



WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 18, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL

A Prayer for Best Friends

“Jesus, you called us friends and designed us to thrive in community, thank you for my person. You knew I needed them, and some days, I don’t think I would survive otherwise. It’s an honor to be their best friend and to walk through life side by side. They love me as you do, Jesus, and for that, I’m eternally grateful. To know them intimately is a blessing and getting to support my best friend through the highs and lows of life is a gift—one that I receive daily and never want to take for granted.”

Amen.

Why a friendship prayer this week? Well, we begin Homecoming Week this week. Homecoming Week is a full week of joy, spirit, laughter and anticipation as we close the week with a rally, a football game, and dance! All moments this week will be lived more fully because of the friendships our Warriors have created at PMA. Each day this next week will be more enjoyable and memorable because of friendships, and we can understand that as we, too, have best friends in our lives that make life more meaningful! Today, this week, let’s lift up gratitude prayers for our friends and the friends in the lives of our Warriors. We thank “best friends” for sharing their gift of time, love, compassion, laughter, and acceptance with us!

Week 9 began with the celebration of a beautiful outdoor liturgy on Monday. We thank Campus Ministry - led by Mr. Ramos, Music Ministry, - led by Mrs. Holmquist, our Altar Servers and Lectors - led by Mrs. Rutz for sharing their gifts with us as we came together to pray as one school family.

Week 9 came to a close with Finals! We thank you, Warrior Parents, for your support in ensuring our Warriors took their finals this past Thursday and Friday. Thank you for bringing them to school on time and supporting them as they studied at home. We are proud of our Warriors!

Week 10 welcomes Homecoming Week! **Nonetheless, our week of festivities will begin on Tuesday as there is No School and offices are closed Monday, October 14th.** Tuesday-Saturday, while we learn we also make creating memories a priority. We highly encourage our students to participate in the fun and to make the best of the week while following PMA expectations. Please refer to our Student Life section below to review the themes and guidelines for our Spirit Week. We look forward to seeing our Warriors at our “Warrior Cookout” themed Homecoming Friday Night Lights Football Game as well as dressed for the spotlight at our “Night In The Spotlight” Homecoming Dance.

We pray you have a restful 3 day weekend! We hope everyone finds moments of rest, peace, and joy. We take a moment to give thanks for the people in our lives and the lives of our children that love and accept us/them exactly the way we/they are and who bless us /them with their friendship in all moments in life - best friends.

With respect & care,

Mrs. Claudia Rodarte
Principal

Dr. Christian De Larkin
President



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Una oración por los mejores amigos

“Jesús, nos llamaste amigos y nos diseñaste para prosperar en comunidad, gracias por mi persona. Sabías que los necesitaba y, algunos días, no creo que pudiera sobrevivir de otra manera. Es un honor ser su mejor amigo y caminar por la vida uno al lado del otro. Me aman como tú, Jesús, y por eso te estoy eternamente agradecido. Conocerlos íntimamente es una bendición y poder apoyar a mi mejor amigo en los altibajos de la vida es un regalo, uno que recibo a diario y que nunca quiero dar por sentado”.

Amén.

¿Por qué una oración de amistad esta semana? Bueno, comenzamos la Semana del regreso a casa esta semana. ¡La Semana del Homecoming es una semana llena de alegría, espíritu, risas y anticipación mientras cerramos la semana con una manifestación, un partido de fútbol y baile! Todos los momentos de esta semana se vivirán más plenamente gracias a las amistades que nuestros Guerreros han creado en la PMA. Cada día de la próxima semana será más agradable y memorable gracias a las amistades, y podemos entenderlo porque nosotros también tenemos mejores amigos en nuestras vidas que hacen que la vida sea más significativa. Hoy, esta semana, elevemos oraciones de gratitud por nuestros amigos y los amigos en las vidas de nuestros Guerreros. ¡Agradecemos a los “mejores amigos” por compartir su regalo de tiempo, amor, compasión, risa y aceptación con nosotros!

La novena semana comenzó con la celebración de una hermosa liturgia al aire libre el lunes. Agradecemos al Ministerio Universitario, dirigido por el Sr. Ramos, al Ministerio de Música, dirigido por la Sra. Holmquist, a nuestros monaguillos y lectores, dirigidos por la Sra. Rutz, por compartir sus dones con nosotros mientras nos reuníamos para orar como una sola familia escolar.

¡La Semana 9 llegó a su fin con las Finales! Les agradecemos, padres guerreros, por su apoyo para garantizar que nuestros Warriors tomaran sus finales el jueves y viernes pasado. Gracias por traerlos a la escuela a tiempo y apoyarlos mientras estudiaban en casa. ¡Estamos orgullosos de nuestros Guerreros!

¡La semana 10 da la bienvenida a la Semana del regreso a casa! **No obstante, nuestra semana de festividades comenzará el martes ya que no hay clases y las oficinas estarán cerradas el lunes 14 de octubre.** De martes a sábado, mientras aprendemos, también hacemos de la creación de recuerdos una prioridad. Alentamos encarecidamente a nuestros estudiantes a participar en la diversión y aprovechar al máximo la semana siguiendo las expectativas de la PMA. Consulte nuestra sección Vida estudiantil a continuación para revisar los temas y pautas de nuestra Semana del Espíritu. Esperamos ver a nuestros Warriors en nuestro partido de fútbol americano de Homecoming Friday Night Lights con el tema “Warrior Cookout”, así como vestidos para ser el centro de atención en nuestro baile de bienvenida “Night In The Spotlight”.

¡Rezamos para que tengas un fin de semana de descanso de 3 días! Esperamos que todos encuentren momentos de descanso, paz y alegría. Nos tomamos un momento para dar gracias por las personas en nuestras vidas y en las vidas de nuestros hijos que nos aman y nos aceptan exactamente como somos y que nos bendicen con su amistad en todos los momentos de la vida: mejores amigos.

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Schedule for Week 10

OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 18, 2024

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| Monday 10/14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SCHOOL - OFFICE CLOSED |
| Tuesday 10/15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "B" Day• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm |
| Wednesday 10/16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "A" Day• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm |
| Thursday 10/17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "B" Day• F/S Football vs Cathedral @ 4pm• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm |
| Friday 10/18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "A" Day• Warrior Schedule: Early Dismissal• Parents In Prayer @ 8:30am• Alumni Tailgate• Homecoming Game• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 12:57pm |

Highlights of the Week:



PARENT SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently asking for the following items:

Keurig coffee cups

Individual coffee creamer

Individually wrapped cookies, granola bars, snacks

Please bring items to the front office along with your receipt.

For every \$10 spent, 1 service hour will be awarded.

Thank you!

Dear Parents,

The Counseling Department is in need of donations, including individually wrapped candy, granola bars, healthy snacks, and bottled water. If you are able to contribute, please drop off the items at the front office and inform the office staff that they are for the Counseling Department.

Parents will receive service hours for their donations. Every \$10 spent = 1 service hour

Thank you for your support!

Estimados Padres,

El Departamento de Consejería está en necesidad de donaciones, incluyendo dulces envueltos individualmente, barras de granola, bocadillos saludables y agua embotellada. Si pueden contribuir, por favor dejen los artículos en la oficina principal e informen al personal que son para el Departamento de Consejería.

Los padres recibirán horas de servicio por sus donaciones. Cada \$10= 1 hour de servicio.

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

SAVE THE DATE

St Pius X St Matthias Academy Class of 2026

FAMILY NIGHT ORDER:

Thursday, October 24

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

in St. Thomas Aquinas Study

LIMITED TIME ONLY

\$25 off your class jewelry when purchasing a Classic metal

\$50 off a Deluxe or Premium metal or

\$75 a Luxury metal. Use promo code **SRMETAL** at checkout.

This promo code is good October 18 - November 1

SCHOOL ORDER DEADLINE FOR DOLLARS OFF SAVINGS:

Friday, November 1, 2024

(If you miss the on-campus family night, place your order online by school order deadline)

Your ring ceremony is Thursday, February 20, 2025

Rings take 8 weeks to manufacture.

**To have your ring in time for the ring ceremony, it must be ordered
no later than December 1, 2024.**

(Ring plant is closed during Christmas and New Years)



\$100.00 DEPOSIT or JOSTENS J-PAY™

We offer interest-free-3-payment and 4-payment plans, so that you can spread out the cost of your senior year gear. Go ahead and place your order with confidence!

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Attention Parents of 9th-11th Grade Students: Mandatory PSAT Exam on Friday, October 25th

Your child is scheduled to take the mandatory PSAT 8/9 or PSAT/NMSQT exam on **Friday, October 25th**. In preparation for the digital exam, we have been working with students to provide important information about the test and help them get ready. This includes ensuring they have an approved device with the Bluebook app installed.

It is the responsibility of each student to arrive on test day with their fully charged device and the Bluebook app ready to go.

If your child has not yet obtained an approved College Board device, please refer to the list of devices below, along with instructions on how to install the Bluebook app.

[College Board Approved Testing Devices](#) [Download Bluebook](#)

Please take a moment to check in with your student to ensure they are fully prepared for the exam. The link below helps students identify important information regarding what to do before test day, what to bring on test day and taking the test.

[PSAT-Related Assessments](#)

Thank you for your support in helping your child succeed on this important test.

Atención Padres de Estudiantes de 9° a 11° Grado: Examen PSAT Obligatorio el Viernes 25 de Octubre

Su hijo/a está programado/a para tomar el examen obligatorio PSAT 8/9 o PSAT/NMSQT el viernes 25 de octubre. En preparación para el examen digital, hemos estado trabajando con los estudiantes para proporcionar información importante sobre la prueba y ayudarlos a prepararse. Esto incluye asegurarse de que tengan un dispositivo (computadora) aprobado con la aplicación Bluebook instalada.

Es responsabilidad de cada estudiante llegar el día del examen con su dispositivo completamente cargado y la aplicación Bluebook lista para usarse.

Si su hijo/a aún no ha obtenido un dispositivo aprobado por College Board, consulte la lista de dispositivos a continuación, junto con las instrucciones para instalar la aplicación Bluebook.

[Dispositivos Aprobados por College Board para el Examen](#) [Descargar Bluebook](#)

Tómese un momento para hablar con su estudiante y asegurarse de que esté completamente preparado/a para el examen. El enlace a continuación ayuda a los estudiantes a identificar información importante sobre qué hacer antes del día del examen, qué traer el día del examen y cómo tomar la prueba.

[Evaluaciones Relacionadas con el PSAT](#)

Gracias por su apoyo para ayudar a su hijo/a a tener éxito en esta importante prueba.

COUNSELING



Get Ready for the Digital SAT®
on a School Day

Attention Seniors Taking the Digital SAT at PMA on October 25th!

If your son or daughter is registered to take the SAT at PMA, please review the important details below with your Warrior:

Test Day Instructions:

Arrival Time: Be at school by 7:30 AM and report to the St. Thomas Aquinas Study with all necessary test materials.

What to Bring: An approved, fully charged device with the Bluebook app already downloaded.

Important: Testing room doors will close promptly at 7:40 AM. Late arrivals will not be permitted, and no make-up sessions will be available. The test, including pre-administration tasks, will take approximately 3 hours.

Snacks & Water: You may bring a small snack and water to have during the break.

Dress Code:

Students must wear JSS attire with a college shirt/sweatshirt or PMA shirt/polo, along with shoes and socks as outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook. Failure to comply with the dress code may result in being sent home and missing the exam. Please note that exam fees are non-refundable.

SAT Mandatory Digital Readiness Check:

We will host a mandatory Digital Readiness Check session for registered seniors taking the SAT on **Thursday, October 17th, from 12:55 PM to 1:30 PM** in the St. Thomas Aquinas Study. Students must bring the device they will use on test day, with the Bluebook app already installed.

Prepare for Your Digital SAT:

Ensure your device is ready and the Bluebook app is downloaded.

Practice using the Bluebook app to familiarize yourself with the test format.

Review **Get Ready for the Digital SAT on a School Day** and watch the **preparation video** provided.

Please carefully review the following information on College Board:

[What to Bring on SAT School Day](#)

[Approved Testing Device](#)

[Download Bluebook App](#)

[Practice on Bluebook](#)

[Get Ready for the Digital SAT on a School Day](#) and [Video](#)

We wish you the best as you prepare for your Digital SAT exam!
Please reach out if you have any questions

DIRECTOR OF FAITH & LEADERSHIP

Mr. Ramos



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Save the Date - October Night Adoration!

Join us on the evening of **Wednesday October 30, 2024** as we worship together for a night Adoration! Adoration will be from **7pm to 8:00 pm** in the St. Matthias Theater at PMA followed by WPA hospitality from **8:00 pm - 8:30 pm**. Families are invited (Parents and middle school and above).

Come and experience the benefits of Holy meditation and reflection!



Jr. Retreat Parent Service hour opportunity!

We are in need of water, chips, cookies, and granola bars for the Junior retreat. 1 parent service hour will be earned for every \$10 donated. Donations will be accepted through Monday October 21 in the main office. The Jr. Retreat will be held over 2 days (overnight) on **October 22 and 23** at St. Joseph's Salesian Youth Retreat Center in Rosemead CA.

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR

Ms. Elefante



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homecoming week
**LIGHTS,
CAMERA,
Warriors**
OCT 14-18

Tuesday:
CAT IN THE HAT
RHYME WITHOUT
REASON

Wednesday:
**10 THINGS I HATE
ABOUT YOU**
DRESS AS YOUR TYPE

Thursday:
**BACK 2 THE
FUTURE**
THROWBACK THURSDAY
SENIORS: 90S
JUNIORS: 2010S
SOPHOMORES: 70S
FRESHMEN: 50S

Friday:
**MOVIE
GENRES**
DRESS IN YOUR THEME
SENIORS: MUSICALS
JUNIORS: HORROR
SOPHOMORES: WESTERN
FRESHMEN: ANIMATED

HOMECOMING WEEK THEME: Lights, Camera, Warriors

This week is our Homecoming Week and all students are encouraged to dress up in theme! Details for each dress up theme can be found on the PMA ASB Instagram (@pma_asb).

Throughout Homecoming Week, we expect all of our Warriors to adhere to dress code policies. All costumes and dress up elements must be appropriate and may not distract classroom environments.

Student Section: Warrior Cookout!

Thank you to everyone that came dressed up for our Minion themed student section last night! We invite all students to come dressed up in their bbq/cookout outfits for our Homecoming game on Friday, October 18! Bring your apron, chef's hat, and spatula while our Warriors **cook** up a win against Cathedral. (While kitchenware and utensils are encouraged, sharp objects are prohibited.)

All PMA students are granted free entry with their valid school ID.



ST. PIUS X- ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY
HOMECOMING GAME
OCTOBER 18
7PM

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
**WARRIOR
COOKOUT**

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR

Ms. Elefante



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PMA's Homecoming Dance: A Night in the Spotlight

Tickets are on sale now for our Homecoming Dance! They are currently only \$30 each and each ticket includes dinner!

Join us as we dance the night away!

Guests must fill out a guest pass to be granted entry to the dance. Guest passes can be found on the website or can be picked up from the ASB room. Guest passes must be submitted to Ms. Elefante by October 15.

Tickets can be purchased on the school website:

<https://www.piusmatthias.org/student-life/a-night-in-the-spotlight>

ST. PIUS X - ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY PRESENTS

A Night in the Spotlight

EARLY BIRD (SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6): \$25
PRESALE (OCTOBER 7-18): \$30
AT THE DOOR: \$35
ALL TICKETS INCLUDE DINNER

19 October 2024
7:30-11 PM
Semi-Formal Attire Required
7851 Gardendale St. Downey CA 90242

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
DOORS CLOSE AT 8PM
DINNER IS SERVED FROM 8:15-9PM
DOORS REOPEN AT 10:30PM
ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A VALID SCHOOL ID.
GUEST PASSES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 15.

ADVANCEMENT

CALLING ALL PARENTS WHO ARE ALUMNI OF PIUS X & ST. MATTHIAS!

Our Alumni Tailgate and Homecoming Game vs Cathedral High School is just 8 days away on Friday, October 18th. We hope to see you all on campus again as we will be honoring the Class of 1964, as they celebrate 60 years since their graduation and the Class of 1974, for their 50th Reunion - by recognizing both of these classes on the field at halftime!

In addition, we will be celebrating all graduates from the years 1984, 1994, 2004, 2014, and 2024!
Friendly reminder, remind your child if they are a graduate of the Class of 2024, as this is their FIRST ALUMNI TAILGATE, THEIR ADMISSION IS FREE!

We will also have our new PIUS X and ST. MATTHIAS ALUMNI shirts available for purchase. Help make a difference in the lives of our Warriors today by supporting your Alma Mater and your child's current school! [You can also click here to purchase our NEW PMA PARENT SHIRTS!](#)