



WEEKLY UPDATE

JANUARY 13 – JANUARY 17, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL

Prayer In Time of Wildfires

“God of all creation, all the elements belong to you.
The earth, air, water and fire are yours to command.
You guarded your people in Israel by night with a pillar of flame.
You sanctified the early church with tongues of fire at Pentecost.
You appeared to Moses in the burning bush, which was engulfed but not consumed.
God of wind and flame, extinguish the fires engulfing land, communities, and homes.
Guard those who must flee because of the blaze, give them safety and wholeness.
Bring those who have perished home to you, grant them your perpetual peace.
Protect those who battle the flames, sanctify their service and send them your Spirit.
Restore our land, our homes, our faith in your goodness,
And show us again how you bring life out of ash and dust
Give us the resources and strength, we ask, to rebuild and replant
And show us that you are the loving Creator and Savior.” Amen.

Dearest Warrior Community,

We pray you find yourself safe and healthy this weekend. Please join PMA as we continue to pray for all families and communities impacted by the various wildfires. This devastating tragedy has dramatically changed the lives of children, families, schools, churches, businesses, cities, and the extent of its physical, emotional, and mental damage is unimaginable and forever-lasting. We also pray for all First Responders, heroes, who are demonstrating great bravery, strength, service, and endurance with no breaks, no sleep, and quite possibly little food. As we take a moment to read this update, we pause, we give thanks for our current circumstance, and we try to give back - through prayer or charity! We thank all of you who stopped by and donated items for our Fire Relief efforts yesterday.

For those who were unable to stop by yesterday, we are taking donations today until 1pm! Don't forget:

- Drop off Area - Warrior Warehouse (Student Store) enter only through the football field. Please review the attached flyer for items being collected. - [PMA FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY.png.pdf](#)

We also want to also extend our gratitude to our Warriors. Thank you for your support of our Fire Relief Dress Down Day fundraiser yesterday. **We collected \$730;** We are so PROUD of you!

As we approach Week two of the New Year and of our new semester, we look forward with faith and with hope. This upcoming week, on Tuesday, the second half of our Sophomores will go on their retreat. We wish them a beautiful experience and thank Mr. Ramos, the Retreat Leaders, and the Chaperones for their planning and presence. We will close week 2 in a special way - Adoration! This will be the first school Adoration in the new year, and we are grateful we will have an opportunity to pray as a whole school family for our community but most importantly for our brothers and sisters facing great challenges due to the fires.

Parents, we have noticed that on early days, especially early days that include a mass or adoration or rally, absences increase significantly. Please partner with us and send your Warrior to school unless they are ill or there is a family emergency. **For our Faculty and Staff and for us, regardless of dismissal time or event, we are still focused on teaching and providing our Warriors moments of great faith and formation. Please make attendance a priority.**

To conclude our message, we wish to express the joy felt in having our Warriors and Faculty/Staff return on Monday. Our school building, our school, are THEM. We pray this last semester of the 2024-2025 school year is filled with safety, faith, love, growth, success, joy, and unity!

With respect & care,

Mrs. Claudia Rodarte
Principal

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President



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Oración en tiempos de incendios forestales

“Dios de toda la creación, todos los elementos te pertenecen.

La tierra, el aire, el agua y el fuego están a tu disposición.

Guardaste a tu pueblo en Israel de noche con una columna de fuego.

Santificaste a la iglesia primitiva con lenguas de fuego en Pentecostés.

Te apareciste a Moisés en la zarza ardiente, que fue envuelta en fuego pero no consumida.

Dios del viento y la llama, extingue los incendios que envuelven la tierra, las comunidades y los hogares.

Protege a quienes deben huir a causa del incendio, dales seguridad y plenitud.

Trae a casa a los que han perecido y concédeles tu paz perpetua.

Protege a quienes luchan contra las llamas, santifica su servicio y envíales tu Espíritu.

Restaura nuestra tierra, nuestros hogares, nuestra fe en tu bondad, Y muéstranos nuevamente cómo sacas vida de las cenizas y el polvo.

Danos los recursos y la fuerza, te pedimos, para reconstruir y replantar Y muéstranos que eres el Creador y Salvador amoroso”. Amén.

Querida comunidad de guerreros: Rezamos para que este fin de semana se encuentren sanos y salvos. Únase a PMA mientras seguimos rezando por todas las familias y comunidades afectadas por los diversos incendios forestales. Esta devastadora tragedia ha cambiado drásticamente las vidas de los niños, las familias, las escuelas, las iglesias, las empresas y las ciudades, y el alcance de su daño físico, emocional y mental es inimaginable y duradero. También rezamos por todos los socorristas, los héroes, que están demostrando gran valentía, fuerza, servicio y resistencia sin descansos, sin dormir y, muy posiblemente, con poca comida. Mientras tomamos un momento para leer esta actualización, hacemos una pausa, damos gracias por nuestra situación actual y tratamos de retribuir, ¡a través de la oración o la caridad! Agradecemos a todos los que pasaron por aquí y donaron artículos para nuestros esfuerzos de socorro contra incendios ayer.

Para aquellos que no pudieron pasar ayer, hoy estamos aceptando donaciones hasta la 1:00 p. m. No olviden:

Área de entrega: Warrior Wearhouse (tienda para estudiantes). Ingrese solo por el campo de fútbol. Revise el folleto adjunto para ver los artículos que se recolectan. - PMA FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY.png.pdf

También queremos extender nuestra gratitud a nuestros guerreros. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra campaña de recaudación de fondos Fire Relief Dress Down Day de ayer. **Recaudamos \$730.** ¡Estamos muy ORGULLOSOS de ustedes!

A medida que nos acercamos a la segunda semana del Año Nuevo y de nuestro nuevo semestre, miramos hacia adelante con fe y esperanza. Esta próxima semana, el martes, la segunda mitad de nuestros estudiantes de segundo año se irán a su retiro. Les deseamos una hermosa experiencia y agradecemos al Sr. Ramos, a los líderes del retiro y a los chaperones por su planificación y presencia. Cerraremos la semana 2 de una manera especial: ¡Adoración! Esta será la primera Adoración escolar del nuevo año y estamos agradecidos de tener la oportunidad de orar como toda la familia escolar por nuestra comunidad, pero lo más importante, por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que enfrentan grandes desafíos debido a los incendios.

Padres, hemos notado que en los primeros días, especialmente los primeros días que incluyen una misa, adoración o reunión, las ausencias aumentan significativamente. Por favor, colabore con nosotros y envíe a su guerrero a la escuela a menos que esté enfermo o haya una emergencia familiar. Para nuestro personal docente y administrativo y para nosotros, independientemente de la hora de salida o el evento, seguimos centrados en enseñar y brindarles a nuestros guerreros momentos de gran fe y formación. Por favor, haga de la asistencia una prioridad.

Para concluir nuestro mensaje, deseamos expresar la alegría que sentimos al tener a nuestros guerreros y profesores/personal de regreso el lunes. Nuestro edificio escolar, nuestra escuela, son ELLOS. ¡Oramos para que este último semestre del año escolar 2024-2025 esté lleno de seguridad, fe, amor, crecimiento, éxito, alegría y unidad!

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Schedule for Week 2

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Monday 1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “A” Day• Boys Basketball vs Bishop Montgomery (Varsity 7pm, JV 5:30pm, Fr/So 4pm)• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3:00pm
Tuesday 1/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “B” Day• Sophomore Retreat• Girls Soccer at Bishop Amat @ 3pm• Girls Basketball vs Mission @ 4pm• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm
Wednesday 1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “A” Day• Boys Soccer at La Salle @ 3pm• Boys Basketball @ St. Bernards (F/S 4pm, JV 5:30pm, Varsity 7pm)• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm
Thursday 1/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “B” Day• Girls Soccer vs La Salle @ 3pm• Girls Basketball at Pomona Catholic @ 3pm• Back To School Night @ 6pm• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 3pm
Friday 1/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “B” Day• Victorian Schedule: Adoration• Boys Soccer vs Cathedral @ 3pm• Boys Basketball vs Serra (Varsity 7pm, JV 5:30pm, Fr/So 4pm)• Arrival @ 8:00am (late bell @ 8:10am) / Dismissal @ 12:57pm

Highlights of the Week:



PARENT SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY

Boys Basketball is having a MLK Showcase on Saturday, January 18th and Monday, January 20th & are in need of donations for the concession stand.

If you are able to donate items, please sign up below, by selecting a slot and dropping items off in the front office by Wednesday, Jan 15, 2025.

For every \$10 spent, you will receive one parent hour.

Please submit your receipt, with child's name and grade to get your hours.

Concessions:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAEA62FA6FBC70-54270256-mlkbasketball#/>

Volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAEA62FA6FBC70-54270327-mlkshowcase#/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Schools Week	
MON 27	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS DAY Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Formal Uniform: Mass
TUE 28	STUDENT DAY Early Dismissal: Special Warrior Schedule (Free Dress) Student Day festivities throughout the day
WED 29	PARENT/GUARDIAN DAY Special treat at car line & social media shout-outs
THU 30	COMMUNITY DAY Special deliveries to Community partners & social media shout-outs
THU 31	FACULTY & STAFF DAY Special treats for our Faculty & Staff throughout the day. We invite our Warriors to celebrate our Faculty & Staff

COUNSELING

STAR Window #2 Testing for Grades 9-11 and Senior Workshops

Students in grades 9 through 11 will be taking the STAR Window #2 tests on **Friday, January 24th**, and **Friday, January 31st**. These STAR Reading and STAR Math tests are essential for measuring student progress, identifying strengths, and pinpointing areas for growth.

It is important that all students participate in the tests on the scheduled dates. The tests will be administered during the assembly time block.

To ensure a smooth testing experience, please remind your student to:

Arrive at school on time.

Eat a healthy breakfast to help them stay focused and energized

Bring a fully charged device, as the tests are taken online and are computer adaptive.

Thank you for your support in helping us gather valuable data to enhance your student's learning experience.

While students in grades 9-11 take the STAR test, Seniors will be completing vital steps for their college journey, including:

Finalizing and submitting FAFSA applications.

Creating their CSS Profile if needed.

Setting up college student portals.

Compiling a list of schools where they've been accepted.

Searching for and applying to as many scholarships as possible.

Applying to community colleges for Fall 2025, if applicable.

These workshops are an essential part of preparing for college success. We encourage all seniors to take full advantage of these sessions. Parents, your support in ensuring attendance and engagement is greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM STUDENTS:

ECP classes start Monday, January 13th, 2025!

ATHLETICS

Mr. Covell



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Please note that the Girls Soccer Game against Paraclete that was scheduled for today at 3:30pm has been cancelled.

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Sophomore Retreat: Discovery!

The Sophomore Retreat (group B) will be held at St. Raymond Parish on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. This retreat is mandatory for all sophomore students taking Theology this semester (semester two).

Permission slips were distributed in students' Theology class before Christmas break..

Please note: Particular retreat information such as drop-off, pick-up and dress code was emailed to retreat student parents on Friday.



Save the Date: Youth Day 2025!

RECongress 2025 Youth Day will be held on Thursday February 20 at the Anaheim Convention Center. Students interested in attending must be in good standing. Prices increase January 16. PMA students can sign-up for Youth Day by visiting the link below.

<https://www.piusmatthias.org/faith/youth-day-2025>

ADVANCEMENT

Parents & students, the Warrior WearHouse Student Store has new hours for Winter/Spring!

Warrior WearHouse will open from 12:30-4:30pm Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays!

You can also shop online here: <https://piusmatthias.myshopify.com/>

Orders are ready for pickup in about 2 business days.

**Don't forget the MOM & DAD Warrior Tees are on sale this week, ending Monday!
Both T-Shirts are only \$23.99!**



CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOUR REMINDER

Parents of Seniors: please remind your students to log all of their Christian Service Hours in their Helper Helper app. Each student is required to perform 25 hours of service per year enrolled at PMA in order to graduate. If they have not completed these hours yet, please encourage them to find opportunities to serve their local charities, churches, etc. before the deadline of **April 15th.**

Please contact Mrs. Lozano at klozano@piusmatthias.org if you have any questions.