



St. Pius X School Newsletter

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My Dear Friends,

First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for a successful Open House and Golf Tournament. We are off to an exciting start this year offering a new Robotics program, which will enhance our curricular offerings and provide a thought provoking experience for our students.

We invite you to join us on Friday, October 2, as we join children all over the world in the Worldwide Eucharistic Holy Hour for children. We will be at the church in prayer led by Fr. Ray praying for families and priests. On Monday, October 5, we invite you to join us as we celebrate Mass at church. Both services begin at 9:30.

The month of October we dedicate to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is such an important prayer meditation to our faith. Hearing our students pray decades of the Rosary daily as I walk the halls is extremely heartwarming and fulfilling. In most schools, prayer is prohibited. In our school, it is a part of our daily life, especially in praying the Rosary.

The Rosary is so important to us because while we pray, we meditate on the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries, all of which bring us to contemplate the life of Our Lord, Jesus. The Mysteries are as follows:

The Annunciation
The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
The Nativity
The Presentation in the Temple

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple
The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation through the Gospel
The Transfiguration of Jesus
The Institution of the Eucharist
The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging of Jesus
The Crowning of Thorns
The Passion of Jesus
The Crucifixion
The Resurrection
The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption of Mary
The Coronation of Mary

That is why we say that by praying the Rosary, Our Blessed Mother brings us closer to Her Son through the Mysteries.

Pope John Paul II, a huge advocate of the Rosary and author of the *Luminous Mysteries* stated so beautifully, *"The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is "our peace". Anyone who assimilates the mystery of Christ – and this is clearly the goal of the Rosary – learns the secret of peace...by virtue of its meditative character... the Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, disposing them to receive and experience in their innermost depths, and to spread around them, that true peace which is the special gift of the Risen Lord"* - (*ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE*)

May Our Lady of the Rosary bring your families peace this October and always,

Henrv Fiore. Jr.