



WEEKLY UPDATE

DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 8, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Happy Saturday Warrior Parents,

We have completed an exciting and special week 16! We welcome the 1st week of Advent and Week 17 this Sunday! As noted from the prayer above, Advent is a time where we can renew our spirits, our faith, and our desire to be a light to the world, to our neighbor, and to thyself. Light is Hope, and Hope is the focus of the 1st Advent Candle! Let's all go on a journey this Season of Advent! Let's prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts on Christmas day by repenting, by forgiving, showing charity, and being hope for others!

There is a lot of light and hope in our midst to be grateful for today! We are grateful for the many who gave so generously to our Giving Tuesday Campaign. Each contribution allowed us to surpass our goal almost every hour and together we have caused great Hope for our present and future PMA Warriors and Community! 2023's GivingTuesday was PMA's most successful one yet! In one day, we raised \$60,921 in support of our students and our wonderful school! As a community of Alumni, Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff and Friends we raised \$39,821, and donations continue to come in even today.

THANK YOU! Our advisory board went above and beyond and raised \$21,100, going beyond their \$15,000 goal. We are so grateful to the over 300 members of the Warrior Community who contributed to our Giving Tuesday effort!

There continues to shine a great light on our sports programs! We celebrated our Boys Varsity Basketball Team this past Wednesday as their 2023 CIF Southern Section Championship banner was revealed! Coach Archie and the team celebrated with a win that night too! Yet, we recognize the victories of all our teams this week and are so proud of our Girls Basketball Team, Girls Soccer Teams, Boys Soccer Team and Boys Basketball Teams. We are blessed to have such dedicated coaches, athletes, and supportive parents! How blessed to see Hope reflected in the talent and gifts of our student athletes!

Hope and Light definitely came to life yesterday at our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony! We extend our gratitude to our partner elementary schools' choirs who joined in last night's festivities! A big thank you to Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Raymond School. We thank everyone who worked so hard at making last night memorable, faith-filled, and JOYful! We extend our appreciation to Father Sam Ward, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Ramos, Mr. De La Rosa, Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. Estrada, Mrs. Ruiz, Mr. Becerra, Mr. Urquidi, Mr. Rios, Music Ministry/Band, ASB, Campus Ministry, WPA Board Members, Class Reps, and Parent Volunteers! You all shine such a great light onto our PMA Home.

With respect & care,

Mrs. Claudia Rodarte
Principal

Dr. Christian De Larkin
President



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Oración de Adviento

Señor Jesús, Maestro tanto de la luz como de las tinieblas, envía tu Espíritu Santo sobre nuestros preparativos para la Navidad. Nosotros que tenemos tanto que hacer y buscamos espacios de tranquilidad para escuchar tu voz cada día, Nosotros que estamos ansiosos por muchas cosas, esperamos con ansias tu venida entre nosotros.

Nosotros, que somos bendecidos de tantas maneras, anhelamos el gozo completo de tu reino. Nosotros, cuyos corazones están apesadumbrados, buscamos el gozo de tu presencia. Somos tu pueblo, caminamos en oscuridad, pero buscamos la luz. A ti te decimos: "¡Ven, Señor Jesús!" Amén.

Feliz sábado padres guerreros,

¡Hemos completado una semana 16 emocionante y especial! ¡Damos la bienvenida a la 1ª semana de Adviento y a la Semana 17 este domingo! Como se señaló en la oración anterior, el Adviento es un tiempo en el que podemos renovar nuestro espíritu, nuestra fe y nuestro deseo de ser una luz para el mundo, para nuestro prójimo y para nosotros mismos. ¡La luz es esperanza, y la esperanza es el foco de la primera vela de Adviento! ¡Emprendamos todos un viaje en este tiempo de Adviento! ¡Preparémonos para recibir a Jesús en nuestros corazones el día de Navidad arrepintiéndonos, perdonando, mostrando caridad y siendo esperanza para los demás!

¡Hay mucha luz y esperanza entre nosotros por la cual estar agradecidos hoy! Estamos agradecidos por todos los que contribuyeron tan generosamente a nuestra campaña Giving Tuesday. ¡Cada contribución nos permitió superar nuestra meta casi cada hora y juntos hemos causado una gran esperanza para nuestros guerreros y comunidad de PMA presentes y futuros! ¡El GivingTuesday de 2023 fue el más exitoso de la PMA hasta el momento! ¡En un día, recaudamos \$60,921 en apoyo de nuestros estudiantes y nuestra maravillosa escuela! Como comunidad de ex alumnos, padres, estudiantes, profesores, personal y amigos, recaudamos \$39,821 y las donaciones continúan llegando incluso hoy. ¡GRACIAS! Nuestro consejo asesor hizo todo lo posible y recaudó \$21,100, superando su meta de \$15,000. ¡Estamos muy agradecidos con los más de 300 miembros de Warrior Community que contribuyeron a nuestro esfuerzo Giving Tuesday!

¡Sigue brillando una gran luz sobre nuestros programas deportivos! ¡Celebramos a nuestro equipo de baloncesto universitario masculino el miércoles pasado cuando se reveló su cartel del Campeonato de la Sección Sur CIF 2023! ¡El entrenador Archie y el equipo también celebraron con una victoria esa noche! Sin embargo, reconocemos las victorias de todos nuestros equipos esta semana y estamos muy orgullosos de nuestro equipo de baloncesto femenino, equipo de fútbol femenino, equipo de fútbol masculino y equipo de baloncesto masculino. ¡Tenemos la suerte de contar con entrenadores, atletas y padres tan dedicados! ¡Qué bendición ver la esperanza reflejada en el talento y los dones de nuestros estudiantes atletas!

¡La Esperanza y la Luz definitivamente cobraron vida ayer en nuestra Ceremonia Anual de Iluminación del Árbol de Navidad! ¡Extendemos nuestro agradecimiento a los coros de nuestras escuelas primarias asociadas que se unieron a las festividades de anoche! Un gran agradecimiento a Nuestra Señora del Rosario y a la Escuela St. Raymond. ¡Agradecemos a todos los que trabajaron tan duro para hacer que anoche fuera memorable, lleno de fe y ALEGRÍA! Extendemos nuestro agradecimiento al Padre Sam Ward, Sr. Jackson, Sr. Ramos, Sr. De La Rosa, Sra. Ramírez, Sra. Estrada, Sra. Ruiz, Sr. Becerra, Sr. Urquidi, Sr. Rios, Ministerio/Banda de Música, ASB, Ministerio Universitario, Miembros de la Junta de WPA, Clase ¡Representantes y padres voluntarios! Todos ustedes arrojan una gran luz sobre nuestro Hogar PMA.

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Schedule for Week 17

DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 8, 2023

Monday 12/04	• Spring Musical auditions @ 3pm • Arrival @ 8:05am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm
Tuesday 12/05	• Freshman Retreat • Arrival @ 8:05am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm
Wednesday 12/06	• Spring Musical auditions @ 3pm • Boys' Basketball (Varsity) @ Harvard Westlake.@ 6pm • Arrival @ 8:05am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm
Thursday 12/07	• Arrival @ 8:05am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 12:56pm
Friday 12/08	• AM Assembly: Mass • Spring Musical auditions @ 3pm • Arrival @ 8:05am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm

Highlights of the Week:



Director of Business & Finance

Mr. Barba



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Tuition Suspension will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Please make sure your Tuition Payments are current to avoid tuition suspension. All students on tuition suspension will not be allowed to take final exams and or participate in extra-curricular and athletic events.

Counseling

Crochet & Cookies

Come enjoy some therapeutic crocheting, relaxing music, and delicious cookies. We will be making beanies and mittens to donate to babies for the winter. A Psychology Club hosted event that is open to the entire PMA community. Don't know how to crochet? We can teach you!



5 reasons People Crochet

- 1) Be Creative
- 2) Feel calmer
- 3) Feel happier
- 4) Feel more useful
- 5) A sense of accomplishment

QUESTIONS

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RSVP



DECEMBER 5TH

4PM-6PM



Crochet & Cookies

Don't forget to sign up for Psychology Club's Crochet & Cookies event this coming Tuesday, December 6th.

Please use the QR code to RSVP.

Warrior Parent Association

Winter Wonderland Brunch with Mom

WPA is honored to host Moms and Mom Figures of our Warriors!
We invite Moms, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Sisters,
and/or any Mom Figures to attend this very special brunch with
your student in your honor!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

10AM-1PM

\$50.00 PER TICKET

ST. PIUS X - ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF OPERATIONS & ATHLETICS

Mr. Jackson



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Dear Warrior Community,
We'd like to inform you that Thursday, December 7th, will be an early dismissal day. Additionally, on Friday, December 8th, students are expected to adhere to formal attire guidelines.

Please note that on Wednesday, 12/20 Office Hours will be from 7:00am - 12:00pm.
Thank you for your attention.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH & LEADERSHIP

Mr. Ramos



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Freshman Retreat Coming Dec 5, 2023!

Freshman Retreat for freshman students currently in Theology will be held on Campus in the Gym on Tuesday Dec. 5. It is being facilitated through NET Ministries.

Christmas Rally

Our Second Annual Christmas Rally will be held on Friday Dec. 15th after lunch. To get into the spirit of the season we will be having Christmas themed dress-up days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week.

The themes are as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Nativity Scene Character Day

Thursday, Dec. 14 - Christmas Themed Pajamas
(& Hot Cocoa Sales)

Friday Dec. 15 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

We look forward to seeing your great Christmas Season attire!! Please encourage your students to participate!



DEAN OF ACADEMICS

Ms. Saenz-Moreno



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Save the Date

Final Exams are Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19.

All students are expected to take final examinations. Students are not allowed to opt-out of these important exams. Students who are absent for a final exam without a valid excuse will be issued a final grade with the missed exam grade recorded as a zero.

If a student is absent due to illness, an official doctor's note must be provided in order for the student to make up any missed final exams. If a final exam is missed due to COVID, a doctor's note must be submitted.

Dentist appointments, vacations, family gatherings (celebrations), business trips, and other non medical issues are non-approved absences. Extreme situations will be reviewed as needed.

Exámenes finales

Los exámenes finales son el lunes 18 y martes 19 de diciembre.

Se espera que todos los estudiantes tomen exámenes finales. Los estudiantes no pueden optar por no participar en estos importantes exámenes.

Los estudiantes que estén ausentes a un examen final sin una excusa válida recibirán una calificación final con la calificación del examen perdido registrada como cero.

Si un estudiante está ausente debido a una enfermedad, se debe proporcionar una nota oficial del médico para que el estudiante pueda recuperar los exámenes finales perdidos. Si se pierde un examen final debido a COVID, se debe presentar una nota del médico.

Las citas con el dentista, las vacaciones, las reuniones familiares (celebraciones), los viajes de negocios y otros asuntos no médicos son ausencias no aprobadas. Las situaciones extremas se revisarán según sea necesario.

ATHLETICS

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Physicals via PMA Website](#)

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[Warrior Calendar](#)

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We are excited to officially announce the commencement of our Spring sports season. This upcoming week features a packed schedule of games, including girls' soccer participating in the Bellflower tournament with matches scheduled on Friday (12/1), Saturday (12/2), and a potential championship round on Monday (12/4). Meanwhile, boys' soccer will be competing at Valley Christian on December 4th, facing off against South Hills on December 6th, and playing at Yorba Linda on December 8th.

On the basketball front, the girls' team will be in action on 12/4 at Warren and against Paraclete on 12/5. As for the boys' basketball team, they have a game scheduled on 12/6 at Harvard-Westlake and will go head-to-head with Mayfair on 12/8.

We encourage everyone to come out and support our dedicated Warrior student athletes.

Boys Volleyball Tryouts

For all boys interested in playing Volleyball for PMA please see the flyer below. If you cannot attend tryouts, please reach out to Ms. Maldonado-
amaldonado@piusmatthias.org to arrange makeup tryouts.



Boys Volleyball

23-24 TRYOUTS

REGISTER

DATES

- Wednesday
- December 6th

TIME

- 3:45pm - 5:15pm

LOCATION

- PMA O'Conner Gymnasium

REQUIREMENTS

- Athletic clothes
- Gym/Athletic shoes
- Bring water
- No jewelry

NEED TO KNOW

- Team Offers**
- December 8th via email
- Commitment Meeting**
- December 11th - 6pm - 7pm via zoom
- Team Practices**
- Practice begins December 12th

Contact

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