbook

Student/Parent Handbook

- The Parent/ Student Policies Agreement form is found on **page 88** of the Student/ Parent Handbook

PARENT/STUDENT POLICIES AGREEMENT FORM



Academics & Student Support

Ms. Saenz-Moreno
Dean of Academics

Academics & Counseling Team

- **Dean of Academics:** Mrs. Saenz Moreno
- **Dean of Student Success & STEP Coordinator :** Ms. Valenzuela
- **9th Grade Counselor:** Ms. Maldonado
- **10th & 12th Grade Counselor:** Ms. Morales
- **11th Grade Counselor:** Ms. Elefante
- **Onward Scholars Program (OSP) Director:** Ms. Turcios

Reminders: Schedule (22-23)

Class Schedules Finalized - August 5, 2022

- Students received a notification on their College and Career Google Classroom indicating that schedules have been finalized and are available to access through Powerschool.
- Schedule changes will take place from **August 8th - 12th, 2022**. To request a schedule change students must complete the Schedule Change Request Form (posted on their College & Career Google Classroom)
- Approval of schedule change request is dependent upon section capacities and course availability.

Reminders: Bookstore

[PMA Website: Student Portal](#). The information for how to access the PMA online bookstore can be found through the website link provided.

- **Students are expected to purchase their materials from the PMA online bookstore to ensure they have the correct materials.** Shopping on amazon and other external sources can result in buying resources that do not have the proper supplemental components such as activation codes.
- All materials listed under a given course are required, unless the term recommended is stated.
- The timeline for receipt of materials is based on the delivery option that you select.
- All materials are sent to the location you designate when completing the transaction (such as your home).
- Students should have their textbooks in possession by August 15th (there will be a small grace period after this date to have their books).



PowerSchool

Parent & Student Portal



Parent Power!

Check Grades

Monitor Attendance

Contact teachers

Sign up for Powerschool

Accessing Powerschool on Your Computer

- Powerschool Parent Login:
www.piusmatthias.powerschool.com/public
- Thru school website:
www.piusmatthias.org
 - Academics → Student Portal → Powerschool (Quicklink)



The screenshot shows the Powerschool login interface. At the top is a dark blue header with the Powerschool logo. Below it, the title "Student and Parent Sign In" is centered. There are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". The "Sign In" button is active. Below the buttons are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". The "Username" field has a cursor in it. Below the "Password" field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?". At the bottom right is a "Sign In" button. At the bottom of the page is a banner featuring the St. Pius X St. Matthias Academy logo on the left and the text "ST. PIUS X ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY" on the right.

Accessing Powerschool on Your Smartphone

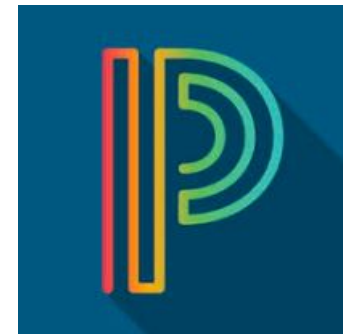
App Store

Search: Powerschool Mobile

Input your login information

District code: **KHFT**

You must first create an account prior to using the app



Google Classroom: Guardian Summaries

As a guardian, you can get email summaries about your student's activity in Classroom. Email summaries do not include grades. For grades check Powerschool.

In email summaries, you can review:

- **Missing work**—Work not turned in when the summary was sent.
- **Upcoming work**—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
- **Class activities**—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

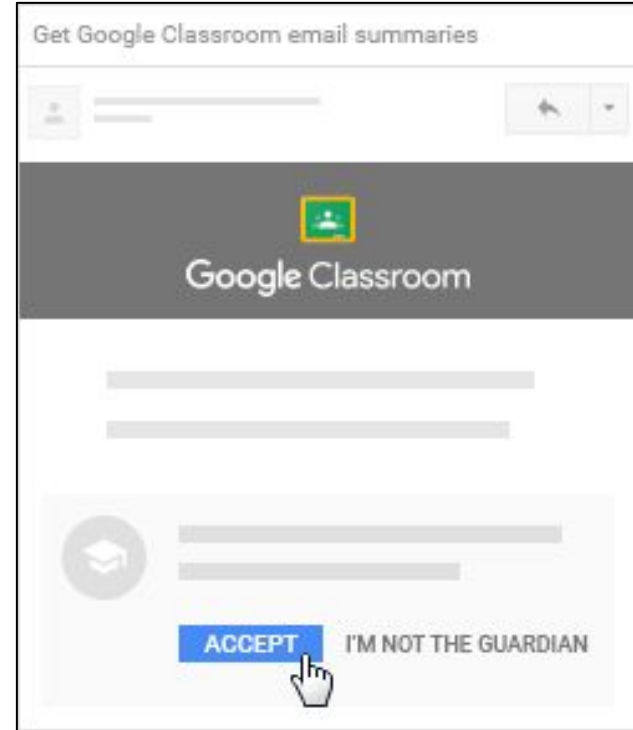


Google Classroom: Get Guardian Summaries

To get email summaries of your student's work, you must accept an email invitation from a teacher or administrator. You have 120 days to accept an invitation before it expires. You can unsubscribe from summaries or remove yourself as a guardian at any time.

1. The teacher or administrator emails you an invitation to join your student's class.
2. In your email program, open your email invitation.
3. Click **Accept**.
If you're not the guardian, click **I'm Not The Guardian**.
4. Click **Accept** to confirm.

When you accept an invitation, you and your student get an email confirmation.



ST. PIUS X-ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us on August 17 at 6PM



6:00-6:30 CHECK-IN

6:30-6:50 WELCOME (GYM)

7:00-7:10 PERIOD 1

7:15-7:25 PERIOD 2

7:30-7:40 PERIOD 3

7:45-7:55 PERIOD 4



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Parent & Student College Nights



- Mandatory College Nights
- for Parents & Students

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Seniors	September 8, 2022; January 26, 2023
Juniors	September 15, 2022; February 16, 2023
Sophomores	September 22, 2022; March 2, 2023
Freshman	September 29, 2022; March 9, 2023

San Diego College Tour

COME EXPERIENCE COLLEGE CAMPUSES!



SAN DIEGO COLLEGE TOUR

OCTOBER 24-25, 2022

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS (11TH AND 12TH GRADE WILL HAVE PRIORITY)

\$150 REGISTRATION DEPOSIT DUE ON AUGUST 22, 2022

PRICE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON COLLEGE AND CAREER GOOGLE CLASSROOMS
REGISTER AT WWW.ISTCAMPUSTOURS.COM

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October 24 - 25, 2022

ST. PIUS X - ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY - SAN DIEGO COLLEGE TOUR

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- DELUXE MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION
- DELUXE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS (1 NIGHT)
- ALL MEALS
- TOUR MANAGER
- TOURS OF SELECTED COLLEGES
- CHAPERONES

CAMPUSES TO VISIT

DAY 1

- CSU San Marcos
- San Diego State University
- University of San Diego

DAY 2

- UC San Diego
- Concordia University Irvine

*Subject to change based on availability.



\$150 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE: August 22, 2022
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: September 10, 2022

Register online at www.istcampustours.com or submit completed form
For more information see the Counseling Office

NUMBER OF PAID TRAVELERS	PRICING		
	QUAD OCCUPANCY	TRIPLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
50	\$339 (per person)	Additional \$15 (per person)	Additional \$45 (per person)
40	\$379 (per person)	Additional \$15 (per person)	Additional \$45 (per person)
30	\$419 (per person)	Additional \$15 (per person)	Additional \$45 (per person)

Trip prices are based on the final number of paid travelers and room occupancy.

Join us on our tour to San Diego to visit different college campuses! More information can be found on College and Career Google Classrooms!

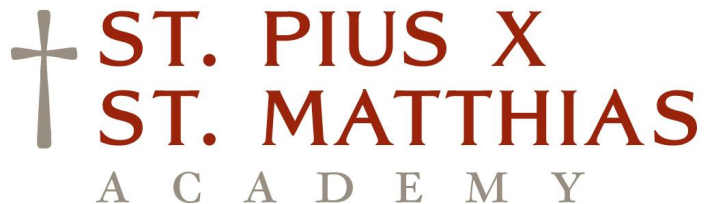
Counseling Partners of Los Angeles (CPLA)

Introductions

Services at PMA

Consent Forms





Forms to Turn In

Please make sure you turn in the following forms before leaving tonight:

- Parent Student Handbook [Acknowledgement Form](#)
 - Title 1 Parent Survey
 - CPLA Form (Optional)