



**St. Pius X Catholic High School
Honor Code and Handbook Acknowledgement/Agreement
2011-2012 School Year**

In order to ensure that students and their families are familiar with the philosophy, rules, regulations and policies of St. Pius X Catholic High School, we ask that students and parents or guardians please read and review the St. Pius X Student Handbook and St. Pius X Honor Code Booklet. This form states that you as parents/guardians of students and students, agree, as a condition of admission to abide by the guidelines of this and all governing administrative policies or regulations of St. Pius X Catholic High School in effect at the time of admission, or as amended, for the duration of enrollment of the student.

Please complete a form for each student attending the school and return to St. Pius X on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 with your student(s) to turn in during homeroom.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Name (Please print)

Student Name:	
Student Grade:	
Student Homeroom:	

**Please return to your Homeroom teacher
on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.**

All official school documents must be returned to the school within 2 (two) school days of receipt to avoid disciplinary penalties.

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**CHAPTER I
THE SPIRIT OF ST. PIUS X**

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Pius X, an archdiocesan high school, provides a college preparatory education for the formation of the mind, body and spirit of each student in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to form students of strong character and deep faith who complete college, serve others, and participate actively in the life of the Church.

OUR VALUES

Supernatural Vision: We foster the growth of good human beings who love God and neighbor and thus achieve their eternal destiny of heaven through the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Centrality of Christ: We are founded on Jesus Christ the Redeemer who, through His Incarnation, is united with each person and is both the model and means for personal holiness.

Community: We are a community of persons bound by the Catholic Faith who recognize our school as an extension of the intimate atmosphere of family life.

We seek to maintain: teamwork/collaboration among administrators, faculty, and parents for the school's common good; interaction of students and teachers which is a dialogue and not a monologue; and a physical environment that has amenities that creates a pleasant family atmosphere

Integral Education: We aim to develop the intellectual, physical, psychological, moral and religious capabilities of every student.

Truth: We seek to teach not merely knowledge but understanding, wisdom and truth. Human beings can grasp the truth of things, and in grasping that truth can know their duties to God, themselves, and their neighbors.

POSITIVE STATEMENTS

We believe that each person is called to a deeper relationship with God and to the transformation of society.

We believe that service to others is a response to human need either by direct sharing of spiritual and material resources or by developing skills needed for achieving a just society.

We believe that each person has unique worth and gifts.

We believe that each person is called to use his or her gifts to serve the common good.

We believe that each person is responsible and accountable, personally and publicly.

We believe that teachers create an educational environment that nurtures each person's independent pursuit of education and development.

OUR ROOTS

St. Pius X Catholic High School was opened in 1958 as the first high school of the newly established Diocese of Atlanta. It was the first large educational effort of the new diocese, and it was meant to be the first of several regional high schools located around the metropolitan area.

The founder of our school was in a very real way the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cornelius L. Maloney, Ph.D. As the first Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the fledgling diocese, he was, with the support of Bishop Francis E. Hyland, our first bishop, the moving force behind the building of this school. A truly remarkable man in many ways, Msgr. Maloney was not only the superintendent of the diocese's schools, but simultaneously the founding pastor of neighboring Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

As the school opened its doors in September, 1958, few of the classrooms had even enough furniture to accommodate the 418 students entering St. Pius X that year. Both the building and the school community were new and incomplete. Under the leadership of our first principal, Fr. James Harrison, M.A., and the staff of 15 sisters, six lay teachers, and one priest, the school quickly developed a unity and a spirit all its own. Many of these first students came from the recently closed parish high schools at the Cathedral of Christ the King and Sacred Heart Parish. They brought with them the experiences and traditions of their former schools and contributed these to this new community.

From the very beginning St. Pius X was unique among the Catholic high schools of Georgia. It was the state's first Catholic co-educational secondary school. Although most other Catholic high schools in the state were staffed by single religious orders, St. Pius X was staffed by four different religious orders of women (Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and the Religious Sisters of Mercy) as well as lay teachers and diocesan priests. Like some dioceses in other parts of the country, the school administration invited these religious orders each to staff specific departments in the school. St. Pius X has been truly blessed by the ministry of so many religious sisters and priests over its history.

During the first decade of its life while under the leadership of Fr. Harrison and the school's second principal, Fr. Jack Cotter, St. Pius X grew rapidly both in numbers and academic reputation. By 1969 the school had almost doubled its enrollment and in that year graduated 180 students -- quite an increase from that first graduating class in 1959 of 64 girls and 8 boys! The school's faculty consisted of 49 members with 24 sisters and priests and 25 lay teachers. Having attained accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools early in its history, the school rightly boasted of a fine college-prep program along traditional lines. It is perhaps no accident that in that last years of the 1960's, St. Pius X was State Champion in both football and debate for, by then, excellence in both sports and academics were a well-established part of the school's program and spirit.

During this period of the 1960's, the school community continued to grow and to be fed by new life and diversity. With the closure of Drexel High School in 1967, the first black students entered St. Pius X. These students brought with them the hopes and aspirations that had been a part of Drexel. Two years later D'Youville Academy, a private Catholic school for girls, closed and students from this school also came to St. Pius X and contributed from their own traditions and experiences. This period of our history also saw the arrival of sisters from the Monroe, Michigan, Province of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Community.

As the first decade of our history was closing, the school community began a period of serious self-evaluation. St. Pius X had a solid reputation for academic excellence. It had always sought the best ways to help its students to learn. It had always been a creative school, never fully content with any singular approach to instruction or syllabus of studies. It was natural, therefore, that as the school community looked at itself and sought ways to do a good job better, it should seriously consider the new and innovative techniques of instruction and curriculum development which were an important part of educational development during the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Under the leadership of our third principal, Fr. Richard A. Kieran, M.A., St. Pius X began in the early 1970's experimenting with a number of these educational innovations which, for want of a better term, are generally called "open classroom" techniques. It was an exciting and creative period in the school's history. Class times and meeting days were varied through "modular scheduling systems." Curriculum was developed at an accelerated pace. Greater individualization was sought through materials such as "LAPS" (Learning Activity Packets). Students were challenged to assume greater responsibility for their education and personal decision making.

In 1973 Fr. James Sexstone, M.A., assumed the principalship of the school and continued the process of developing the school's program along "open classroom" lines. While St. Pius X adopted and adapted programs and techniques that had been developed in other schools and universities, it also created programs which were the fruit of its own labors, and it was proud of its accomplishments. With the 1975-76 school year, however, Fr. Sexstone and the school community began a serious evaluation of the six

years of experimentation. While everyone was impressed with the tremendous development that had taken place in curriculum during this time, there were serious concerns about the ability of students in this school community to assume the large degree of personal responsibility for their education demanded by the "open system" and the ability of our school plant to house such a program.

With the appointment of Fr. Terry W. Young, M. Div., M. Ed., to the principalship in 1976, the school community began a period of restructuring and reorganizing its program around the greatly diversified curriculum that had been developed during the "open classroom" period. In addition, new programs were introduced to meet the needs of underachieving students and students with learning problems. A pastoral ministry program was begun to better meet the spiritual needs of the students. In all, a new period of creativity and growth had begun for the school, a school now even more keenly aware of the richness which lay in the intellectual, social, and ethnic diversity of its people.

During the decade of the 1970's, the school continued to grow physically and to be enriched by new students and teachers. After 17 years of planning and hard work, a gymnasium activity center was dedicated in 1975. Four more classrooms were built to meet the needs of the new annual enrollment of 830 students and 59 teachers. With the closure of St. Joseph's High School in 1976, the school community was again enriched with the experiences and traditions of another great Catholic high school. The arrival of students and teachers from St. Joseph gave St. Pius X the added blessing of increasing its black student population from 1% to 10% in one year! And, during this decade other communities, i.e., the Ursulines, Benedictines, and Humility of Mary, sent sisters to serve at St. Pius X.

By 1979 the growing number of students seeking admission to St. Pius X and the need for new facilities to house its developing arts program, computer education, and ever-expanding library collection, all seemed to indicate the need for significant expansion of the school's facilities. In addition, as the school was aging, there was a need for renovation of the existing facilities. Fr. Young brought these needs to the Archdiocesan Board of Education but was asked to delay any further work on plans for alleviating these problems until the board finished its investigation on the possibility of building another archdiocesan high school. Within a year the board finished its study and determined that a new high school was not feasible at that time. Fr. Young and his colleagues then began an exhaustive study of the school's needs. The process of significant expansion had begun!

The next few years saw the creation of architectural plans for an expanded St. Pius X, and the launching of an archdiocesan capital funds drive which included monies for the expansion of the school. Demand for admission to the school continued to be strong. Finally, on May 24, 1984, Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan broke ground for a new building. After some further delays, work actually began in late September, 1984.

The 1984-85 school year was a difficult one in many ways. Like the 1958-59 school year when students and teachers had to bear with the inconvenience of an incomplete facility, those who attended St. Pius X during the great year of construction had much with which to contend! Yet, the good will of all and the common vision of a new and greatly expanded facility sustained everyone during those hectic days. Finally on October 26, 1985, Archbishop Donnellan dedicated the new 400-seat performing arts center, facilities for dance, drama, and music, a 36,000 volume library, a beautifully renovated chapel, a computer lab, additional classrooms, and a renovated cafeteria and gym. Later that year, in the spring of 1986, a new track was also constructed. Changes were experienced in all areas of the school. The Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa and the Sisters of Charity of Mt. St. Vincent sent sisters to St. Pius X as other sisters left to go on to new ministries. Finally, the biggest change of all was the addition of 100 more students as the school began the 1985-1986 year with 975 students!

At the end of the 1989-90 school year Fr. Young announced his resignation as principal which would be effective June 30, 1991. At the beginning of the next school year a committee composed of parents, teachers, alumni, and archdiocesan representatives was appointed to search for a new principal on behalf of Archbishop James P. Lyke, OFM, Ph.D. The archdiocese had previously indicated that an archdiocesan priest would not be appointed to this position. At Fr. Young's last Mass as principal he talked about his long 15-year administration as one marked by difficulties and accomplishments, trials

and fruitfulness. In all, he felt that his ministry during those years could best be summarized by the words of St. Teresa of Avila: "Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo." ("I shall sing forever of the mercies of the Lord.")

Mr. Donald T. Sasso, C.A.I.S., was appointed principal on July 1, 1991, the school's sixth principal. Under Mr. Sasso's leadership the 90's were an exciting and vital period in the continued growth of St. Pius X.

The Donnellan Center, replacing the old "Lions' Den," was dedicated in October 1992 providing locker rooms, showers, coaches' offices and weight rooms for our sports teams. Additionally, the building provided offices for the Development and Alumni staff. A renewed effort went into both these programs resulting in an active alumni organization and significantly increased and broad-based annual fund and other financial support to St. Pius X from all those associated with the school.

Maloney Hall, the original school building, received a complete exterior facelift in 1993 with all new windows and a brick facade to enhance its energy efficiency and appearance.

During the 1994-1995 school year, Mr. Sasso led a group of faculty and staff in the formation of a long range strategic plan to define the needs and vision of the school into the Twenty-first Century. Primary in that review was the need for additional and up-graded classroom and other space. With the approval and financial support of the Archdiocese, construction started in the summer of 1997 and was completed for the 1998-1999 school year. A science wing with seven labs and seven classrooms, an additional gymnasium, additional lockers, and major renovations in Maloney Hall as well as paint and carpet for all the buildings was included in the project. The "core" of Maloney Hall, known to generations of students as the science and home economics areas, was gutted and replaced with computer labs, classrooms, a hallway, and new guidance and campus ministry offices. Additionally, an extensive computer technology effort was completed resulting in computers being integrated throughout the curriculum and all aspects of the school.

In April 2000, Mr. Sasso was appointed Secretary for Education for the Archdiocese of Atlanta by Archbishop John F. Donoghue. Mrs. Ruth McCullough was appointed interim principal through June 2000.

Mr. Stephen W. Spellman, Ed.S. became principal on July 1, 2000. Mr. Spellman brought thirty years experience as a teacher and senior administrator in the Gwinnett County School System. Mr. Spellman is married to Maureen O'Shea Spellman, a graduate of the St. Pius X Class of 1970.

During the 2001-2002 school year, Mr. Spellman led the community in a strategic planning process which culminated in the 2002 Strategic Plan and a campus master plan. From there a fund raising feasibility study was performed and a final plan put in place for the school's first major capital campaign, **Building on Faith**. The campaign's silent phase was begun in February of 2003 with the campaign going public in September 2003. In March 2004 construction commenced on the renovation and enlargement of the stadium and cafeteria, and the addition of 10,000 square feet of space to the fine arts wing. When completed in early January 2005, the construction had completely transformed those three parts of the campus.

The newly renamed George B. Maloof stadium was doubled in size. A new concession stand and press box were erected, and Sprint Turf was installed on the field. The cafeteria and kitchen were enlarged and renovated, reducing lunch periods to three during each school day. A new bookstore and copy room were located in former classroom space in Maloney Hall. The Fine Arts addition included a band/choral/guitar classroom with ample storage, practice, and office space, a new art room, enlarged dance and drama rooms, and new dressing rooms and storage space. The project also included a renovation of the journalism room, the breezeway, and student restrooms. In addition, a significant portion of funds was added to the school's endowment.

The 2007-2008 school year witnessed the celebration of St. Pius X's 50th year. The yearlong celebration included Mass in the stadium and a carnival to open the school year on the feast day of St. Pius X; a

grand homecoming and reunion weekend extravaganza in the fall; the "Golden Gala" auction and dinner in February; and a May graduation which included the return of members of the first graduating class.

To further continue the legacy of St. Pius X, during the 2007-2008 school year, Mr. Spellman led the community in a new strategic planning process which culminated in the development of a more comprehensive Strategic Plan and a Campus Master Plan. The Campus Master Plan will provide a blueprint for the future expansion of the campus over the next 10-15 years. To complete the first phase of the plan, a second major capital campaign was launched entitled *Expanding our Legacy*. The first step in this bold plan was the purchase of 7.9 acres adjacent to campus which will serve as the North Campus expansion with the addition of practice fields for multiple sports, and a baseball field.

As one looks at St. Pius X now and compares it to that new, little Catholic high school which opened in 1958, one cannot help but be struck by both the changes that have taken place and the values that have endured. St. Pius X has more than doubled its enrollment in the past two decades and increased its faculty by 150%. Many more lay people staff the school now as compared to the beginning years of St. Pius X which is a reflection of the drastic changes in the culture of our Church. The school offers a comprehensive college-prep program with twenty-one advanced placement classes. Also, it has greatly expanded its computer education programs as well as increased its campus ministry, guidance, and health services. Although the largest percentage of the students still comes from the northern half of the metro area, there is a growing number of students coming from other sections of metropolitan Atlanta. There are, in fact, students coming to St. Pius X from every public school district in the seven-county metro area! The sports program has grown and diversified greatly in the past 10 years. St. Pius X is represented in inter-scholastic competition by 24 varsity teams and nearly three quarters of its students participate in these events, with equal support for both girls and boys sports.

Yet, while one looks at all this change, there is a sense that this change is, for the most part, a growth stemming from seeds planted in the past rather than a departure from the past. What we are and what we are becoming is grounded very much in the goals and aspirations of those who have gone before us. The visions, achievements, and successes of our predecessors inspire the present community to work for excellence in academics, athletics, the arts, and everything in which it is involved. But, most of all, St. Pius X is and always has been essentially a faith community. In everything, the community is always drawn back to its roots and its identity which is captured in the motto: "Domini Sumus," "We are the Lord's!"

OUR PATRON

Giuseppe Melchore Sarto was born of humble parents on June 2, 1835, in the small village of Riese near Venice. His father, a village official, and his mother raised Giuseppe in a loving Christian home. It was this home situation which prompted Giuseppe, after his college days in Castelfranco, to enter the seminary in Padua. Giuseppe Sarto was ordained at the age of 23 on September 18, 1858. His first assignment was as curate in the city of Trombolo. After nine years he was transferred to Salzano as pastor, a position he held for eight years. Due to his pastoral and administrative abilities, his bishop named him spiritual director of the diocesan major seminary and chancellor of the archdiocese, a position he held from November, 1875, until his elevation to the episcopacy of Mantua in 1884. After nine years as bishop he was transferred to Venice as the city's patriarch and cardinal. Giuseppe Cardinal Sarto won the hearts of the Venetians through his humble spirit of poverty and his love for the Church, especially in the areas of education, Catholic action and liturgy.

After the death of Leo XIII the conclave of 1903 elected Cardinal Sarto pope despite his own hesitancy to accept the office of Vicar of Christ. The new pope assumed the name Pius X. As Supreme Pontiff, Pius took as his motto the passage from Paul, "To restore all things in Christ, that Christ might be all and in all" (I Cor. 15:28), a goal which was particularly important during that period of the Church's emergence into the modern world.

During his eleven-year pontificate, Pius X would confront challenges and inspire many crucial issues facing the Church. For our purpose we will cite those accomplishments most impacting life at St. Pius X Catholic High School. Pius X has often been called the "Pope of the Eucharist." His profound devotion to

the Blessed Sacrament prompted a universal appeal to all Catholics to a frequent and fervent reception of Holy Communion. He also exhorted catechists to prepare the young for an early, knowledgeable reception of the Eucharist. It was the Holy Father's wish to use the unifying power of the Sacrament of the Altar to indeed "restore all things in Christ."

It was also his love for the liturgy which caused him to be remembered as the pope who began modern liturgical reform. Pius X called for a revision of the liturgy and the Church's prayer life. He founded the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music dedicated to keeping alive the valuable treasures of Catholic liturgical music.

Pius X was also instrumental in urging sound philosophical and Biblical scholarship while warning against the errors of certain philosophical systems of the day and promoting the venerable tradition of St. Thomas Aquinas and Scholasticism. This devotion led him to found the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome which, to this day, is an important source of scholarship.

Pius X was to witness the terrible beginnings of World War I. His sorrow over the international conflict added to his ill health, and sheer exhaustion led to his death on August 20, 1914, at the age of 79. He was canonized St. Pius X on May 31, 1954. The universal Church celebrates his holy life and example on August 21. He was the first pope in modern times to be canonized.

Much of what St. Pius X lived and stood for is mirrored at St. Pius X High School. Along with his patronal protection and intercession, our school community has adopted many symbols and reminders of his presence and his ideals. For example, the school crest contains much from the life of Pope St. Pius X. On the crest we find a winged lion. The symbol represents the Evangelist Mark who is patron saint of Venice, the city of which Cardinal Sarto was patriarch and cardinal. As pope, Pius X retained this symbol for his own coat of arms. It is from this symbol that the school proudly calls itself the "Golden Lions."

Appearing on the coat of arms of both Pius X and the first Archbishop of Atlanta are the waves of the sea. On the saint's coat of arms they represent the seaport of Venice. On the coat of arms of the Archbishop of Atlanta and on our own, they symbolize the city of Atlanta, named from the Atlantic Ocean.

Superimposed on the waves is the anchor of hope, again from the coat of arms of Pius X. At the lower left of the shield is a sword. This is the symbol of the martyrdom of St. Paul from whose First Epistle to the Corinthians Pope Pius X took his motto and from whose Epistle to the Romans the school derives its motto, "Domini Sumus."

Significant colors on the emblem are gold and white, the Papal colors; adding the color blue we have the school colors. The color red symbolizes the martyrdom of the Apostle Paul.

Finally, to the left of the emblem we find the "chi rho." This conveniently can translate to Pius X. Its original meaning, however, is derived by adding the first two letters of the Greek word, "christos," or Christ. The symbol, "P," was a popular monogram for the early Christian Church and is found throughout the catacombs of Rome.

No one may use the school name, logo or motto on any type of social media or in any other way, e.g. putting the name on t-shirts, for example, without the express written permission of the principal

OUR MOTTO

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Rm. 14: 7-8

This short passage taken from the fourteenth chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans summarizes not only the Apostle's message but also the mission and purpose of this high school. We are called to live as a community, always mindful of our relationship with God and with one another. No matter what our position is in the community, whether we are administrators, staff, teachers, students, or parents, we are members of this community in the Lord. No matter what our gifts or talents are, we are united with the

Lord and with one another. "We are the Lord's," and thus we are accountable to Him and the community formed in His name. It is for this reason and because of our commitment to this gospel that we have chosen these words, "We are the Lord's" or "Domini Sumus," as they are rendered in Latin, as our school motto.

We try to live out this commitment in many ways. First, we try to recognize Christ in all the members of our school community, and we try to help each member of the community to likewise recognize the presence of the Lord Jesus in one another. Secondly, we try to use those gifts and talents that the Lord has given us to build up and strengthen this community. Thirdly, we celebrate our oneness with our Lord and one another in the Eucharist. Thus, in all that we say and do, we seek to demonstrate and affirm that we are His and one with Him.

Of note: The school motto, "We are the Lord's" is also the Episcopal Code of Arms of Archbishop Wilton Gregory, the current Archbishop of Atlanta.

ALMA MATER

DOMINI SUMUS: We are the Lord's,
Ring out the bells of St. Pius,
Echoes resounding in golden tone,
A spirit that's hers alone.

(Refrain)

We're proud of you, our Alma Mater
Because of you we're strong.
St. Pius Tenth, with you we'll triumph,
To your call we throng.

From your wisdom and your courage,
We learn to banish fear,
Searching for life's dream and promise,
Finding guidance near.

When from you we have departed,
When our four years are spent,
St. Pius, we'll ever honor
Ideals you represent.

PRAYER OF ST. PIUS X

O Lord Jesus Christ,
let your passion be my strength
to sustain, guard, and protect me.
Let your wounds be my food and drink
to nourish, fill and invigorate me.
Let the shedding of your blood
cleanse me of all my sins.
Let your death obtain eternal life for me
and your cross lead me to everlasting glory.
Let these constitute for me
refreshment and joy,
health and uprightness of heart.

St. Pius X (1835-1914)

Chapter II

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CHAPTER II COMMUNITY LIVING

LEADERSHIP

St. Pius X Catholic High School is operated by Catholic Education of North Georgia, Inc.

The Office of Catholic Schools establishes policies governing the programs and administration of all diocesan schools.

The Principal of St. Pius X is appointed by the Archbishop and works under the supervision of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools. The Principal is responsible for the administration of the school.

Academic Council

The Academic Council is composed of Department Chairpersons, the three Deans and the Principal. The Principal and Dean of Academics co-chair the Council. The Council's function is to develop and recommend academic policy, and it is responsible for the development of scheduling and testing procedures and for setting standards for evaluation and growth of faculty, department chairs and administrators. It also serves as a due process committee for students requesting exemption from general academic policies.

Campus Ministry Team

The members of the Campus Ministry Team develop activities and offer services designed to establish full and visible communion at the school by fostering lives of holiness and missionary witness. Campus Ministry provides pastoral counseling; coordinates the efforts of spiritual captains and individuals in various ministries; and coordinates class pilgrimages, retreats, mission trips, liturgical events, and other ongoing spiritual activities.

Class Councils

The class councils are organizations of students chosen to serve as official representatives in matters of concern to individual classes.

Curriculum Review Committee

This committee is chaired by the Dean of Academics and is inclusive, allowing all faculty members who have an interest in curriculum issues to take part. The committee examines curriculum issues in light of current research, college requirements and expectations, and business and community needs. Recommendations for changes in curriculum are made to the school administration and/or the Academic Council.

Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee is composed of faculty members appointed by the Principal and the Deans of Students. The function of this committee is to act as the normal due process committee for students charged with serious violation of school regulations, and to make recommendations to the Principal concerning disciplinary action.

Faculty Liaison Committee

The Faculty Liaison Committee is composed of a representative group of faculty members. This committee acts as a vehicle to provide close communication between faculty and administration about issues of mutual concern.

Financial Aid Committee

The Financial Aid Committee is made up of the Dean of Students, Business Manager and Assistant Business Manager of Student Accounts. The committee reviews the financial need of each applicant as determined by a third party financial aid service. The committee determines the recipients of financial aid and reviews all financial aid appeals.

Honor Council

The Honor Council is comprised of 10th, 11th, 12th grade students, the Dean of Students and three faculty advisors. St. Pius X Catholic High School believes it is important not only to set high standards of academic and ethical achievement but also to set equally high standards of academic and personal integrity. The primary purpose of the St. Pius X Honor System is to create an atmosphere of honesty, trust and integrity among the students and faculty members through raising the consciousness of an honorable life. The Honor Council will enforce the Honor Code, take responsibility for determining if a student has violated the Honor Code, educate the students on how to live as honorable people and recommend the penalties for the offense.

Any student who violates honor by lying, cheating, plagiarism, or stealing goes through the Honor Council; a person who violates the discipline code does not go through the Honor Council but through the discipline system. Please check the Honor Council booklet for further explanations.

Professional Development Committee

The committee is chaired by the Dean of Academics and is inclusive, allowing all faculty members who have an interest in this subject to take part. The committee provides for in-service and other educational needs of the faculty.

Scholarship Committee

The committee is composed of the Principal, Director of Admissions, Dean of Academics, Dean of Students, Director of Development, Business Manager and Assistant Business Manager of Student Accounts. The committee determines the recipients of both endowed and funded scholarships.

Student Council

The Student Council is an organization of students elected by the student body to serve as its official representative in matters of concern to the entire school. The Student Council provides a medium through which student opinion may be heard in a forum for the consideration of common school problems.

Chapter III

Student Life: School Communications Policies and Procedures

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Good communication between the home and school is an important part of fostering growth in the child. It is important for all of us, students, teachers, and parents to do all that we can to promote communication and mutual understanding. One of the significant ways in which we can do this is by learning and working through the procedures followed by the institution. We ask, therefore, that you become familiar with the following procedures and use them when communicating with the school:

TELEPHONE CALLS/EMAILS

If you wish to talk with a member of the faculty or administration and they are unavailable when you call the school, please leave the following information on the faculty or staff member's voice mail:

- your name
- phone numbers where you can be reached
- when you can be reached at each of those numbers

If your telephone call is not returned within two school days, please call again. If this second call is unanswered, then call the head of the department. If the department head does not return your call within 2 business days, please notify a member of the administration.

Emails will be treated in the same manner as telephone calls. Email addresses may be found on the St. Pius X web site.

STUDENT EMAIL

All students are issued a school email account. Students are responsible for accessing this account regularly. Official school business including but not limited to schedules, class registration, parking permits (junior & seniors only), out-of-uniform days, Saturday school or other disciplinary issues, etc. will be sent to student accounts. Students will be given instructions on account access during their orientations.

APPOINTMENTS

It is important that parents who wish to meet with a member of the faculty or with an administrator call ahead to schedule an appointment. Due to the daily changing academic schedule, “drop-in” visits on faculty members or administration are not allowed. A teacher’s preparation and instructional time is paramount. “Drop-in” visits detract from the normal schedules or the opportunity for the teachers to use their planning time to prepare for class, thus the need to schedule an appointment.

If there is a concern regarding your student’s academic performance, please contact your student’s teacher. If further communication is necessary, please contact the Department Chairperson for that teacher. If further communication is still needed, please contact the Dean of Academics. The Principal should not be contacted until all proper channels of communication have been exhausted.

Official Parent/Teacher conferences are held in the fall by appointment only. Please contact your student’s teacher(s) if a meeting is desired after the official fall conference.

AREAS OF CONCERN

Please refer to the list of areas of concern to determine where to seek assistance with specific topics.

Area of Concern	Contact Information
Concerns Regarding Course Placement	Individual Class Teacher & Department Head
Student Academic Performance	Individual Class Teacher, Department Head, Dean of Academics
Student Schedule	Academics Office
Student Behavior	Individual Class Teacher, Department Head, Dean of Students
Emotional & Behavioral Concerns	Guidance
Spiritual & Religious Concerns	Campus Ministry
Student Health	School Nurse
Student Athletic Activities	Individual Sport Coach/Director of Athletics
Tuition Account	Assistant Business Manager of Student Accounts
Fund Raising/Tax Receipts	Development Office

REPORTING ABSENCES/TARDIES

Parents must telephone the Attendance Office, Ext. 228, between 7:45 and 9:00 a.m. in the event of a student's absence or tardiness. Please refer to Chapter IV, Student Life, pp 26-28 for more detailed information regarding absences and tardiness.

EFFECT OF ABSENCE ON ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

Students who have missed four or more class periods because of illness or an unexcused absence may not participate in or attend any extracurricular activity that day. In the case of an informed or an excused absence, the Dean of Students will determine the legitimacy of a student's request to participate. Documentation such as a doctor's note or court summons may be required.

GEORGIA LAW AND SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Parents and students need to be aware that school attendance and behavior records can affect the license to drive for students in the State of Georgia, pursuant to the Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA). School violations involving threatening or violent behaviors, involvement with drugs, alcohol or weapons on school grounds can render the student liable to police action and/or arrest and can seriously affect a student's ability to obtain or keep a driver's license. Parents and students should be well versed in this area of Georgia law. Please review Chapter IV: Student Life: Attendance and Absences for more information regarding TAADRA, page 26.

CLINIC

Our school clinic is a service to our students and is staffed daily by a Registered Nurse. If a student becomes ill in school, he or she should report the illness to a teacher and request permission to go to the nurse's office/clinic. The nurse will determine whether the parent/guardian should be notified and the student sent home. In the event that the nurse determines the student should go home, students will only be released to the person named on the clinic card as their emergency contact. No one else may pick up a student from the clinic. If the student drove himself/herself to school, parental permission will be obtained to allow the student to drive himself/herself home. Upon arrival at home, the student or parent will call the school nurse to notify her of the student's safe arrival.

Parents/guardians are required to fill out a School Health Record Card each year for their student(s). These record cards are kept on file in the clinic and emergency phone numbers for parents kept on this card should be updated by parents with every change of telephone numbers and emergency contact information. Prescribed medication must be included on this Student Health Record Card. All prescription medications (with the exception of inhalers) must be kept in the clinic. A Medication Consent Form must be on file for students receiving ANY medications (prescription or over the counter) including but not limited to antibiotics, pain medication, etc. This form may be obtained from the school nurse. ***Prescription medications may only be dispensed through the clinic.*** Any violation of this rule will be handled through the administration. No other medications will be given out in the school clinic, e.g. Tylenol, aspirin, cough medicine, etc. Students may carry one day's dosage of these non-prescription medications in a labeled container.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In case of severe weather conditions, St. Pius X will have an announcement made over WGST-640 AM, WSB-750 AM, STAR 94.1 FM and The River 97.1 FM Radio Stations and WSB-TV2, WAGA-TV FOX5, and WXIA-TV – Channel 11 and WGCL TV–Channel 46 television stations concerning the closing of school. Students, parents, and faculty will be responsible for listening to /watching these stations.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Periodic emergency drills are necessary for the safety of the students and faculty. When the alarm sounds, students will follow designated instructions appropriate for the emergency drill.

AUDIO/VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING POLICY

No audio/video/photographic recording devices may be used during functions of the school without the expressed permission of the principal. Such events include, but are not limited to: classroom presentation, awards ceremonies, performances, parent conferences, administrative conferences, and religious services. This policy also includes tape recording of conversations either in person or by telephone by or among students, parents, teachers or school administrators on school property or involving the use of the school telephone.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

All visitors to St. Pius X Catholic High School must report to the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. The only student visitors who will be allowed will be those whose parents have initiated the admission application process, i.e., filled out forms and requested a shadow visit. Former students, house guests, students from other schools, etc. may not spend the day attending classes with St. Pius X students, may not come to lunch or bring lunch on campus, and may not roam school halls to visit former teachers during school hours. Teachers are available during the academic day only by appointment and may not be disturbed during school hours. Please refer page 15 in regards to scheduling a meeting with your student's teachers. All visitors must wear a visitor's sticker while on campus. St. Pius X students may not invite friends to our campus for lunch at any time.

PARENTS OUT OF TOWN

When parents are going to be out of town, the Attendance Office requires a note telling how parents can be reached and who is responsible for the student in the parents' absence. The information may be used to verify attendance or to assist the school in case of medical or other emergency.

STUDENTS LIVING OUT OF HOUSEHOLD

Students who live outside of the parents' or guardians' household without the expressed consent of the parent or guardian and/or without the consent of the administration of St. Pius X will not be eligible to attend or continue at St. Pius X.

TUITION AND INCIDENTAL FEES

Tuition is established annually as part of the budget process. All families, regardless of faith, pay the same rate.

St. Pius X Catholic High School uses FACTS Tuition Management to collect tuition and incidental fees. All families must participate in the FACTS Program.

LATE TUITION AND INCIDENTAL FEES POLICY

Tuition is considered late on the 21st of each month (the day after the second FACTS payment). Incidental fees are considered late 16 days after the charge is posted to the FACTS account. Should circumstances arise that may cause a delay in payment, the Assistant Business Manager of Student Accounts must be notified immediately so consideration for an alternate plan can be discussed. The Business Office will try to work with the family to come up with a mutually agreeable arrangement.

Grades and transcripts will not be released and access to NetClassroom will be restricted for any student whose account is not current. This policy is inclusive of students who are applying to colleges and universities and it may affect their application and admissions.

Students whose accounts are two months delinquent may be held out of class until arrangements to pay are discussed with the Business Office.

All current seniors must have their accounts paid in full in order to receive their Baccalaureate & Graduation tickets.

All rising seniors and rising juniors must have re-enrolled and have their accounts paid in full in order to apply for a parking permit.

All students must have re-enrolled and have their accounts paid in full in order to receive their class schedules for the following school year.

PAYMENT OF TUITION

The school will refund prepaid tuition on a prorated basis, if a student leaves during the school year due to family relocation greater than 50 miles from St. Pius X. A student enrolled one day or more during a month is considered enrolled for the entire month.

If a student withdraws voluntarily or involuntarily for any reason other than family relocation, then tuition will be payable based on the following percentage of yearly tuition:

Prior to August 7.....	0%
August 9 – September 30.....	30%
October 1 – December 31.....	60%
January 1 – March 1.....	80%
After March 1.....	100%

Final grades and transcripts will not be released until your account is up to date. Discounts previously taken for tuition paid in full will be deducted from any refund of prepaid tuition.

Incoming students are required to make a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. Of this deposit, \$800 is applied toward tuition. Incoming students whose families move more than 50 miles from St. Pius X before the first day of school will receive a refund of the \$800 tuition deposit. If the student leaves after enrolling at St. Pius X, the \$800 will be deducted from any refund of prepaid tuition or added to the remaining balance if tuition was not prepaid.

FINANCIAL AID

A limited amount of money for tuition work study and tuition grant-in-aid is provided annually. Applications must be received each year by a designated deadline, which will be communicated during the school year well in advance of the due date (early March). Applications received after the designated deadline run the risk of receiving a substantially reduced amount of financial aid than what may otherwise be awarded. Applications are analyzed by an independent third party that provides this service to many educational institutions. The families of students participating in these programs must pay the cost of processing the application. No aid is given unless the application is completed and submitted as instructed. Applications are then reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee at St. Pius X which determines the amount, if any, that can be allotted for each student. The maximum amount of financial aid awarded is half (1/2) tuition. Families may appeal their financial aid award by following the Financial Aid Appeal Guidelines, which may be obtained from the Assistant Business Manager of Student Accounts.

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Pius X has need-based scholarships funded from its endowment, parent organizations and individuals. All scholarships are need-based grants and are awarded in conjunction with financial aid.

WORK STUDY POLICY

Any work study student who does not conscientiously complete his/her commitment will be removed from the Work Study program and will have his/her monies rescinded. Students may also be removed from the Work Study program for excessive disciplinary issues. Once a student has been dropped from the Work Study Program, the student will no longer be eligible to participate in the program in the future.

RE-ENROLLMENT

All current students are eligible to re-enroll for the following school year. However, continued enrollment of the student is subject to the student observing all school rules as set out in the school handbook including but not limited to general behavior, academic performance and attendance as further stated on page 32 of this handbook. Re-enrollment information is mailed to each family in March. A non-refundable re-enrollment fee of \$200 for one student or \$300 per family is charged to the family's tuition account. A late fee of \$50 will be charged for any re-enrollment fees received between the March due date and April 30. A late fee of \$100 will be charged for any re-enrollment fees received after April 30.

WITHDRAWALS

To officially withdraw from St. Pius X Catholic High School, a Transfer of Records form from the Studies Office must be completed. This form is to be signed by the Library, Bookstore, Clinic and Business Office. Final and official transcripts will be transferred to other schools when all accounts have been paid in full and upon completion of the Transfer of Records form.

FAMILY CUSTODIAL SITUATIONS

St. Pius X Catholic High School is finding an increasing number of families experiencing transitions in parental custodial relationships. In addition, laws governing divorce settlements and custody have recently changed. For this reason we find it necessary to clarify the procedures the administration and faculty will follow in communicating with parents in such situations.

In two parent families it is assumed that both parents are living at the same address unless we have been notified otherwise. St. Pius X personnel will, therefore, send home notices, communication, etc. to the address given on the application/registration form. It is assumed that both parents are communicating regarding the child and that all information is shared between the parents. This information includes but is not limited to conference appointments, report cards, interims, and discussions with school personnel.

In families experiencing separation of parents or pending divorce, the above information will be sent to the home of whichever parent currently has primary physical custody of the child. It is assumed that this information is shared by the parents and between the parents. Since this situation frequently impacts a child's achievement and interactions at school, parents are asked to inform both the principal and teachers of this fact so that appropriate support can be given to the child. St. Pius X Catholic High School cannot proceed on hearsay, rumors, or demands of a parent, but only with the appropriate documentation detailed below.

In cases of an actual divorce decree involving clear custody by one parent, the principal is to be informed by the custodial parent of this fact. A copy of the first page of the decree bearing the case number, the pages referring to custody and the relationship with the school, and the final page bearing the judge's signature are to be submitted to the principal. Unless the decree indicates otherwise, school communications will be sent home to the parent that has primary physical designation or primary physical custody. Custodial parents should understand, however, that unless the divorce decree

specifically limits the non-custodial or non-primary physical custodian parent's right to access the records, the non-custodial parent has a right to the same access as the custodial parent. St. Pius X will, unless otherwise restricted by a Court Order, release such records upon request to the non-custodial parent. "Records" include official transcripts, report cards, health record, referrals for special services, and communications regarding major disciplinary actions. It does not include daily class work and papers, or routine communications sent to the home of residence. In these cases the custodial parent is asked to cooperate with the school and share this information directly with the non-custodial parent. This avoids time-consuming duplication of services.

Further, parents should realize that unless restricted by Court Order, any non-custodial parent has the right to attend any school activity of their child, which includes sports activities and class programs. Parents should keep each other informed as to these activities to avoid duplication of communications and to allow the school to better attend to the duty of teaching your children.

In cases of "joint custody" (shared parenting agreements) entitling other parents access to school personnel and activities, it is assumed that one copy of communication and information sent to the home will be shared by and between the parents.

Regarding arranging parent conferences in all custody situations: It is preferred and will be the general procedure that one conference appointment be scheduled "jointly" if both parents wish to be present. It is assumed that parents are able to set aside differences and to come together on behalf of their child for this time. A joint conference further insures that both parents are given the same information at the same time, thereby avoiding misunderstanding or misinterpretations.

In cases where joint conferences are clearly neither possible nor desirable by all parties involved, alternate arrangements may be discussed with the principal, subject to the approval of both parents, and further reviewed by St. Pius X. Every effort will be made to keep communications open with both parents while at the same time avoiding duplication of services and excessive demands on the teacher's time.

Visitation should generally begin at the home of one of the parents and not at school. It is hoped that visitation arrangements would reflect the sensitivity of both parents to the consistency and routines that foster security in a child and allow for school responsibilities and homework to be taken care of during the school week.

If there are questions concerning this statement of procedures, or circumstances which might necessitate other arrangements, please contact the principal personally.

SCHOOL AND FAMILY COOPERATION/COMMUNICATION

If information which causes concern surfaces at school about a particular student(s), and if the information cannot be immediately substantiated, the school reserves the right to discuss this information with the particular student(s) and his/her/their parents. This unofficial and off-the-record type of communication is not to be considered accusatory. This communication reflects the school's ongoing desire to act in cooperation with families in raising awareness, bringing about preventative intervention, and dispelling rumor.

PREGNANCY

In accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church, St. Pius X High School assumes the position that all life is a God-given gift and is sacred. Such life is to be respected and preserved. St. Pius X High School, therefore, does not and will not consider abortion as acceptable under any circumstances.

Pursuant to Archdiocesan student policy #5260, in the event of a student pregnancy, St. Pius X shall encourage the student parent (boy or girl) to continue the pregnancy to full term and delivery. The school shall support the student's pro-life choice by allowing the student's continued studies for as long as appropriate at the discretion of the Principal.

When a pregnant student withdraws from regular attendance, the school has an obligation to help the student with arrangements for educational alternatives.

The following guidelines will be implemented in order to insure the best interest of the student(s), parents and school community: When pregnancy is known to school personnel, the Principal will meet with the girl and her parents/guardians. The student is encouraged to begin the appropriate professional counseling consistent with Catholic teaching to assist with the circumstances of the pregnancy and with making choices for the future of the both parents and the newborn child. If the father is identified, and if he is a student in a Catholic school, the Principal of that school will meet with him and his parents/guardians and require that he be involved in the counseling program similar to that provided to the mother. The school will assist the pregnant student to make arrangements for continuing her education by referring the student to an alternative program. Both students will be referred to their pastor for advice and counseling.

PARTIES

St. Pius X is a "Families In Action" School. Before granting permission for a party to be held in their home, parents should know the state law with regard to alcohol and minors: State Law 3-3-23 O.C.O.G. Annotated Title 3. "It is illegal to sell, serve, furnish, cause to be furnished or act as an agent to furnish alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age. It is illegal for a person under 21 years of age to purchase, knowingly possess or misrepresent his age in any manner whatever for the purpose of illegally obtaining alcoholic beverage." The parents should also know exactly who is going to be invited to the party, then set ground rules for when the party is going to end, what kinds of activities will take place, etc., and clearly establish what kinds of behavior are unacceptable and what will stop the party, e.g., drug and alcohol abuse, fighting, etc. During a party, the parents should be visible.

Before granting permission for their teenager to attend a party in someone else's home, parents should be given the name, address, and telephone number of the family who is having the party, feel free to contact them, know who else is going to be there, and consider volunteering to chaperone with the host parents.

Should the school be notified of an incident involving St. Pius X students and the use of alcohol or drugs, St. Pius X reserves the right to intervene according to the school's policies outlined on pp 37 - 51 in Chapter VI: Regulations for Student Behavior of this handbook.

FUND RAISING POLICIES

GENERAL STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

St. Pius X Catholic High School, in keeping with the Church's teachings on social and economic justice and the Church's longstanding educational history, seeks to provide Catholic educational excellence at a reasonable cost. To do so, a delicate balance is struck between operating costs and the tuition rate. The cost to operate the school is kept as low as possible without compromising educational excellence. The tuition rate is also kept as low as reasonably possible without putting too much of a burden on fund raising and other sources of revenue.

The school has traditionally kept gross tuition proceeds at 85-90% of the cost associated with running the school. The resulting revenue shortfall is covered by development and fund raising income, endowment income, diocesan subsidy, and interest income. Development and fund raising, therefore, play a vital role in the balance of educational excellence and the maintenance of relatively low tuition.

In all things St. Pius X seeks to maintain a unity of purpose and effort that has all its employees, parents, alumni, and friends working toward the fulfillment of the school's mission. With respect to development and fund raising, St. Pius X has centralized its fund raising within the Office of Development and in its various parent organizations which undertake such efforts. The school sanctions and thereby limits its development and fund raising activities to avoid over-solicitation of its parents and benefactors.

The school also will not burden its teachers and coaches with regular and routine fund raising responsibilities. Teachers and coaches should not engage in solicitation of donors without the consent of the Principal or Director of Development.

FUND RAISING APPROVAL

All fund raising and solicitation activities must be pre-approved by the Administration of St. Pius X. The Fundraising Form which can be found on the St. Pius X website must be completed in full and submitted for approval before any fundraising activities can begin.

THE USE OF FUND RAISING PROCEEDS

The use of all proceeds from fund raising—whether restricted or unrestricted gifts—are subject to the approval of school administration. Intended use of funds must be stated on the fundraising form.

Most school fund raising events are sponsored by the school's parent organizations. Proceeds from the fund raisers are collected by the parent organizations and used by the parent organizations at their discretion subject to the approval of appropriate administrators. Though an individual program may gain approval for fund raising activities, proceeds from the fundraising cannot be directed to that individual program's restricted gift account. Proceeds should be directed to/through the appropriate parent organization.

PROPER USE OF THE ST. PIUS X NAME, CREST, AND LION

The St. Pius X school name, crest (or logo) and lion are important brands that need to be properly and consistently used in marketing the school. Recognition of these items is very important as we promote ourselves to a highly competitive market. No one may use the school name, logo or motto on any type of social media or in any other way, e.g. putting the name on t-shirts, for example, without the express written permission of the principal.

UNRESTRICTED GIVING

Annual sustained giving is vital to the ongoing success of St. Pius X. The school's primary means for covering its 10-15% tuition revenue shortfall is through such annual sustained giving. Each year St. Pius X conducts an Annual Fund for which the St. Pius X community is solicited for unrestricted gifts to the school. These unrestricted monies provide the school's financial office the greatest latitude for balancing the school's budget and achieving the school's mission. Unrestricted giving in the form of Annual Fund gifts can cover the widest range of operating costs. Because Annual Fund monies are part of the operating budget, to the extent that Annual Fund monies fall short of their budgeted amount, the school must use its endowment or other savings to cover operating costs. To the extent that Annual Fund monies exceed their budgeted goal, the funds can be used for tuition assistance or to fund school improvements or other unforeseen projects.

RESTRICTED GIVING

Gifts that are restricted or directed in nature, i.e., for scholarships, financial aid, and specified programs, are welcomed by the school. Those intending to make restricted gifts are strongly encouraged to make gifts to the Annual Fund prior to making any restricted gifts. Program wish lists are prepared by department heads, coaches, and moderators to provide prospective donors with school program needs. Wish lists are available from the development office. If an individual desires to make a donation for or towards one of the wish list items, they should send the donation to the development office, clearly indicating the program and item for which the donation is made. The donation will be used only for the indicated program and item specified by the donor. Donations made to specific programs for unspecified purposes are to be used by that program for wish list items first. If wish list items are exhausted or adequate funds have not accumulated to acquire a wish list item, then the donation will be carried over to the next budget year.

IN-KIND GIFTS

St. Pius X may accept in-kind gifts as charitable contributions. In-kind gifts are donations of property other than cash and marketable securities. Examples could include real estate, art works, books, equipment, furnishings, or smaller consumable items (cups, napkins, food, etc.).

Donors must communicate and coordinate with St. Pius X prior to the acceptance of any such in-kind gift. Any in-kind gift in excess of \$5,000 requires the donor to complete IRS form 8283 and requires the school's acknowledgement statement verifying the receipt of the donated in-kind gift. An individual who donates an in-kind gift greater than \$5,000 must get a qualified appraisal in order to deduct for tax purposes.

Receipts will be prepared by the school and issued to the donor of in-kind gifts. These receipts will not list an amount—it is the donor's responsibility to determine the fair market value of the gift for IRS purposes—but will list a description of the in-kind gift donated. Although the amount is not included on the donor's receipt, the fair market value is recorded on the school's donor records/financial statements.

REPORTING GIFTS

All gifts, whether cash or in-kind, are to be reported to the Development Office in writing by the department chair, coach, moderator, or parent organization within 5 working days so proper recognition and thanks can be assured. It is essential that all gifts to the school be accounted for not merely for the purpose of recognition and tax deductibility, but also for the Business Office to accurately track and assess program costs and report assets on the school's financial statements. Forms for reporting in-kind gifts valued at \$100 or more are available from the Development Office, the faculty handbook, or in the "form farm" in the school.

Gifts to the school that have been reported to the Development Office are disclosed in the school's Annual Report published after the fiscal year end. Only Annual Fund gifts are recorded in the Report's giving society levels. Restricted gifts are included in the report, but not in the giving society levels. Basic income statements for the school and parent organizations are published in the Annual Report.

PERSONAL GIFTS

Occasions arise when parents, alumni, or friends of St. Pius X are inclined to offer personal gifts—monetary or nonmonetary—to a coach or teacher. These may range from relatively small tokens of appreciation to expensive gifts or cash. The policy of the school on personal gifts is that not all are appropriate and that the prudent coach or teacher will use their best professional judgment in accepting such gifts.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Pius X adheres to all financial policies and procedures as they are promulgated by the Archdiocesan Finance Office. These are available for review upon request.

SCHOOL FUND RAISING GUIDE

Attending St. Pius X brings with it an obligation to support the school's fund raising efforts. Giving to these efforts helps to fund the school's operations and endowment and, in turn, helps families and students by making it possible for more of them to obtain an education at St. Pius X. Listed below are the school's and parent organizations' 2011-2012 general fund raising endeavors, their timing, and their potential cost to parents.

1. ANNUAL FUND

Explanation: Each year St. Pius X conducts an Annual Fund for which the St. Pius X community is solicited for unrestricted gifts to the school. These unrestricted monies are used to fund a variety of school operating expenses including teacher salaries and benefits and student programs. Annual Fund gifts are tax deductible.

Timing: The Annual Fund letter is sent mid-August. Payments on Annual Fund pledges are due by May 31, 2012. Pledges and gifts can be sent to the school or made online at www.spx.org at the "Giving to St. Pius X" link, through the family's FACTS account or through the family's financial institution's on line bill pay option.

Cost: Gifts vary from \$5 to \$20,000. The average (mean) parent gift in 2010-2011 was about \$612. We seek 100% parent participation and ask that all parents to contribute some amount.

2. HOME & SCHOOL

Explanation: The St. Pius X Home & School Association, the school's parent organization, charges a mandatory annual membership fee. H&S uses the fee to provide hospitality, refreshments and services to parents, students, and faculty for school-wide events. H&S also funds a student scholarship and manages the distribution of Publix Partner Cards.

Timing: The membership fee is assessed with the book bills in August which will be charged to the family's FACTS account.

Cost: \$25 per family

3. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Explanation: The St. Pius X Athletic Association provides supplemental financial and volunteer support for the athletic programs. The Association has membership fees and also sponsors a golf tournament, the Christmas Basketball Tournament, a Christmas tree sale, athletic physicals, and a Coke products sale. General athletic sponsorships and athletic program sponsorships are solicited as well.

Timing: Annual membership fees are solicited in a letter sent in August. The golf tournament is in October and the Coke product sales are for 2 week periods in July, October, and January.

Cost: Membership Levels: \$50, \$150, and \$350 – whichever level is chosen will be charged to the family's FACTS account.

4. ST. PIUS X ARTS SOCIETY (SPAS)

Explanation: SPAS provides supplemental financial and volunteer support for the Fine Arts Department and funds scholarship awards. SPAS has membership fees.

Timing: Annual membership fees are solicited in August.

Cost: Membership Levels: \$50, \$100, \$200, and \$350 - whichever level is chosen will be charged to the family's FACTS account.

5. MOTHERS' CLUB

Explanation: The St. Pius X Mothers' Club provides volunteer support and funds scholarships, tuition assistance, and other special student, family, and faculty needs. The Mothers' Club has membership fees and also sponsors the Marketplace Craft Fair.

Timing: Annual membership fees are solicited in August and September. The Marketplace Craft Fair takes place in November.

Cost: Membership: \$25 which will be charged to the family's FACTS account.

6. OTHER WAYS TO GIVE WITHOUT COST TO YOU

Employer/Employee Matching Gift Programs help many St. Pius X donors double their gifts to the school. Check with your employer—typically the human resources department—to see if they match gifts to secondary education institution or go to <http://www.matchinggifts.com/spx/> . If so, get the matching gift form from your employer, fill out the form, and send it to St. Pius X according to your employer's guidelines.

- **Publix shoppers** can help our school by using their Publix Partners Card when you go to the store. Simply present the card to the cashier and a portion of the sale will go back to St. Pius X. Cards are included in the summer mailing or are available through the Home and School Association or the Development Office. You can give these cards to friends and family for their use as well.

- **If you are a Target shopper and have Target Guest Card credit card, Target will donate 1% of your Target store and target.com purchases made on the Target Guest Card to St. Pius X. To participate, call the Target School Fundraising hotline at 800-316-6142 and give them your Target Guest Card account number and the school name. Let your friends and family know too. Anyone in the country who shops with the Target Guest Card can designate St. Pius X as their Target School Fundraising beneficiary.**

For more information about St. Pius X fund raising, giving opportunities, and scholarships, please consult the St. Pius X web site www.spx.org or call the St. Pius X Development Office at 404-633-4290.

Chapter IV

Student Life:

Attendance Policies and Procedures

Attendance

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CHAPTER IV
STUDENT LIFE:
ATTENDANCE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Attendance

St. Pius X Catholic High School is expected to provide the number of days of instruction required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Secondary Association of Independent Schools. Therefore, students must be responsible to attend classes on a regular basis or lose academic credit. Students are expected to arrive at school and attend class on time. Classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday's start time is 8:40 a.m. except during the month of May, when classes begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Students who are absent from school or from individual classes for more than 10 (ten) days risk credit for the semester. In extenuating circumstances, a physician's statement will be required for absences of 5 days or longer due to illness/surgery. Work missed due to student absences excused by the Dean of Students or the Dean of Academics will be allowed to be made up at the discretion of the teacher. The school shall determine the legitimacy and classification of all absences.

Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA)

Effective September 2, 2004, a student is allowed a maximum of nine unexcused absences in the current academic year and/or a maximum of nine unexcused absences in the previous academic year. Upon the 10th unexcused absence, St. Pius X High School is required to report the student to the Georgia Department of Education who in turn will report the non-compliance data to the Department of Driver Services. Non-compliance data is defined as:

- A student has dropped out of school without graduating and has remained out of school for 10 consecutive school days;
- A student has more than 10 school days of unexcused absences in any semester of the current or previous academic school year;
- A student has been found in violation by a hearing officer, panel or tribunal of one of the following offenses, has received a change in placement for committing one of the following offenses, or has waived his/her right to a hearing and pleaded guilty to one of the following offenses:
 - Threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel;
 - Possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property or at a school sponsored function
 - Possession or use of a weapon on school property or at a school sponsored event. (The term weapon is defined by Georgia Code Section 16-11-127.1 but shall not include any part of an archeological or cultural exhibit brought to school in connection with a school project);
 - Any sexual offense prohibited under Georgia Law (Chapter 6 of Title 16);
 - Causing substantial physical or visible bodily harm to or seriously disfiguring another person, including a student.

The TAADRA law (Georgia Code Section 40-5-22) can be found at the following website:

http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/sia_titleiv.aspx?PageReq=SIATaadra

Late Arrival to School

It is our intent to develop in students the habit of being on time for all of their classes. However, we realize that there may be times when circumstances impede this process. Students who arrive late to school because of car problems, doctor appointments, illness, etc. must have a note from a parent or guardian which should be given to the attendance office when they check in, or by 8:00 a.m. the following morning, explaining their tardiness. There will be no exceptions to this rule, and those students who do not present notes as indicated above will be given a detention. Should students accumulate more than 10 tardies, notes from parents will no longer be considered, and students will automatically receive a detention every time they are late.

Attendance Office Check-In/Check-Out

Any time a student leaves school or returns to school during school hours, he/she must report to the Attendance Office.

Absence Policy

Some absences cannot be avoided. However, students must realize that regular attendance, diligence, and application to study contribute to the students' success in academic endeavors. Even excused absences often result in lower grades for absent students because nothing can replace students' presence in class for learning and school achievement. Parents have access to attendance, conduct and grades on NetClassroom through the St. Pius X website, www.spx.org. If you still have questions following your review of NetClassroom, please contact the Dean of Students for clarification.

Parents must telephone the Attendance Office between 7:45 and 9:00 a.m. in the event of students' absences. In addition, students returning to school following an absence must present a written explanation of the absence from their parents or guardians. It should be dated, should contain the dates and the reason for the absence, and should include a phone number for verification purposes no later than 8 a.m. on the day of return. The attendance secretary will file all absentee notes in the central office.

The school determines the legitimacy and classification of all absences, and absences are divided into four categories:

1. Informed Absence (Known/Planned Future Absences and College Visits)

An informed absence will be recorded as excused for occasions when a future absence is planned and the appropriate paperwork has been submitted. These absences may include but are not limited to: planned family events, college visits, funerals, medical appointments and court summons. Permission must be requested in writing by the parent or guardian to the Attendance Office as far in advance as possible and no later than two days in advance. Telephone excuses from parents on the day of departure will NOT be honored; these will be classified as unexcused absences. The student's absence will be recorded as unexcused. Keep in mind that unexcused absences directly affect credit for all graded coursework during the time of the unexcused absence. In addition to advanced written notification a form must be obtained from the attendance office and a signature and grade from each teacher must be secured. This completed form must be approved by the Dean of Students before permission will be granted. ***Verbal consent from a teacher or counselor does NOT excuse an absence.*** Make up work is required for all informed absences. The student should take the responsibility to schedule a time with the teacher to make up all missed tests and quizzes. Credit will be given based on completed work.

Informed absences may not be granted for final exam days. No finals may be given before regular exam dates. For extraordinary reasons, students may apply to the Academics Office to make arrangements to take their final exams. The Academics Office must approve all requests for exam delays.

2. Unplanned Absence

An unplanned absence will be recorded as an excused absence for illness, death in the family, a medical appointment or court summons provided written documentation is presented to the Attendance Office. A physician's statement will be required for absences of 5 days or longer due to illness/surgery. This ensures that the school has the necessary documentation for academic credit and is in compliance with the laws of the State of Georgia. It is the responsibility of the students to contact their teachers to make arrangements for make-up work for any tests, projects, assignments, or homework. The time limit for completion of make-up work will be determined by the teacher. The teacher is the person who sets the day and time of tests. Credit will be given when work is completed.

3. Unexcused Absence

An unexcused absence is recorded when appropriate paperwork has not been completed in advance (refer to #2 above) or when no valid reason can be given for the absence. The school does not condone or

sponsor any form of “skip day.” Individual or collective skip days are unexcused absences. Tests and assignments that are due on the day of the absence become due on the day the student returns. The recorded grade is computed as 69% of the actual earned grade.

Note: At St. Pius X, annually, students participate in a Class Pilgrimage. Each pilgrimage is an integral part of the overall Catholic formation program at St. Pius X. Therefore, attendance at the pilgrimage is mandatory. Students should not schedule a doctor’s appointment, college visit, vacation, etc. on their scheduled pilgrimage day. Absences on these days are unexcused. In the event of inclement weather or other factors, and the pilgrimage must be postponed, students will have a normal school day and students are expected to be in class.

4. Suspension

Suspensions are recorded as either Out-of-school suspension or In-school suspension. For In-school suspension, the school controls the assignment of the day and knows the whereabouts of the student. No academic penalty is assigned for days of suspension.

Other Issues Regarding Absences from School

Early Dismissal

Students who anticipate having to leave school early must present an original written request (emails and faxes will not be accepted) from their parent or legal guardian to the Attendance Office before the end of the first period. It should be dated, should state the reason for the early dismissal, and should include a phone number for verification purposes. The excused students must sign out immediately before leaving school and sign in if they return before the end of the school day. If a student fails to bring a note to school for early dismissal, the student’s parent must appear before the attendance secretary personally to sign out their student (emails and faxes will not be accepted).

Funerals

When leaving school to attend a funeral (other than the funeral of a family member-see informed absences), students must present a written excuse from a parent on the day of the funeral. Students may not drive other students to a funeral unless written permission is received in the attendance office from the passenger’s and driver’s parents prior to the funeral.

Illness at School

Students should report to the clinic when they become ill. In the event of a serious illness, a parent will be notified by the School Nurse. Students should not initiate the early dismissal request due to illness by calling a parent prior to reporting to the School Nurse. The parent(s) must bear the responsibility of providing transportation home. No student will be excused from class to drive an ill student home.

Parents Out of Town

When parents are going to be out of town, the Attendance Office requires a note telling how parents can be reached and who is responsible for the student in the parents’ absence. The information may be used to verify attendance or to assist the school in case of medical or other emergency.

Effect of Absence on Activity Participation

Students who have missed four or more class periods because of illness or an unexcused absence may not participate in or attend any extracurricular activity that day. In the case of an informed or an excused absence, the Dean of Students will determine the legitimacy of a student’s request to participate. Documentation such as a doctor’s note or court summons may be required.

Delayed Arrival/Early Dismissal Privilege

Juniors & seniors do not have to arrive until homeroom/2nd period if they have an unassigned 1st period – or – they may leave at the end of 7th period if they have an unassigned 8th period. A permission slip for delayed arrival/early departure signed by the parents must be on file with the attendance office and may be obtained during the first week of each semester from the attendance office.

Unassigned periods are not given to students on academic probation or discipline contract. Students should remain in the library, cafeteria, or Maloof Plaza and may not be in the hallway or at their lockers during their unassigned periods.

Service Opportunities

Students are to complete their Works of Mercy service requirements outside of the regularly scheduled school day. The only exception to this will be for school sponsored service projects such as the annual mission trip. Absences will not be approved and credit will not be given for other individual service projects requiring time away from the school day.

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CHAPTER V ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Admissions

In order to be considered for admission, a completed application must be returned by the first Friday in February. A completed application must include the following documents:

- Completed St. Pius X Application
- Principal Recommendation
- Current Math Teacher Recommendation
- Current Language Arts Teacher Recommendation
- Grade reports from grades 6, 7 and first semester of grade 8
- Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) scores
- Application fee of \$75.00 (non-refundable)

St. Pius X Catholic High School admits students to grades 9-11 (if space is available.)

Parents/guardians of students and students agree, as a condition of admission, to abide by the guidelines of this student handbook and all governing administrative policies or regulations of St. Pius X Catholic High School in effect at the time of admission, or as amended, for the duration of enrollment of the student.

Transfer Students

A student transferring to St. Pius X must be enrolled for at least one full year (2 semesters) in order to receive a St. Pius X diploma. Only students transferring from Catholic high schools beyond metropolitan Atlanta will be considered for the senior year. Transfers from local high schools will not be admitted for the senior year.

Foreign students who attend St. Pius X Catholic High School for the senior year only are not placed in senior homerooms unless they are capable of graduating. Such students will receive a St. Pius X diploma and participate in graduation exercises only if all requirements for the diploma are fulfilled and the student has not already received a diploma from another institution, either here or abroad.

A student applying for admission to a grade higher than the ninth shall as a prerequisite to admission present a certified copy of his or her academic transcript and disciplinary record from the school previously attended.

Non-Discrimination Policy

St. Pius X will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and work programs.

Re-enrollment Policy

Continued enrollment of the student is subject to the student observing all school rules as set out in the school handbook including but not limited to general behavior, academic performance and attendance.

Continued enrollment in any given school year and re-enrollment in any subsequent years are subject to the parents'/guardians' continued support of the mission of the school as documented in the student handbook and the maintenance of a demonstrably effective and supportive relationship between the school and the parents/guardians. Re-enrollment in any subsequent year is subject to mutual agreement. That agreement may be withheld by the student, the parents or the school administration with or without cause. Please refer to page 19 for re-enrollment financial information.

Works of Mercy Requirement

Each year, students are required to take part in the Works of Mercy Apostolic Program as part of their ongoing Catholic formation. The word apostolic immediately calls to mind the faith element of Christian service. Just as Christ sent his apostles we, too, are sent to build up the Kingdom of God on Earth. For a further description of the Works of Mercy Program, please refer to pages: 63-65.

Graduation Requirements

St. Pius X is a college preparatory school which provides a program of study requiring 24 Carnegie units for graduation.

<u>Credits</u>	<u>Subject</u>	
4	Theology	(or .5 per semester at St. Pius X)
4	English*	
3	Social Studies*	World History, United States History, Government/Economics
4	Mathematics*	
4	Science*	Physical Science or Physics, Chemistry, Biology & one other course
2	Foreign Language (must be in one language)*	
1	Physical Education	Personal Fitness, Health
.5	Computer Applications	
<u>1.5</u>	Electives	
24	TOTAL	

* Denotes core academic area

Levels of Instruction

The academic program seeks to meet the needs of all students. Through the testing program, counselor and teacher recommendations and consultation with parents, students are placed in courses which take into consideration the course objectives and goals, as well as the aspirations, academic skills and emotional maturity of the student.

Students are invited by departments to participate in AP and Honors courses based on their demonstrated ability, skills, work habits and motivation. Students enrolled in AP and Honors courses who do not continue to demonstrate these qualities will have their invitations withdrawn from the programs.

Courses labeled AP include an 8 point addition in the final numeric average and require an \$80 fee for the AP exam that is administered in May. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exam.

The College Prep courses at St. Pius X are rigorous programs of study which prepare the students for the demands of competitive colleges. College Prep courses accommodate student learning styles by using two teaching formats. Some College Prep courses require greater independence and more long term assignments. Others are more structured with daily homework assignments, frequent quizzes and long term projects broken into several steps. It should be noted that most of these classes use the same textbook.

Students are expected to take any full year course (those labeled Y) for the entire year whether the course is required or an elective. It is not acceptable to drop the course at the semester except in extraordinary circumstances.

Once the final schedule has been posted in July, it is not appropriate to change electives or drop a one semester elective course for a study hall or unassigned period.

Students are expected to carry a minimum of six courses. Freshman and sophomore students normally carry seven; junior and senior students carry six or seven.

Grading System

St. Pius X issues numeric grades to its students. The grade interpretations are:

90 - 100 Excellent or superior work indicating a high level of mastery of materials or skills as indicated by the objectives of the course.

80 - 89 Above average work and mastery of materials or skills.

74 - 79 Average work or mastery of the materials or skills.

70 - 73 Passing, but indicates either a deficiency in mastering some required materials or skills, or a lack of application on the part of the learner.

Below 70 Failure to master fundamental objectives of a course.

Incomplete: If work is not completed within two weeks after the semester ends, the Incomplete becomes a numeric grade. In extenuating circumstances, a student may appeal for a time extension to a committee composed of the Dean of Academics and the Dean of Students.

Testing Program

Standardized tests of various types, as appropriate to the individual classes, are administered. Test results are explained and used when counseling students for future plans. Copies of these test results are mailed directly to the student's parent(s). PSAT scores are not part of the student's transcript.

The regular testing program consists of the PSAT administered in the 9th, 10th and 11th grade. The SAT and ACT are offered periodically throughout the academic year. Additional testing is recommended where needed.

Changes in Student Schedule

Department Initiated:

Course changes requested by the departments must have the approval of the Dean of Academics.

Student Initiated:

Students are expected to make their final course selections during registration in the spring. Teachers are assigned, classes are balanced and books are purchased based on this information. Occasionally, circumstances require changes to the original requests. Such student or parent initiated changes always require the approval of the Dean of Academics and often require approval from the Department Head and teacher as well. It must be kept in mind that courses often fill during the spring registration and, therefore, changes to original requests may become impossible.

Final Schedules are available on NetClassroom to every student in July. Once the school year has started courses may not be dropped except when the Dean of Academics deems this action advisable. Such withdrawals may carry a grade of "WF".

Administration Initiated:

The Dean of Academics may change class assignments to adjust class sizes.

Reporting of Student Progress – NetClassroom

NetClassroom, an on-line reporting system available through the www.spx.org web site, allows student and parent access to current course assignments, grades, report cards and transcripts.

Reporting of Student Progress - Grade Reporting

The Academics Office under the supervision of the principal is responsible for reporting a student's academic progress to parents. These reports are available on NetClassroom and this reporting typically includes the following reports each semester:

Continuous Grade Reports on NetClassroom

Semester Grade Reports – printed copies are distributed

Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment – a request for a conference may be initiated by the teacher or the parent

Deficiency Notices - 15th week

Report cards will include: a comprehensive listing of courses/subjects; a letter or numeric equivalent indicating achievement levels; specific comments (optional) and a record of conduct.

Parents may make inquiries regarding report card grades issued in January and June. However, grade changes will not be made unless academic evidence warrants such a change.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grade Point Averages are recorded numerically on semester end report cards and transcripts.

Absence As It Affects Credit

Testing is an integral part of the teaching/learning process. Students are afforded the opportunities to make up tests and/or quizzes missed as a result of at least one or more full day's excused absence from school. These tests must be completed at the discretion of the teacher or within three (3) school days of the absence.

Teachers are responsible for providing the tests and places to complete them. Students are responsible for arranging the necessary appointments. In all cases the teacher determines the time when the test is to be taken.

For the student returning after a prolonged illness, a time extension for making up tests may be obtained by the student from the Academics Office.

Some absences cannot be avoided. However, students must realize that regular attendance, diligence, and application to study contribute to the students' success in academic endeavors. Even excused absences often result in lower grades for absent students because nothing can replace students' presence in class for learning and school achievement. Parents have access to attendance, conduct and grades on NetClassroom through the St. Pius X website, www.spx.org. If parents have questions following a review of absences or conduct on NetClassroom, please contact the Dean of Students for clarification.

For students who miss work due to unexcused absences or suspensions, tests and assignments that are due on the day of the absence or suspension become due on the day the student returns.

Please refer to the TAADRA Law on page 26 for additional information.

Unscheduled Time

In keeping with the school objective to develop a growing sense of responsibility in the student, the use of unscheduled time is a system of progressive responsibility. Freshmen and sophomores are assigned to study hall during unscheduled time. Juniors and seniors not on academic or disciplinary probation may schedule an unassigned period in addition to their lunch period. However, any student needing structured study will be assigned to a study hall.

Final Exam Schedule

All academic courses have a final exam each semester. This must count no less than 10% of the final grade and no more than 20% of the grade. The percentage will be determined by the department.

Exemptions from final exams may be given second semester to qualified seniors with an "A" average and department/teacher approval.

Delayed Finals

No finals may be given before regular exam dates. For extraordinary reasons, students may apply to the Academics Office to take their final exams after the close of the semester. The Academics Office must approve all requests for exam delays.

Make-Up Exams

If a student is seriously ill during the exam period, he/she will make arrangements with the Dean of Academics to make up these exams.

Making Up Failures or Deficiencies

Courses failed at St. Pius X Catholic High School must be made up in summer school or an after-school program if they are necessary to meet graduation requirements or the needs of the individual student's program. Theology courses are an exception to this general regulation and must be made up at St. Pius X before graduation.

Registration for summer school courses must have the approval of the Dean of Academics. Failure to observe this regulation may result in non-recognition of credit. Paperwork for summer school classes must be completed by a designated St. Pius X guidance counselor. The Guidance Office will have information from the metro area systems after spring break.

Students who are found to be credit deficient at the beginning of the fall semester are subject to dismissal.

Graduation

Students who fail to earn the minimum credit requirement in eight semesters and four summer school sessions may be granted one additional semester during the regular school year to make up their unearned credits. If the students do not earn the required credit during that time, they will be dropped from enrollment and be ineligible for a St. Pius X diploma. With the exception of theology courses, all failed coursework must be taken outside of St. Pius X and credit will be transferred to us. Only students who have fulfilled both academic and works of mercy graduation requirements will be permitted to participate in the graduation exercises.

Seniors who reach their May graduation date needing more than three course credits (to be completed in summer school or an alternate setting) will not receive a St. Pius X diploma.

Withdrawals

To officially withdraw from St. Pius X Catholic High School, a Transfer of Records form from the Studies Office must be completed. This form is to be signed by the Library, Bookstore, Clinic and Business Office. Final and official transcripts will be transferred to other schools when all accounts have been paid in full and upon completion of the Transfer of Records form.

Academic Honesty

Students may find that they will have to produce a paper/project for a second, third, or fourth time on a similar topic for different teachers; regardless, their work is expected to reflect new approaches and insights into that topic to demonstrate their intellectual growth. In keeping with current collegiate policy, it is a violation of academic honesty to submit substantial portions of the same work for credit more than once without the explicit consent of the faculty member(s) to whom the material is submitted for additional credit.

Academic Probation

Students who accumulate three negative points in a semester will be placed on Academic Probation. A final grade of D (70-73) counts as one negative point and a grade of F (below 70) counts as two negative points. Students who are placed on Academic Probation for two semesters are liable for dismissal from St. Pius X.

Academic Probation and Athletic Eligibility

As stated in the GHSA Constitution and By-laws, Section 1.51, in order to be eligible to participate, practice and/or try out in interscholastic activities, a student must be academically eligible. A student is required to pass 5 courses per semester and be on track to graduate. Summer school is considered an extension of the second semester, but grades are not usually available until August, which could delay eligibility.

Academic Probation and Financial Aid

As a result of being placed on Academic Probation, any work study student is subject to the loss of financial aid upon review by the school administration.

Academic Probation Monitoring

Students on Academic Probation will report to an Academic Advisor every Thursday afternoon for the entire semester. Grades will be monitored in three-week intervals, but the students will not be released from fall advisory meetings until the January report card becomes available and spring advisory meetings until the June report card becomes available.

If students are also on Discipline Probation, those students will be assigned the same advisor/counselor for both academic and behavioral concerns. These students will be reviewed at the end of the school year to determine if continued enrollment at St. Pius X is advisable.

Academic Awards

Principal's List: Each semester, the top 5% of students or all students with a 95% average are named to the Principal's List.

Deans' List: Each semester students who achieve straight A's but do not qualify for the Principal's List are named to the Deans' List.

Seniors who, during their years at St. Pius X Catholic High School, make the Principal's List or the Dean's List at least four times are awarded a medal, which is worn at graduation.

Honor Roll: Each semester, students who achieve a grade point average of 90% or higher, but do not qualify for the Principal's List or the Dean's List, are placed on the Honor Roll.

The following awards are given at the Honors Assembly in the spring:

Departmental Awards: Every academic department honors students on each grade level for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Special departmental awards may also be given.

College Book Awards: These books given on behalf of the school and the participating colleges honor six juniors and one sophomore for scholarship, leadership, and involvement.

STAR Student: This award honors the senior who leads the class on the basis of the SAT and academic achievement.

Cornelius L. Maloney Award: This award is given to the two seniors who have demonstrated the highest academic achievement. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian must be enrolled at St. Pius X for at least six consecutive semesters.

Father James Harrison Principal's Award: This award is presented to students who exemplify to a very high degree the qualities which are the essence of Father Harrison's vision and are truly representative of the ideals of St. Pius X. Simply stated, they are good people who represent the best of their class and this school.

Chapter VI

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CHAPTER VI REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

Disciplinary Procedure

The primary role governing the conduct of all the members of our school community is the "Great Commandment" of our Lord: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind....and you must love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22: 37-40) Everything which promotes this three-fold love is acceptable in our school community. Anything which undermines the growth of such loving harmony both on and off-campus is rejected. St. Pius X reserves the right to determine if off-campus behavior has a detrimental input on the school or the school's reputation. The Administration reserves the right to discipline students for off-campus behavior and/or conduct. St. Pius X also reserves the right to search any item that is brought onto the campus.

It is the mission of St. Pius X Catholic High School to ensure that each student has a successful school experience in a safe and supportive environment. Personal honor, integrity, and respect for others are expected of all students. In order to assist the student members of the St. Pius X community in their attempt to live within the spirit of these expectations, guidelines for their personal conduct and penalties for failure to follow these guidelines are in place. These penalties can consist of detentions, demerits, work crew, suspensions, withdrawal or expulsion.

Discipline Policy

Detentions are given to students who do not uphold the rules, regulations and policies of St. Pius X Catholic High School. Detentions are cumulative August – May each school year. Parents are notified about the accumulation of both demerits and detentions on the interim and final grade reports. Cumulative demerits and detentions are recorded over the period of two semesters. Parents have access to conduct, attendance and grades on NetClassroom through the St. Pius X website, www.spx.org. If questions are not answered after a review of NetClassroom, contact the Dean of Students for clarification.

Upon receipt of the 6th detention, a student will be required to attend mandatory Saturday school with a fee of \$20 per student payable at the time Saturday School is served. The student record will then reflect one demerit and the served Saturday school. If a student does not report to Saturday school as scheduled he/she will be suspended from school on the Monday following Saturday school and must meet with the Deans for other instructions prior to returning to school. Students automatically are placed on discipline contract once they have accumulated 12 detentions.

Detentions

Detentions are to be served the day after the student receives his/her penalty and they are 30 minutes in length. There will be no exceptions to this unless there is a note from the medical/dental office that verifies a long-standing medical or dental appointment for the student on the day of the detention. Students who have to work, participate in carpool, attend tutoring, attend practices of any type, or have athletic competitions, etc. are not excused. Students who do not serve their detention on their appointed day will have the penalty doubled.

Because of the expectations for students involved in specific school programs (e.g. athletics, extracurricular and co-curricular activities), other sanctions (apart from those outlined in this book) may be incurred for violations of the regulations for student conduct.

Saturday School

When a student's discipline record reflects six detentions he/she will attend mandatory Saturday School. The Principal and/or the Dean(s) reserve the right at any time to assign Saturday school to students who have other disciplinary violations. Saturday School will operate one Saturday a month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a fee of \$20 per student payable at the time Saturday School is served. Saturday School is used for those students who are frequent violators of the discipline code. Saturday School is a form of punishment and students may be required (but are not limited to) to perform maintenance work around the campus (inside or outside) or to observe silent reflection time as directed by a faculty/staff member

depending on the facility needs at the time. Sporting events (SPX or club) and jobs/community service do not qualify for postponement.

Students are to report to the Donnellan Center by 8:00 a.m. in full regulation uniform and may be picked up at 12 noon from the Donnellan Center. Hair, shoes, skort or slacks and shirts are to be as outlined on page 54-57 of the student handbook.

Students may bring along a change of clothes following uniform inspection (jeans, tennis shoes, sweatshirt, and/or appropriate length shorts) in which to work. Jobs might include: trash pick-up around campus, washing windows, cleaning out storage areas, cleaning up the stadium or gym (following home games), or other similar tasks. Students are to bring work gloves for heavier work details. Students are allowed to bring a small snack and drink.

Cell phones are not allowed during Saturday school for any reason. Regular disciplinary procedures and penalties will apply.

Discipline Contract

Students are placed on discipline contract when they reach 12 detentions or as a result of the recommendation of the Deans of Students and/or Discipline Committee. Parents will be notified in writing when their student is placed on discipline contract by one of the Deans of Students. Signed contracts (as well as all official school documents) must be returned to the Discipline Office within 2 (two) school days of receipt to avoid further disciplinary penalties. Contracts will remain in force until such time that the Deans of Students and the student's faculty counselor agree that the student has shown the ability to respect and comply with the expectations, policies, rules and regulations of St. Pius X High School as set forth in the student handbook. At that time, a recommendation may be made for the student to be released from the discipline contract. Any student who is on contract may not serve in an elected student government position, or represent his/her class/club on either homecoming court or be elected as king/queen of homecoming or prom. Any student holding such an office must resign at the time the contract is issued. Should a student on contract continue to disregard the conduct policy as outlined in his/her discipline contract, he/she will appear before the discipline committee to determine continued enrollment at St. Pius X High School.

Discipline Contract Requirements

- The student will obey and be respectful of all school rules.
- The student will attend weekly meetings with an assigned discipline counselor.
- The student will be subject to a hearing before the Discipline Committee should he/she continue to accumulate additional detentions or be involved in a single more egregious rule violation. (In the case where a student has already appeared before the Discipline Committee, regardless of previous offense, it nullifies the hearing mentioned above. Consequences outlined in the *original* Discipline Committee meeting will be enforced and could then include additional detentions, social probation, suspension, withdrawal or expulsion.)
- A student who has been placed on discipline contract for the very first time will also serve a probationary period of 15 school days (probationary dates will be listed at the time the contract is issued), during which time he/she must not receive any detentions or demerits. Not receiving detentions during the probationary period, does not preclude later disciplinary action. If the student is an athlete, fine arts participant or club member the student will miss 10% of the total number of *regular season* games/performances/competitions at the first available opportunity. If a student is a multi-sport athlete, the penalty will be served at the first available opportunity, which might include post season play or performances during a current season and it is the student's responsibility to inform the coach(es), director(s), or moderator(s) of this penalty. If an athletic/fine arts season is completed, the penalty will still be served at the first available opportunity of the new season.

- A student who violates his/her 15 day probationary period will begin the probation again, and will also be taken out of all athletic competitions, fine arts performances, or extracurricular activities until the probation has been served satisfactorily.
- A student who continues to disregard the probationary period will appear before the Discipline Committee, as such behavior indicates the student does not respect or accept the requirements of the contract, or the rules of our school. Consequences could include additional detentions, social probation, suspension, withdrawal or expulsion.
- A student who appears before the Discipline Committee for the *first time* because of discipline contract violations could receive additional detentions, social probation, suspension, request to withdraw or expulsion.
- As a result of being placed on discipline contract, any work study student is subject to the loss of financial aid upon review by the school administration. When a student is placed on discipline contract, he/she is immediately assigned to a discipline counselor with whom he/she must meet every Thursday afternoon, immediately after school. A discipline contract student must attend this meeting unless he/she is ill or has a conflict with a medical appointment. This must be verified in the discipline office the following day with a note from the doctor.
- Should a discipline contract student continue to accumulate detentions, he/she will appear before the Discipline Committee. At that time, the student must explain to the committee the reasons for his/her continued inappropriate behavior. The student becomes liable for further penalty from the discipline committee, including but not limited to additional detentions, Saturday school/demerits, suspensions, social probation or expulsion.

Drug and Alcohol Contract

Students are placed on Drug and Alcohol contracts when they have violated the drug, alcohol and tobacco polices as stated in the student handbook on pages 46-47. Parents will be notified in writing when their student is placed on drug and alcohol contract by one of the Deans of Students. Signed contracts (as well as all official school documents) must be returned to the Discipline Office within 2 (two) school days of receipt to avoid further disciplinary penalties. Should the student remain at St. Pius X, a drug and alcohol contract will be in effect through graduation with the following stipulations. Additional stipulations may be required based on the individual case.

Drug and Alcohol Contract Requirements

- The student must have negative results when randomly screened for drugs, alcohol or tobacco from the time the contract is initiated until graduation. The student will be responsible for the cost of each random test.
- The student must meet initially with a St. Pius X school counselor and then continue to meet with the school counselor as outlined in the initial session.
- The student must comply with any additional stipulations as set forth by the school administration and/or St. Pius X school counselor. Such stipulations could include but are not limited to: Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meetings, entering a rehabilitation facility, outside counseling, etc.
- If outside psychological/psychiatric counseling must be obtained, the assigned St. Pius X counselor must have contact authorization for consultation about treatment.
- A student who has been placed on drug and alcohol contract (if the student is an athlete, fine arts participant or club member) the student will miss 10% of the total number of *regular season* games/performances/competitions at the first available opportunity. If a student is a multi-sport athlete, the penalty will be served at the first available opportunity, which might include post season play or performances during a current season and it is the student's responsibility to inform the coach(es), director(s), or moderator(s) of this penalty. If an athletic/fine arts season is completed, the penalty will still be served at the first available opportunity of the new season.
- The future use of tobacco products will result in more stringent disciplinary penalties. A second alcohol or other drug related incident (as defined in the Student Handbook) and/or any

"positive" drug tests (as outlined above) will result in an appearance before the Discipline Committee with a likely recommendation to the principal for expulsion from St. Pius X Catholic High School.

- In compliance with T.A.A.D.R.A. O.C.G.A. §40-5-22(a.1)(2), the school is responsible for reporting students involved with *possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property or at a school sponsored event*.

REGULATIONS

General Behavior

Students are expected to cooperate with all school personnel and with each other, and to behave appropriately at all times, especially at school functions (on or off campus). Students can be disciplined for conduct, whether inside or outside of the school, that is detrimental to the reputation of the St. Pius X Catholic High School.

1. St. Pius X Catholic High School has a concern with students whose conduct on or off our school campus brings discredit or harm to the name of the school or the reputation of its student body. Therefore, such conduct or behavior which is in opposition to our Catholic philosophy and moral standards, on the part of our students, could require a penalty or dismissal from the school.

Students must adhere to St. Pius X's regulations for student conduct at all times including but not limited to the time they leave home for school until they return home in the afternoon. Any misbehavior or conduct unbecoming a St. Pius X student which goes against Christian values in public places, including the internet, electronic devices or in vehicles of any sort that is reported to the school will be subject to investigation and penalty. Students may not bring discredit to the name of St. Pius X.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation)

2. It is considered a serious offense if students deliberately cause a disturbance on another campus. Since St. Pius X Catholic High School has a special relationship with Marist, Blessed Trinity, and Our Lady of Mercy High School, any offense taking place on these properties shall be considered the same as if such actions were to take place on our campus.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation)

3. Students are expected to maintain order in the school at all times. Students who repeatedly cause disturbances in class are liable to be expelled from the class. This may result in loss of credit for the course. Causing a disturbance in the library, another study area or the cafeteria will likewise result in expulsion from that area as well as other disciplinary action. Students are not allowed to order any type of food and have it delivered to the school during school hours.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation)

4. The use of inappropriate, abusive, or profane language is strictly prohibited on our campus, at games on another school's campus, or at off-campus activities sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic High School.

(Penalty: detentions and demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

5. Students may not leave the campus between arrival at school and the end of the school day unless they have received early dismissal permission or are on a school-supervised outing. Permission for early dismissal must be requested by a parent and must be obtained by the end of the first period from the attendance office. Students who are truant from school will be suspended and called before the discipline committee. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation)

6. Students must arrive on time for the first period class each day. Students are expected to be in all classes, study halls, and homeroom, etc. on time.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses and potential loss of credit for class)

7. Students are not permitted to walk around or loiter in the halls during the school day, nor are they permitted to loiter in restrooms or empty classrooms during the school day. Students may never remain at any location on campus unattended during the school day.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

8. During school hours, students may not be in areas considered "off limits." These areas are

- the front lawn and the lawns directly under classroom windows and outside the gym;
- benches and picnic tables by the Donnellan Building;
- all parking lots; any steps around the buildings;
- all athletic fields, the stadium, and the gym (except when directly supervised by a teacher);
- all wooded areas around the school building; and
- the stage and auditorium.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

9. Students may only be in the school building on regular school days between the hours of 7:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Students need to move to the library, cafeteria, or scheduled athletic practice no later than 3:30 p.m. The school doors are on an automatic timer. Students, who attempt to gain access to the building after the doors have locked, must enter from the main school building entrance. Pounding, knocking on doors and requesting admission through any other school door is not permitted. Outside of these days or times students may only be in the school building if accompanied by a teacher or coach.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

10. Food and drinks (including water bottles) are not allowed in any area of the school building at any time before, during or after the school day apart from the cafeteria. Seniors are allowed to eat in Maloof Plaza. Career groups are allowed to eat in the Guidance Office.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/ Saturday School for repeated offenses)

11. The chewing of gum and/or spitting of any type in the school building, sidewalks or on the breezeway is not permitted.

(Penalty: detentions/demerits, gum scraping after school, Saturday School for repeated offenses)

12. Students may not sell tickets, candy, or other products in school.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

13. Students are required to turn in all official forms with parents' signatures within 2 school days or on the dates specified by all school offices. This includes, but is not limited to class syllabi, discipline contracts, registration materials, etc.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

14. Students are required to come prepared for class which includes but is not limited to bringing books, homework and classroom supplies as directed by the teacher each day. It is left to the teacher's discretion if the student's grade will be affected if the student is unprepared for class.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

15. Students are expected to serve all detentions the day after they receive their penalty. Students may not do homework or sleep during detention.

(Penalty: additional detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

16. Students are to wear their uniform appropriately and within the guidelines stipulated in the handbook. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeated offenses)

17. Gambling (e.g., pools concerning athletic contests) and coin-pitching, betting, and any other form of gaming are prohibited.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension, appearance before Discipline Committee)

18. Students are never to give their locker combination to others. Only appropriate decorations, secured by magnets, are permitted inside the lockers. Lockers are not to be jammed in any way that prevents their closing because this may permanently damage the locking mechanism and allow for inappropriate access by other students.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeat offenders)

19. Students are not allowed to have visitors on campus during regular school hours, including lunch periods. Students from other schools (other than SPX alumni) are not allowed on campus during school hours and will be asked to leave. See page 17 for additional details. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School for repeat offenders)

20. Homecoming and Junior/Senior Prom: Students are allowed to invite students from other high schools to both Homecoming and Prom. A form must be secured from the Dean of Students' office which is to be completed by the Guidance Department of the invited student's high school. Freshmen are not allowed to attend prom. Individuals aged 21 or older are not allowed to attend prom.

Student Driving & Parking on Campus Rules and Regulations

(Penalty for any infraction of policy: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation.)

Students may have permission to drive to school provided they obey the 10 (ten) m.p.h. speed limit and park only in areas designated by the school authorities. Students driving to school must have a current school year parking permit and must display this permit daily. Because these permits are moveable, students are expected to display the permit in their car daily regardless of the vehicle. Students should expect to receive detention for any day they drive on this campus without a visible permit. Parking tickets will be issued to those students who have parked in unauthorized spaces or parked incorrectly along fire curbs, etc. Students who receive a parking ticket must move their vehicle and will then serve a detention the following school day after the issuance of the parking ticket. Only seniors and juniors may apply for parking permits. Sophomores are never allowed to park on campus.

Students may not loiter in their cars before, during or after school. Students must obtain the parking lot pass in the discipline office in order to enter their cars during the school day.

As we have in the past, we will have student parking (by permit only) in three areas: adjacent to the buildings, adjacent to the baseball/practice fields and in the lot at the corner of Johnson and Plaster Roads. Students may use ONLY the unnumbered spaces for parking. All numbered spaces are assigned to faculty and staff and the numbers are specific to a person. VISITOR spaces are never for student drivers.

This campus is virtually a "one way" driving and parking layout. Students must enter and exit campus courteously and responsibly. No one should ever enter exits nor drive opposite the usual flow of traffic.

Suggested Alternate Route to St. Pius X:

When driving to St. Pius X on I-85 South, parents and students should exit to the right at Chamblee Tucker Road and then take an immediate left on Dresden Drive. Continue down Dresden to the stop light on Shallowford and take a left. This will allow you to make a right turn onto Johnson Road and a right turn into the St. Pius X parking lot.

Students and Parents are not to use the Shell stations or the shopping center as turnaround points. The area is highly congested in the morning and presents a dangerous and hazardous condition. Please note that it is illegal to make a U turn on Shallowford Road in order to enter Johnson Rd.

Students are requested to park efficiently. Do not leave huge gaps (front, back, or side) when parking on curbs as this limits others' ability to park and maneuver while driving.

Students will be required to follow all Georgia laws in relation to driving and parking on campus. State law is enforced on campus in relation to handicapped spaces, red curbs, dumpster areas, etc. at all times during the school day and on the weekends. Temporary use of a HANDICAPPED space (due to an injury) must be obtained from Mrs. Owens and Dr. Simpson.

In addition, students will be responsible for removing vehicles from parking lots for band/flag line practices and any other extracurricular activities as requested. Students who fail to comply will receive a parking violation sticker on the window and detention(s) should they fail to move by the announced time. Students run the risk of having parking privileges revoked for repeat offenses of any kind on property.

Permits can and will be revoked for inappropriate behavior including, but not limited to inappropriate behavior in the parking lot, en route to and from school (such behaviors include speeding, reckless driving, or other infractions), arrest and/or jail time for underage drinking/illegal substances, weapons, DUI, Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco contracts or for continuous violation of school rules as stated in the St. Pius X Student Handbook. Student safety is a high priority and for this reason we expect compliance with all the rules pertaining to parking and driving on our campus.

If a student damages, defaces or loses his/her parking permit and needs a replacement, there will be a \$70 fee charged in order to replace the permit. The Discipline Office reserves the right to examine the permit at any time. If it is determined that the permit has been altered in any way, it will be confiscated without reimbursement and parking privileges will be forfeited.

Finally, realize that although St. Pius X provides a parking area for cars, the school is not responsible for damages or theft which may occur while cars are parked here. Individuals use the lot at their own risk. Students are not to leave ANY items visible in the car. It is the students' responsibility to keep their cars locked with all personal belongings stored securely in the trunk or hidden in the rear of their SUV using the cargo cover.

Personal Safety and Health: Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Products

Parents and students should be aware that Georgia law has established a school safety zone which includes the schools and areas within 1000 feet of those schools, in which tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, and weapons are strictly forbidden. St. Pius X is a drug, alcohol, tobacco free campus at all times and during all events. St. Pius X is required by law to report drug and weapon violations to the police and the DeKalb District Attorney.

1. The use, possession, sale, purchase or distribution of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products (including, but not limited to "spice" and/or "herbal supplements" designed to mimic or produce effects similar to illegal substances) on or off our campus at any time, including but not limited to personal and/or after-school functions, is strictly prohibited. A school function is any activity in which the name of St. Pius X is used whether the activity takes place on school grounds or not. The amount of alcohol/drugs/tobacco is irrelevant. The possession of drug-related paraphernalia or alcohol is likewise prohibited. Students who demonstrate by their behavior that they are involved in illegal use of drugs and/or alcohol could be subject to a random drug test ordered by a member of the administration. In addition, students who are associated with other students in possession of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products in any vehicle are subject to the same disciplinary penalties. If the student refuses help or will not agree to abide by the school's policies, he/she will NOT be permitted to remain in the school community. (Penalty: For use or possession of drugs, alcohol, drug-related paraphernalia or tobacco: suspension or expulsion. For sale, purchase or distribution: expulsion.) The administration reserves the right to determine the school's involvement at the time of the incident or at the time the incident is reported to school administration.

St. Pius X requires that a student involved in the illegal use of drugs or alcohol will participate in a school approved professional assessment. Then the student, along with his/her parents, will meet with a team from St. Pius X which has been assembled by the Principal. This team will review the required professional assessment and establish a contract for continued attendance at St. Pius X. The contract will be based on abstinence, prescriptive therapy, and ongoing random drug testing (at parents' expense) with results being shared with St. Pius X. This contract will remain in effect for the duration of the student's matriculation at St. Pius X.

2. The use or possession of a dangerous weapon or explosive compound is strictly prohibited on our campus at any time, including after-school functions. This includes, but is not limited to, all types of fireworks. St. Pius X reserves the right to search any item that is brought onto campus. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation.)

Fighting is strictly prohibited before, during, and after school between our students, or between our students and others. If a student makes a choice to get involved in a physical confrontation with another student, then he/she makes the choice to accept the consequences. Students should be aware that the penalty for fighting will be imposed on all participants equally.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation)

Respect

Personal honor, integrity and respect for others are expected at all times of every student.

1. Students shall conduct themselves with due respect toward one another and faculty/staff members at all times. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation.)

2. It is considered a serious offense if students harass faculty and staff of St. Pius X High School, or if they invade their privacy by disturbing them at their homes, on their cell phones or on the Internet.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, 1 to 3 days suspension or expulsion)

3. The hazing or initiating of any student in the school or as part of an athletic team is strictly prohibited. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, 1 to 3 days suspension; dismissal from the team or expulsion from school)

4. Students are required to show responsible and respectful behavior in the cafeteria and to the cafeteria staff. Students misbehaving or not picking up after themselves will be penalized.

(Penalty: detentions, cafeteria clean up-duty, demerits/Saturday School for repeat offenders)

5. Students may express their points of view provided they do not seek to coerce others to join them in their mode of expression and provided they do not intrude on the rights of others. All meetings and assemblies on the campus, as well as the distribution of literature or buttons and/or display of materials, must have the prior approval of the Principal. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion dependent upon the situation.)

Harassment

It is imperative to maintain an educational environment that encourages optimum human growth and development. Respect for the dignity of each person is essential to Catholic tradition. It is vital that each school program maintains a learning and working environment free of any form of harassment or intimidation of students by any other student, lay employee, religious, or priest. The school will treat allegations of harassment seriously and will review and investigate such allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. Substantiated acts of harassment will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Students found to have filed false or frivolous charges will also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Harassment occurs when an individual is subjected to treatment that is hostile or intimidating because of the individual's perceived differences including, but not limited to race, creed, color, national origin,

physical or mental impairment or sex. Harassment can occur any time during or after school or during school related activities. It includes, but is not limited to, any and all of the following:

VERBAL HARASSMENT: Derogatory comments and jokes, threatening words spoken to another person.

PHYSICAL HARASSMENT: Unwanted physical touching, contact, assault, deliberate impeding or blocking movements or any intimidating interference with normal work or movement.

VISUAL HARASSMENT: Derogatory, demeaning or inflammatory posters, cartoons, written words, drawings or gestures.

It is the students' responsibility to:

- Conduct themselves in a manner which contributes to a positive school environment
- Avoid any activity that may be considered discriminatory, intimidating or harassing.
- Immediately report all incidents to a supervising adult.
- Discontinue the inappropriate conduct immediately when informed that he/she is perceived as engaging in intimidating, harassing or unwelcome conduct.

St. Pius X Catholic High School has an absolute "NO RETALIATION" policy in regards to any discipline issues regardless of persons involved. Appropriate disciplinary penalties will apply to anyone involved in any form of retaliation.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy

St. Pius X Catholic High School is firmly committed to providing a safe, positive learning and working environment for everyone in the school. For this reason, and in keeping with the goals and objectives of Catholic education, St. Pius X High School expressly prohibits sexual harassment and sexual violence in the school environment. This policy re-emphasizes the personal dignity of the individual and fosters positive sexual attitudes and respect for others.

Sexual Harassment Defined

For the purpose of this policy, sexual harassment includes the following specific instances: verbal sexual abuse; disseminating obscene or sexually explicit material, whether in form of music, written lyrics, pornographic pictures or other literature, or having such material in one's possession in the school, on school grounds, or at school-sponsored activities; obscene or sexually explicit graffiti anywhere in the school or on the school grounds; continuing unwanted written or oral communication directed to another of a sexual nature; spreading sexual rumors/innuendoes; obscene T-shirts, hats or buttons; touching oneself sexually in front of others; obscene and/or sexually explicit gestures; inappropriate exposure of body parts and any other inappropriate behavior of a sexually explicit or obscene nature that demeans or offends the recipient. The above list is not meant to be all-inclusive, but is intended to provide guidance as to what may constitute sexual harassment. Isolated trivial incidents are not sufficient to constitute harassment and will be handled according to the student behavior code.

Allegations of any type of harassment are to be reported to the teacher and the Principal. Parents of both the offender and the victim will be informed of the allegations. The matter is to be kept confidential by all parties involved, and every effort will be made to protect the alleged victim from retaliation. The parents of both the offender and the victim are obligated to cooperate in remedying the situation.

If the allegations are substantiated, disciplinary actions will be taken. These will depend on the nature, frequency, and severity of the action, the ages of the offender and victim, the history of similar actions by this individual, and the circumstances in which the harassment occurred. Possible disciplinary actions may include but are not limited to any or all of the following:

- Verbal warning/reprimand and apology to the victim,
- A parent/student/principal conference,
- Written warning/ reprimand & parent notification, entered in the student's file,
- Detention or removal from selected school activities and/or extracurricular activities,
- Behavior/probation contracts, possibly requiring professional intervention,
- Suspension or Expulsion.

Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is handled separately because of its potential criminal nature. If an incident of sexual violence occurs, the principal or other school authority is required under state law to report the incident (GA. Code Section 19-7-5) that sexual abuse or violence has occurred involving a child less than eighteen years of age. The Archdiocesan Department of Catholic Education will be contacted immediately in these situations.

Generally sexual harassment should be construed as sexual violence when: the recipient is physically touched without his/her consent in a sexual manner; is expressly threatened or perceives a threat of physical harm for purposes of the offender's sexual gratification; or is the victim of sex offenses under Georgia law. In these cases, the Department of Human Services and the police will be contacted immediately.

Gangs

Youth gangs and gang-related activity are prohibited. A gang is defined as any non-school sponsored group, usually secret and/or exclusive in membership, whose purpose or practices include unlawful or anti-social behavior or any action that threatens the welfare of others. Gang activity could possibly include the following:

- Recruitment and/or initiation,
- A manner of grooming, hair style, and/or wearing of clothing, jewelry, head coverings, or accessories which by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attributes denotes membership in a gang,
- Displaying gang markings (tattoos) or slogans on school or personal property or clothing,
- Possessing literature that indicates gang membership,
- Fighting, assault, hazing, extortion, establishing turf,
- Use of hand signals, gang vocabulary, and nicknames,
- Possession of beepers or cellular phones,
- Possession of weapons or explosive materials,
- Possession of alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia,
- Attendance at functions sponsored by a gang or known gang members,
- Exhibiting behavior fitting police profile of gang-related drug dealing,
- Being arrested or stopped by police with a known gang member,
- Selling or distributing of drugs for a known gang member,
- Helping a known gang member commit a crime, or any other action directly resulting from membership or interest in a gang.

Consequences

If a student is suspected or identified as being a member of a gang, shows interest in joining a gang, initiates or participates in any gang related activity, or has been approached for recruitment, any or all of the following steps may be taken:

- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately and appropriate intervention initiated.
- A behavior contract will be prepared stating the conditions for the student remaining in the school.
- Students may be referred to counseling (personal and/or family).
- Students may be referred to the Department of Human Services or other welfare or childcare agencies of the respective county.
- Student may be referred to outside agencies or programs for treatment when use of drugs and or alcohol is involved.
- Student may be referred to the Task Force on Violent Crime.
- Police, Juvenile Court, and other appropriate authorities will be notified of violence and/or illegal activities.
- Student may be suspended and/or expelled as already outlined in the school discipline policies.
- Parents/students will be held liable and financially responsible for all forms of vandalism.

Jurisdiction

Realizing that gang activity is a community concern, communication will be maintained with the police department and Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools on all matters related to gang activity within this community. Involvement and jurisdiction of school authorities in gang related incidents occurring outside the school or off school property will be determined in cooperation with diocesan legal authorities and the police, and will take into consideration the nature of the incident, the safety of the student, the effect of the incident on other students, and the good order and functioning of the school.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

During regular school hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., students MAY NOT have any unapproved electronic device on their person, in their purse, backpack or any other type of baggage. Electronic devices must be turned off and stored in lockers or vehicles for the school day.

The electronic device list includes, but is not limited to:

- Cell phones
- Smart phones
- Blackberries
- Any type of paging device
- Ipods or any type of MP3 player
- Radios
- CD players
- Walkmans
- PDA's
- Tape recorders
- Digital cameras
- Personal Kindles, Nooks or other electronic books (not checked out from St. Pius X Library)

Once the official school day has ended, students may use these items in the school building with the exception of the school library. The use of cell phones in the school library before, during or after school is strictly prohibited. Students using the library after school should set their phones to vibrate and then leave the library to accept or make a call. The only other exception to this rule is if a teacher has approved the use of an electronic device for an educational purpose, this device may be used in that particular teacher's classroom only. If any device is seen or used during school hours, the device will be confiscated and given to the Dean of Students. After 3:00 p.m., cell phones may be used for necessary communication with parents only. Before and after school, earphones must be used for recreational devices such as Ipods, MP3 players, etc. **Confiscated devices can only be retrieved by the student's parents.** St. Pius X reserves the right to search any item that is brought onto campus.

(Penalty: 3 detentions-confiscations of electronic devices. Saturday School for repeat offenders)

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices DURING EXAMS

- Students MAY NOT have any cell phones or any unapproved electronic devices on their person, in their purse, backpack or any other type of baggage. Electronic devices must be turned off and stored in lockers or vehicles during exam hours from 7:55 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.
- Calculators may ONLY be used on mathematics and/or science exams as noted by the teacher. Calculators will not be allowed at any other time and are considered to be an "electronic device" as noted in this explanation.
- Cell phones must remain turned OFF and in a locker from 7:55 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. If, at any time, a cell phone or other electronic device is seen or suspected of being on a person it will be confiscated, inspected and held by administration until the 6th/last school exam is COMPLETED at which time a parent may pick up the phone (or electronic device) from the Discipline Office from 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. After that time, phones will be available for retrieval in January (following December exams) or teacher post planning days following the May exams.

This policy is in effect for all students including those students who do not have an exam and must wait on campus or waiting for early pick-up between the hours of 7:55 am and 11:45 am. They may not have any electronics on their person. This procedure is in keeping with national testing procedures with Educational Testing Service (SATs and AP exams in particular).

It is very important to note that students who are waiting for a ride between 7:55 am and 11:45 am will NOT be able to accept a cell phone call from a parent to notify the student of a parent's arrival on campus. Please arrange for a specific location pick up in advance. Students who need to reach a parent by telephone are instructed to come to the Dean of Students office to use the phone to call home. Parents who need to reach a student during exam time are to call the office so that a message can be delivered to a student.

Honor Code Violations

1. Cheating, Lying, Theft - Enforced by the Honor Code

Negative actions that include, but are not limited to, lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarizing and harassment will not be tolerated.

Honesty and integrity are expected of all students at all times. Cheating is defined as giving or gaining an unfair advantage for yourself or others and is considered a serious offense. This includes, but is not limited to: copying homework, sharing information about tests via discussion, text, email or internet, sharing information about research papers, quizzes, violations of test taking procedures, copying another's work and plagiarism, which includes utilization of both print and/or internet works.

Students may find that they will have to produce a paper/project for a second, third, or fourth time on a similar topic for different teachers; regardless, their work is expected to reflect new approaches and insights into that topic to demonstrate their intellectual growth. In keeping with current collegiate policy, it is a violation of academic honesty to submit substantial portions of the same work for credit more than once without the explicit consent of the faculty member(s) to whom the material is submitted for additional credit. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, no credit for assignment, notification of parents, possible suspension. For habitual cheating, serious incidents of cheating, or publishing plagiarized materials in a school publication, students are liable for expulsion.)

2. Lying in order to cover up one's own misdeeds or the misdeeds of others works against the mutual trust that should exist between teachers and students and is an offense against the school community. In more serious situations lying and/or refusing to furnish information during a school investigation can be grounds for expulsion.

(Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion)

3. Theft, damage, or destruction of the property of others or of the school - including library books and materials, graffiti, writing, marking, or defacing desks, tables, walls, books, lockers, etc. - are violations of the rights of others.

(Penalty: detentions, restitution, demerits/Saturday School, and suspension or expulsion)

4. Students may not skip class to take unauthorized extra time to complete assignments, tests, projects or any other school work. (Penalty: detentions, demerits/Saturday School, suspension or expulsion)

Communication for Discipline Issues

When students receive a yellow discipline referral slip, they will be required to have it signed by their parents or guardians and returned to the Dean of Students' Office the following day. When students acquire 12 detentions, they will automatically be placed on discipline contract. Should students acquire another 6 detentions, a conference with the parents and the Discipline Committee will be required, and these students will be liable for suspension, social probation, or expulsion.

Please review the Discipline policy on pages 39-53 of the student handbook for further explanation of detentions, demerits and Saturday School.

Parents may call one of the Deans of Students at any time to discuss their student's discipline record, or they may call to request a conference.

Students and parents should realize that the regulations listed are not all inclusive. There are other things that a student may do, e.g., frequent unexcused absences, unwillingness to cooperate with teachers,

consistent failure to do work, a consistently negative and rebellious attitude, or any behavior considered detrimental to the community as a whole, which will call for a review by the Discipline Committee and may lead to punishment or dismissal. The administration reserves the right to determine the severity of the situation and punishment at the time the incident occurs.

Disciplinary Suspension

Disciplinary suspension is the temporary removal of students from academic and extracurricular participation. Suspension is served either in-house or off campus. Students who are serving in-house suspension must report to school to the Dean of Students office on the day(s) of their suspension in uniform. The student(s) will be assigned to a separate room where they will complete their assigned course work. They will not participate in their classes nor may they attend extracurricular activities for the duration of their suspension. In-house suspension students may be expected to pay the expense for a substitute teacher to supervise the day(s). Students who serve their suspension off campus may not attend classes, be present on campus, and participate in extracurricular activities on or off campus for the duration of their suspension.

This very serious penalty may be imposed by the Principal or the Deans. Tests and assignments that are due on the day(s) of off-campus suspension become due the day the students return to their regular school routine. During in-house suspension tests and assignments are completed per the teachers' instructions. Students are responsible for collecting any additional assignments and should be prepared to take any tests or quizzes on the day of their return to class. Any test or quizzes that are missed while they are out on suspension will be made up at the discretion of the teacher.

The Principal of St. Pius X reserves the right, in cases where a student is judged a serious threat to the community by action or example, to expel such a student immediately without any hearing before the St. Pius X Discipline Committee.

Expulsion

As a definition, expulsion is considered a termination of enrollment. Expulsion shall be used only as a final measure or in response to an egregious offense. Expulsion results from repeated refusal to obey school rules or from conduct which endangers self and others, property, health or safety of others, and termination is deemed to be in the best interest of the school community. One serious offense may also be cause for expulsion.

On occasion, students may not be invited to return to school for behavior and/or academic reasons. These students are not considered expelled. The Administration of St. Pius X reviews all information available regarding behavior and/or academic performance and makes the final decision.

The Archdiocesan Offices are to be informed before any disciplinary action is taken leading to expulsion.

All disciplinary actions taken by the school shall be preceded by internal procedures and supported by defensible records.

Expulsion Procedures

In those cases where the code of discipline has reached or exceeded the allowable accumulated infractions, the Principal may expel a student after consultation with the Archdiocesan Office. Fair treatment and notification must be evident during the period of accumulation (i.e. notification of parents, parent conference, behavioral contract, record of suspensions served, etc.). Appeal of expulsion must be made by the parents to the Superintendent within 10 days.

In those cases of serious breach of discipline which demand immediate review, a disciplinary committee will be convened to examine the specific details of the situation. This committee is composed of the Deans and faculty members who also serve as discipline counselors. The Principal is not part of the disciplinary committee.

The student(s) and his/her parent(s) will be permitted to answer questions and present evidence in order to clarify the details of the case for the disciplinary committee.

After the meeting is completed, the committee will submit its recommendation to the Principal for consideration. The final disciplinary action decision rests with the Principal. Parents may appeal expulsion to the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, for review of the decision within 10 days.

The Disciplinary Committee makes a recommendation which might include: not to expel the student (other disciplinary suggestions will be outlined to accompany this recommendation); allow the student to voluntarily withdraw from the school in lieu of expulsion; expel.

Before the hearing is held, the parents and student are informed of the possible recommendations of the committee and that once the hearing is in progress that the student may not have the right to voluntarily withdraw, in lieu of expulsion, unless that is the recommendation of the committee.

If the decision to expel the student is made, the parents are notified in writing. When a specific disciplinary issue arises from outside of a school resulting in direct repercussions for a school of the archdiocese, the principal(s) involved must immediately contact the superintendent. In those cases, the individual school(s) should follow their handbook procedures in order to ensure fair process and notification in assigning discipline. However, in cases involving students from more than one archdiocesan school and where expulsion could be considered, the Disciplinary Committee is convened and makes a recommendation to the superintendent. The decision for expulsion or other disciplinary action in such cases rests with the superintendent. Appeal of expulsion is made to the Office of the Archbishop within 10 days.

In those situations which arise for which no policy exists, the superintendent, in consultation with the Office of the Archbishop, will render a final decision.

In keeping with Canon Law, the archbishop or his designee reserves the right to make decisions in all matters regarding archdiocesan elementary and secondary schools.

Fair Hearing

When a student is charged with particular offenses, he/she will normally discuss these charges with a Dean of Students. At that time the Dean will determine a penalty. When a discipline contract student is in violation of the requirements of his/her contract, a discipline committee will review his/her case. This committee is composed of the Deans and faculty members who also serve as discipline counselors. During these hearings, the student will have every opportunity to present his/her case to the Discipline Committee, and to be assisted within reasonable limits set by the committee, by their parents. Following the meeting, the Discipline Committee will make a recommendation to the Principal. This may include suspension, social probation, a recommendation for the student to withdraw from the school or expulsion. In most cases, a student will not be expelled until he/she has had the opportunity to present his/her case to the Discipline Committee and the committee has made a formal recommendation to the Principal.

Chapter VII

Student Life: Uniform Policies

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CHAPTER VII STUDENT LIFE: UNIFORM POLICIES

At St. Pius X we are proud to be and strive to be the best representatives of our school. Our students are the first ones to be seen by visitors when they come onto our campus. Therefore, it is expected that our students will always wear their uniform correctly and proudly. It is one of the ways we demonstrate a unifying faith in Christ as well as a unity of belief in the mission of St. Pius X High School.

Students must be in full uniform by the first bell of the day and remain appropriately dressed in their uniform until the last bell of the day. Students are not to wear pajama pants, sweat pants, or any non St. Pius X uniform clothing during the school day. This is not an option.

Detentions will be given for the improper or inappropriate wearing of the uniform. The school reserves the right to determine whether a student's uniform or out-of-uniform clothing meets standards stated in this handbook. A student who is inappropriately dressed will be sent home to change or given a school uniform to wear for the day. NOTE: Anything that is a distraction to learning (i.e. hair styles, accessories, inappropriate clothing, etc.) will not be tolerated and will be handled on an individual basis. Parents will be notified in the event that a student is required to leave the school campus to go home and change clothes. The student is required to check in with the attendance office upon his/her return to school. Any class time missed will be considered an unexcused absence.

Please refer to the Uniform Requirements Table at the end of this chapter for further clarification.

Other Uniform Information:

Shirts/Over blouses: Male students' long sleeved oxford shirts should always be worn with the sleeves rolled down and the cuffs buttoned. Boys must always have the top button of the oxford shirt buttoned when the tie is worn. Girls are allowed to have only the top button of their over blouse unbuttoned. Boys and girls, in summer uniform, are allowed to have the top button only unbuttoned of their summer polo shirt. Oversized, excessively small or short shirts/over blouses are not allowed. Official St. Pius X Logo on the oxford shirt is the only acceptable logo. All boys' uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times, especially when students are wearing sweaters or senior sweatshirts. Shirt collars are to be visible when wearing sweatshirts (seniors only) and sweaters/sweater vests. Sweaters are never to be tied around the waist. The girls' over blouses must not hang below the bottom hem of the sweater/sweater vest or senior sweatshirt.

Note: All students should own one or more of the following: a navy school uniform sweater, a senior sweatshirt (seniors only), a school uniform fleece jacket, or a school letter jacket because all other outerwear, including sweaters, team jackets, and/or team sweatshirts are considered out-of-uniform and may not be worn in the school building from the time of the students' arrival at school to their departure at the end of the day (this includes lunchtime).

Shoes: Shoes must be worn as the manufacturer intended, that is, laced if tie-up and with the heel of the shoe covering the heel of the foot. Students may not draw, color or have graffiti of any type on their school shoes. Tennis/athletic shoes/sneakers, dock/boat shoes, Wallaby's or moccasin style slipper shoes may never be worn with the school uniform. If a student cannot wear his/her uniform school shoes for medical reasons, a note from the physician authorizing tennis shoes must be presented to the school nurse. A note from a parent is not acceptable and the doctor's note must be on file with the school nurse.

Boys' Slacks: All boys will wear dark charcoal grey poly-blend slacks which must be purchased from Buckhead Uniforms. No other brand of slacks may be worn. Boys' slacks should be fitted to the waist and be hemmed properly without cuffs. Pants worn on or below the hips are not permitted. All boys must wear a black belt.

Girls' Skorts: Skorts must be the appropriate length and may not be worn shorter than 2" above the top of the kneecap.

Socks: Argyle socks, tennis socks, ankle socks, no-show socks or socks with print designs may not be worn by any student. Girls (underclassmen) may not wear white, grey, green or black tights with the winter uniform. Only navy tights may be worn with winter uniform and socks may not be worn over the tights.

T-Shirts: Only plain white (no graphics, no logos, no writing) T-shirts may be worn under the oxford cloth shirts when winter uniforms are worn. Plain white long sleeved T-shirts are allowed only under long sleeved oxford cloth uniform shirts.

Jewelry: Both boys and girls may wear a small thin gold or silver chain and cross or medal. Very small gold or silver earrings, or diamond, pearl or gemstone studs may be worn, and then only one earring per ear. Hoop earrings that are larger than a quarter are not permitted. Earrings should be a small and unobtrusive part of the student's uniform. Dangling or chandelier type earrings are not permitted. Only one gold or silver bracelet, or small religious icon/saint bracelet, and/or elastic hair tie may be worn. Thick chains, beaded, leather, woven or stone necklaces or bracelets are not permitted. Students may only wear one ring per hand. "Live Strong" type bracelets are not allowed regardless of the affiliation.

Hair Styles: Students may not come to school with hair dyed unnatural colors (bright blonde, reddish purple, heavily bleached hair, etc.) or any other color deemed by the administration to be unacceptable.

The following hair accessories ARE permitted:

- Solid black, brown, white, navy or school plaid unadorned headbands/ribbons may be worn

The following hair accessories are NOT permitted:

- Scarves of any length or color are not permitted

The following hair styles are NOT permitted:

- heavily bleached hair or hair which is dyed unnatural colors
- spiked hair with or without bleached tips
- Mohawks or formed mohawks
- shaved patterns in the hair
- cutting or shaving one part of the head and leaving hair long on other parts
- excessively teased hair or hair that is unkempt, dirty or bushy in appearance
- pony tails worn by boys
- braids or corn rows worn by boys must be cut so that the hair does not touch any part of the shirt collar and must be deemed acceptable by the administration.

We require a simple hair style which is consistent with our simple, tailored appearance of the school uniform. The school reserves the right to control the extremes in hair styles. The maximum acceptable length of hair for boys is to the eyebrows, and to the top of the ear at the sides. The back of the hair may not touch the top of the collar. Boys' haircuts are to be clean cut. (Violation: detention or out-of-school suspension until remedied)

Boys' Facial Hair: All boys must be neatly shaven, no facial hair permitted, this includes sideburns. The length of the sideburns cannot pass beyond the mid-ear point. (Violation: detention or out-of-school suspension until remedied)

Dress Code for Special Events

The only exception to the jewelry rule will occur on Homecoming theme/costume dress up day.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS will be announced. On regular out-of-uniform days students are expected to come to school in regular casual clothes which are clean and without holes or fraying of any kind. Jeans are allowed on out of uniform days. They are always expected to be neat, modest and well-groomed. No low cut tops, plunging necklines which would expose any cleavage or spaghetti straps will be permitted. Skirt lengths are never to exceed 3" above the top of the kneecap and should not have slits or be tight

fitting. The wearing of jewelry must continue to follow the daily regulations. Spirit wear is not required. Sandals of any type are NOT allowed. All shoes must cover the entire foot.

SPIRIT DAYS: students are expected to wear clothing with a visible St. Pius X logo on it. No mini-skirts, skirts, shorts, camouflage, military or hunting style clothing will be allowed. Students whose clothing does not meet the expectations of school officials will be sent home or will be given a school uniform to wear for the day. Approved clothing for spirit day consists of blue jeans or khakis, tennis shoes or shoes that cover the entire foot and SPX logoed apparel. Sandals of any type are NOT allowed.

FIELD DAY: students are expected to come to school in regular casual clothes. Socks and shoes or tennis shoes must be worn. Students are permitted to come to school in athletic shorts or Bermuda shorts and T-shirts. No flip-flops or sandals of any kind may be worn on field day.

On Out-of-Uniform or Spirit Days: Boys and Girls: ABSOLUTELY NO

- shorts or city shorts of any length (pants must come AT LEAST to the bottom of the calf),
- skirts shorter than 3" above the knee,
- camouflage (military or hunting clothing)
- pajama pants
- white pants or skirts (linen or otherwise, including white denim)
- sweat pants
- jeans/pants with tears or holes of any size
- oversized pants falling below natural waist
- spandex or form-fitting clothing (including but not limited to leggings/jeggings and/or leotard type tops)
- low cut or plunging necklines which would expose any cleavage
- shirts which show midriff
- spaghetti strap tops/sweaters/blouses
- tank tops/sweaters/blouses
- strapless tops/sweaters/blouses
- oversized/undersized shirts
- Birkenstocks, Crocs, flip flop type shoes, beach shoes
- any hats

Advertising on clothing which is designed to promote the use of alcohol or other drugs or that which might not be in keeping with the Christian values promoted in this school is prohibited.

Tattoos and body-piercing (apart from the single pierced earring per ear which is allowed) are not considered to be consistent with the uniform code of St. Pius X. Therefore, students should not obtain visible tattoos nor have their bodies visibly pierced. This includes tongues, eyebrows, noses, lips, etc. The school reserves the right to expel students who violate this rule and who refuse to remedy the situation.

Note: Because of the unique and constantly changing nature of fashion, the school has reserved the right to classify any style of dress, grooming, or appearance as inappropriate. Students who are dressed in a fashion that does not meet the expectations of school officials will be sent home. Continued offenses may result in suspension.

Chapter VIII

School Athletics

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CHAPTER VIII SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Our school takes great pride in its athletic program. We feel that athletics are an integral part of the high school experience. For our athletes, we want our athletic program to be fun. We want our athletic program to be challenging. Finally, we want our athletic program to help in making lifestyle decisions, which are in accordance with the values set forth by this school.

All students are encouraged to discover and develop the specific athletic abilities they possess. We have a wide-ranging variety of sports, and we encourage every student to try to get involved in one or more of them. It must be pointed out, however, that athletics are competitive in nature and that not everyone makes the team. We believe strongly in the old adage that trying and failing is far greater than not having tried at all. We also point out that athletics are an educational privilege, not a right. It involves commitment, self-discipline, and responsibility on the part of the student/athlete who is representing the team, the school, and himself/herself. Within athletics, as in education and life itself, there is a challenge to the student/athlete and the team to strive for maximum and ultimate performance, be one's best self, put forth one's best effort, and call forth the best in others. With these objectives and values in mind, the St. Pius X Athletic Department strives to build a program of variety and creativity, one which will meet the needs of each student.

The purpose of this section of our handbook is to offer the student and the parent an overview of our athletic program. After reading this, it is our hope that the reader will have a working knowledge of the sports offered, the requirements of participation, procedures for tryouts, in-season and out-of-season guidelines, and the overall expectations incumbent upon the student and his/her parents in regard to athletic participation. It is certainly not meant to be all-encompassing, and we would encourage any student or parent with questions to present them to the Athletic Director.

The Student/Athlete

All student/athletes are subject to both school and Archdiocesan policies and the actions of the Discipline and Academics Offices. Athletic practices and games are NOT acceptable excuses for missing formal disciplinary or academic obligations or Archdiocesan Sacramental obligations.

The student/athlete's academic progress is a priority. Acceptable progress is a prerequisite for continued participation in athletics. The student/athlete is responsible for budgeting his/her time efficiently in order that he/she is able to meet both academic and athletic commitments.

The student/athlete must be careful in choosing the activities to which he/she makes a commitment. The high standards of both academics and athletics at St. Pius X may sometimes require that an individual student/athlete limit the number of other activities in which he/she participates.

Eligibility

Each student/athlete participating in interscholastic athletics at the varsity level must be certified eligible by the Georgia High School Association. Although the athletic department is responsible for submitting the paperwork involved, each student/athlete is responsible for making sure that he/she meets eligibility requirements. For further explanation of eligibility requirements, see the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director.

Sportsmanship

The essence of St. Pius X athletics is competition within a framework of exemplary sportsmanship. Each student/athlete is expected to exhibit behavior consistent with the Christian ideals of this school. Specifically, this includes respect for him/herself, game officials, teammates, coaches, spectators, and facilities and equipment. A St. Pius X student/athlete is gracious in victory and maintains his/her composure in adversity. Anything less is inconsistent with the athletic ideals of our school community.

Academics

All student/athletes are expected to make academics their number one school priority. In order to be eligible to participate, practice and/or try out in interscholastic activities, a student must be academically eligible in accordance with both the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws and St. Pius X requirements. If either of these requirements is not met, the Dean of Academics will notify the student that he or she is ineligible.

Effect of Absence on Activity Participation

Students who have missed four or more class periods in one academic day because of illness or an unexcused absence may not participate in or attend any extracurricular activity that day. In the case of an informed or an excused absence, the Dean of Students will determine the legitimacy of a student's request to participate. Documentation such as a doctor's note or court summons may be required.

Student/Athlete Discipline

A St. Pius X High School student/athlete is expected to let teachers, students and the general public know that he/she is a student/athlete by his/her exemplary conduct. Student/athletes are subject to all rules and regulations of the school, with disciplinary action taking precedence over all practice and game situations. Most importantly, any student-athlete, fine arts participant or club-member who has been placed on discipline contract for the first time will also serve a probationary period of 15 school days (probationary dates will be listed at the time the contract is issued), during which time he/she must not receive any detentions or demerits and the student-athlete, fine arts participant or club-member will miss 10% of the total number of *regular season* games/performances/competitions at the first available opportunity. If a student is a multi-sport athlete, the penalty will be served at the first available opportunity, which might include post season play or performances during a current season and it is the student's responsibility to inform the coach(es), director(s), or moderator(s) of this penalty. If an athletic/fine arts season is completed, the penalty will still be served at the first available opportunity of the new season.

Athletic Participation

Try-Out Procedures for All Sports

1. The student/athlete must listen for announcements of try-out dates and times. These announcements will be made over the P.A. system and/or posted on our web page.
2. All transportation to and from try-outs is the responsibility of the player.
3. The student/athlete is responsible for having the proper equipment and clothing.
4. All candidates for teams must have an athletic physical on file prior to trying out. The athletic department will offer physicals in late May for all athletes for a nominal fee. All student/athletes are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this. In the event that a student needs to go to his/her own doctor, our form must be used. A student/athlete is required to have one physical per year, as required by the Georgia High School Association. This physical must be completed on or after April 1 of the preceding school year.
5. All candidates for teams are expected to be in top physical condition. It is extremely difficult to give a fair evaluation of a student/athlete who is grossly "out-of-shape". The student/athlete is encouraged to do some physical conditioning prior to try-outs. Specific instructions will be given by each coach.
6. Student/athletes are expected to understand the importance of out-of-season conditioning and summer practice. Student/athletes may be asked to participate in a pre-season conditioning program, if not already involved in an in-season sport. The student/athlete may also be asked to attend summer workouts and camps.
7. Try-outs are competitive in nature. Not all candidates may be selected for the team. The student/athlete should understand that player selection is probably the most difficult decision made by the coach. Decisions are made on the basis of a professional analysis by the coach and his/her assistant coaches. Players who do not make the team are encouraged to work on their own, play in recreational leagues and try out again.
8. When there is an overlap in sports seasons, a student/athlete will complete the season in which he/she is involved before trying out for another sport. At that time the student/athlete will be

afforded a full try-out. Missing the original try-out will NOT hurt his/her chances of making the team.

9. The activities which constitute the try-out and the duration of the activities are at the discretion of the coach based upon the needs of his/her sport.
10. The coaching staff at St. Pius X makes every effort to ensure that each student/athlete has ample opportunity to display his/her abilities. Fairness is an integral component of the St. Pius X Athletic Program.
11. The following activities have specific requirements:
Cheerleading: Students trying out for cheerleading for the next school year may not have a detention count higher than the number designated by their coach.
Homecoming Court: Candidates for Homecoming Courts may not be on discipline contract and may not have excessive detentions. All nominees must have fewer than six (6) detentions during a given year.

Summer Activities

In keeping with the Georgia High School Association Constitution and By-laws, summer activity for athletes is unrestricted as long as the student's participation is voluntary. Athletes do not have to participate in summer athletic programs in order to be considered for St. Pius X athletic teams during the academic school year.

Practice Attendance

Attendance at all scheduled practices is mandatory. If, at any time, it becomes necessary to be excused from practice, the student/athlete should contact the coach as soon as possible (a day in advance, preferably). It is then up to the coach as to whether or not the student/athlete will be excused. Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action including being withheld from subsequent contests. "In-season" practices take priority over "out-of-season" work-outs. No coach will demand that a player attend a pre-season practice while an "in-season" practice is in progress.

Punctuality

It is each athlete's responsibility to be on time for all athletic practices and games. Players must take extraordinary precaution to ensure that they are at game sites at the time designated by the coach. Students under discipline contract, suspension, or detention, must notify their coach(es).

Equipment and Uniforms

Athletes are responsible for any equipment and uniforms issued to them. A student/athlete who loses equipment or uniform is liable for the full replacement cost of the item(s). In addition, the student/athlete is responsible for cleaning uniforms and otherwise taking precaution to ensure that the uniform remains in good condition and the equipment is maintained. Report cards, diplomas, and transcripts will be withheld until payment is received for lost or damaged athletic uniforms and/or equipment.

Injuries and Illness

All injuries, major and minor, are to be reported to the coach or the St. Pius X Athletic Trainer as soon as they occur. Illnesses are also to be reported. An athlete may receive treatment from the Trainer during his/her lunch period.

Appearance

St. Pius X student/athletes are expected to let teachers, students and the general public know that they are student/athletes by their exemplary appearance and conduct. Each coach has the authority to issue detailed dress and appearance guidelines.

Profanity and Abusive Language

All profanity and abusive language are absolutely prohibited. Cursing during practices regardless of coaching supervision or at an official, coach, opponent, fellow team members, and/or spectator(s) during a game may result in the student athlete's removal from participation.

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Products

The use or possession, at any time, of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs is prohibited. This prohibition applies regardless of the location, (whether it is on or off campus) and extends for the entire school year, which includes the athletic season. If the student remains part of the student body, on the first offense, the student-athlete, fine arts participant or club member will be suspended from 10% of the total number of *regular season* games/performances/competitions at the first available opportunity. If a student is a multi-sport athlete, the penalty will be served at the first available opportunity, which might include post season play or performances during a current season and it is the student's responsibility to inform the coach(es), director(s), or moderator(s) of this penalty. If an athletic/fine arts season is completed, the penalty will still be served at the first available opportunity of the new season.

The head coach, Athletic Director, Principal or Deans have the authority to increase the suspension according to the specific circumstances of an individual case. Upon suspicious behavior, the school also reserves the right to ask a student/athlete to undergo drug and alcohol testing. The student will also be liable for disciplinary action by the school as well.

Appeal Procedure

In the event that a conflict develops between a student/athlete and a coach, or a parent and a coach, there is an avenue of appeal. Following is the appeal procedure:

1. The initial approach should be made to the coach in question. Inquiries should be made at appropriate times, when the issues can be given the fair hearing they deserve. Immediately prior to and following games is a poor time to discuss such conflicts because of time limitations.
2. Should the student/athlete or parent believe that an equitable solution has not been achieved, the head coach of the sport should be contacted.
3. If the problem is still not resolved, the student/athlete or parent can bring their concerns to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director has the authority to request a conference, which would include the coach in question, the student/athlete and the parent(s).
4. In the event that this still does not bring resolution, a conference with the Principal can be requested.
5. The Principal will not grant a conference unless the preceding procedure has been followed first.

Note: All complaints or appeals must follow this procedure in order to receive consideration.

Letters and Awards

St. Pius X High School letters will be awarded according to these guidelines: playing time, attitude, leadership, effort, contribution to the team, cooperation, and attendance. Since circumstances vary widely from sport to sport, the specifics of lettering can also be expected to vary. However, the general guidelines listed above will apply to all sports.

Note: All athletes are expected to attend the post-season awards banquet.

Chapter IX

St. Pius X Apostolic Service Program

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CHAPTER IX ST. PIUS X APOSTOLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

What is Apostolic Service?

The word apostolic immediately calls to mind the faith element of Christian Service. The word “apostolic” means to be sent. Christ sent his Apostles to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,” (Mt 28:16). By our Baptism we too are sent on the same mission to proclaim the Gospel and build up the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Faith in Christ compels us to be the light of the world and by our actions to protect, promote, and defend the dignity of each human person; especially the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized, the outcast, the suffering, the sick, the exploited, and the unborn. This program is a distinct reflection of the Catholic mission of our school.

Requirements

- Participation in this program is a part of the theology program and a graduation requirement.
- The consequences for not completing the Works of Mercy requirement are as follows:
 - There will be a 10 point deduction from the 2nd semester theology grade

IN ADDITION

 - Seniors who do not complete the requirement will not be allowed to participate in commencement activities
 - Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who do not complete the requirement will not be allowed to participate in out of uniform days.
- Students are to complete 5 Apostolic Service Projects per year
 - 3 of the 5 projects must be a Work of Mercy
 - The last 2 projects are the choice of the student. However, some things are never considered service. (Please see the unacceptable service explanation)
- All projects are due by April 16, 2012
- Projects for the following academic year may be completed over the summer
- Each project is to be recorded on a Work of Mercy form found on the St. Pius X website. It is not acceptable to record a series of projects on the same form.
- Falsifying information on a Works of Mercy form, including falsifying signatures is a grave offense against the St. Pius X Honor Code.
- Hours are not counted. On each occasion that you participate in a project is counted as ONE project.
- If you question whether or not a project will count, please consult Campus Ministry BEFORE completing the project.

Works of Mercy

To be considered a Work of Mercy, the project in which you participate must fit into one of the following categories:

- Feeding the Hungry or Giving Drink to the Thirsty
- Clothing the Naked or Sheltering the Homeless
- Visiting the Sick or Visiting Those in Prison
- Instructing the Ignorant or Converting Sinners
- Comforting the Afflicted or Comforting the Sorrowful

**** Please note that a Work of Mercy is a project performed for the least and most vulnerable people of our society. Such projects as working at a parish fish fry, reception, or passing out water at a road race DO NOT constitute Feeding the Hungry or Giving Drink to the Thirsty. In the same spirit, cleaning out one’s closet does not constitute clothing the naked. These activities, while worthwhile will not count as Works of Mercy.**

Choice Projects

Choice Projects are projects that fit into the general community service category. They are beneficial and supportive of our school community and the greater local community, but do not necessarily fit into the Works of Mercy categories. Some examples of choice projects are the St. Pius X Marketplace, St. Pius X

Coke Sale, etc. Please keep in mind that there are some projects that are never considered service according to our requirements.

Unacceptable Service

The following projects are not acceptable and will not be considered for either category

- Babysitting in any form (For school, Church, family, friends, etc)
- Donating items/clothing to a cause/charity (either at St. Pius X or in the local community)
- Writing a check or donating money to a cause/charity
- Any activity that would be expected of you by being a member of a family (visiting family, chores, yard work, etc)
- St. Pius X Athletic Camps
- Serving at Mass (Lector, Usher, Extraordinary Minister, Music Ministry, Altar Server, etc) **
**** *Serving at Mass is not considered service because it is our obligation as Catholics to fully and actively participate in the Sacramental and Liturgical Life of the Church.***

Recording and Reporting Apostolic Service

Students are to record their projects and their reflections on the Works of Mercy Confirmation Sheets available on the SPX website or in Campus Ministry.

Students may turn in their Works of Mercy sheets to Campus Ministry any time before April 16, 2012. Projects will not be accepted after April 16th.

Information

All information regarding the Works of Mercy Program is available on the SPX website. This includes:

Forms

Requirements

Upcoming Project Ideas

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Chapter X

Computer and Internet Usage Policy

Authorized Use
Passwords
Acceptable Use Policy
Internet Etiquette
Games
Software
Blogs, Wikis, Chat Rooms

CHAPTER X COMPUTER AND INTERNET USAGE POLICY

Computer equipment including Internet access is available to students, faculty, and staff on site at St. Pius X Catholic High School. We are very pleased to bring this access to our school community and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in our school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. No St. Pius X computer or computer equipment may be used in any manner that contradicts this goal.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. It is impossible to control or even monitor all material on this global network, and any user may discover controversial and even offensive information. We (St. Pius X Catholic High School) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of our community. St. Pius X has implemented an internet filter to try and protect our internet users from any inappropriate content. However, not everything can be accounted for, and not every inappropriate site can be restricted; therefore St. Pius X has chosen to work with our students to identify inappropriate Internet activities and hold them responsible for their actions. All internet activity may be monitored and logged.

The smooth operation of our computer systems relies upon the proper conduct of the end users and adherence to strict guidelines. It is the purpose of this policy to summarize these guidelines and to ensure that all those who use St. Pius X computers do so in an appropriate manner. If a St. Pius X user violates any of these guidelines, his or her access could be terminated.

In general, St. Pius X computer equipment should be used to enhance and expand the educational experience in accordance with our educational objectives. Users should show respect for others and honor their privacy and property. St. Pius X computers may never be used in a manner that would violate any laws, infringe on anyone's privacy or property, or cause harm to anyone. To ensure privacy, no user should ever divulge personal information to anyone over the Internet or via any other means using a computer. *Usernames and passwords should be kept secure and not shared under any circumstances.*

(Extremely Important - Please stress with your student(s))

The most important point to remember is that anyone using any computer at St. Pius X takes full responsibility for his/her own actions. St. Pius X Catholic High School and the provider of our Internet connection will not be liable for the actions of anyone using our equipment. All users shall assume full liability - legal, financial, or otherwise - for their actions. Use of St. Pius X computers indicates agreement to the terms of this policy. Violations of this policy could result in a loss of computer privileges as well as additional penalties, including legal action.

Computer and Internet Policy - Guidelines for Use

Note: All terms used below shall be defined as broadly as possible to protect St. Pius X Catholic High School in any situation.

1. Authorized Users – The only authorized users of St. Pius X Catholic High School's internal (on-site) computers are current faculty, staff, and students and other individuals who act with the knowledge and consent of current faculty or staff members. Authorized users are not to give out any credentials (usernames, passwords, etc). Credentials belonging to someone else are not to be used at any time.
2. Acceptable Use - The primary purpose of our computer facilities is to support education and research consistent with the educational objectives of St. Pius X Catholic High School.

a. St. Pius X Catholic High School's computers and related equipment may not be used for any of the following:

- i. Transmission, storage, retrieval, or use of any material in violation of any national or state regulation, including but not limited to copyright laws;
- ii. Use for the monetary gain of any individual or organization (other than compensation paid by St. Pius X Catholic High School);
- iii. Interference with or unauthorized access to any computer, computer network or related equipment;
- iv. Use which would damage any computer or related equipment;
- vi. Any other use that contradicts St. Pius X Catholic High School's values or educational objectives.

b. Use of another organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network

c. Use of unapproved personal equipment on the St. Pius X network is prohibited.

3. Privileges - The use of St. Pius X Catholic High School computer equipment is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of that privilege. The St. Pius X Catholic High School administration will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The St. Pius X Catholic High School administration may suspend or revoke access at any time, for any reason.

4. Internet Etiquette - Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of Internet etiquette. These rules can currently be found on the Internet at "<http://www.albion.com/netiquette>" and at other similar locations. Users who do not fully understand how to appropriately use the Internet must take it upon themselves to seek out authorized information. Lack of knowledge is no excuse for inappropriate behavior.

5. No Warranties - St. Pius X Catholic High School makes no warranties of any kind for the computer service it is providing. St. Pius X Catholic High School will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers, including but not limited to the loss of data or personal equipment damage. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk and by his/her own responsibility. Upon leaving St. Pius X Catholic High School any information associated with a user's computer access may be permanently removed, including but not limited to that user's computer files. Student files may also be removed at the end of each semester.

6. Privacy and Security - St. Pius X Catholic High School makes no warranties or guarantees for the security of any computer system. All computers and related equipment are the property of St. Pius X Catholic High School and are subject to search at any time without notice. Any activity on any St. Pius X computer or computer equipment may be monitored and recorded at any time without any notice.

7. Vandalism - Vandalism (defined as broadly as possible and including but not limited to defacement of computer equipment, intentionally attempting to circumvent computer access restrictions, and intentionally uploading computer viruses) will result in cancellation of privileges and possible disciplinary and legal action.

8. Games - In an effort to support the school's mission as an educational institution, all game playing must be at the direction of a teacher and for the purposes of education. Recreational game playing without the specific instruction of a faculty or staff member is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

9. Software - Unauthorized software is not to be loaded, run, or used in any way. The only authorized software is that which is loaded by the St. Pius X Information Technology staff.

10. All interactive internet sites, blog sites, wiki-sites and chat rooms such as MySpace, Facebook, Wikipedia, etc. may not be used in any way to cast a negative light on St. Pius X Catholic High School or our policies and procedures. An attempt will be made to block access to such sites from campus. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their child's personal social media and home internet activity. Violations including circumvention of the campus block, may result in disciplinary action.

11. Release - The user of any St. Pius X Catholic High School computer or related equipment accepts any and all responsibility for their actions and releases St. Pius X Catholic High School, its employees, and all persons and entities related to it from any and all damage and/or liability caused by or related to their use of any computer or computer equipment at St. Pius X Catholic High School.

12. The St. Pius X school name, crest (or logo) and lion are important brands that should not be misused in any way, shape or form. No one may use the school name, logo or motto on any type of social media (Facebook, Myspace, etc.), other internet site/communication or in any other way, e.g. putting the name on t-shirts, for example, without the express written permission of the principal.

Chapter XI

Library and Media Services

Operating Hours
Cell Phone Use in Library
Eating and Drinking
Student IDs
Late Fees
Replacement Fees
A/V Equipment

CHAPTER XI LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES

The school library opens at 7:15 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays the library opens at 8:30 after faculty/staff meetings. The library closes at 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Exceptions include the day prior to holidays and such special schedules as Field Day, etc. The library closes at noon on exam days.

Students have the privilege of using the library for research work and pleasure reading. Students, who want to use the library during study hall, unassigned period, or after eating lunch, must obtain library passes earlier in the day from their subject teachers who assigned the research. Study Hall students report to the Study Hall Moderator first for his/her approval initials, and then go to the library. Students who are either on academic probation or discipline contracts must stay in Study Hall. Students who want to use the library after eating lunch must show their passes to the hall monitor and the librarian on duty. Students may use the library at lunch without a pass if they enter the library before the late bell. They may then leave the library to go to lunch without a pass.

Students should be quiet in the library to avoid disturbing others. For this reason, cell phone use is forbidden in the library before, during, and after school. Students using the library after school should set their phones to vibrate and then leave the library to accept or make a call. Please refer to Chapter 6.

Eating and drinking in the library is never allowed.

Freshman, sophomore and junior students may check out books for a two-week loan period. Seniors have a three-week loan period.

Students should use their student ID to borrow books from the library. A student should NEVER check books out for someone else. Students may renew books for as many times as needed, provided no one else needs them. Students may reserve books online even if they are checked out to another student. The requesting student will be notified when the item is returned. Reserved books will be held behind the information desk for five school days.

Books are community property and purchased for the use of students and faculty. It is important to understand that book borrowing is a privilege and keeping books beyond their return due date prevents other students having access to the materials. If books are not returned on time, a fine of 10 cents per day per book is charged. Overnight books must be returned before school the following day; there is a late fine of 25 cents per period for these books. Students are not charged fines for days they are not in school (the weekend, holidays or sick days). It is the student's responsibility to inform the librarian of absences when paying fines.

If a student loses a book or damages it beyond repair, the price of the book plus a \$5.00 processing fee is charged to cover replacement costs. If a lost book is paid for and later found, the cost of the book less the processing fee is refunded. Students are responsible for the books checked out on their cards. Students must pay the library for books lost, damaged, or stolen while checked out in their name.

Students with unpaid fines, lost books, or overdue items will have library privileges suspended until their records are cleared. The library sends weekly notices to homerooms for overdue books. Also, the school reserves the right to write detentions, and/or withhold records and materials (e.g. transcripts, yearbooks, etc.) for students who do not pay library fines or return library materials.

Audio-visual equipment is available for student use. Equipment may be checked out for overnight or the weekend to use for class assignments with the permission of a librarian.

All materials borrowed from the school library must be properly checked out. Any library item that is stolen from the library is considered theft and will be handled as stated in Item 3 of "Honor Code Violations."

In addition to print and audiovisual resources, the library purchases many online subscription databases for students to use at school and home. Anyone in the immediate family sharing the same household may also use these resources. Handouts are available in the library with the necessary usernames and passwords for remote access.

Chapter XII

Student Services and Activities

Student Government
Student Council
Class Representatives
Honor Council
Clubs and Organizations
Carpe Diem Literary Art Magazine
Golden Echoes Yearbook
Golden Lines Newspaper

CHAPTER XII STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities and clubs have been organized for students who desire to share and promote worthwhile interests. All such activities are under faculty supervision. These activities provide a range of experience and enable students to develop technical and social skills. A wholesome change of pace from daily classroom routine is a by-product of the activities program. For a student to derive maximum benefit from the program of activities, he/she should exercise care in his/her selection and strive to make a genuine contribution to the group project.

Organizations must arrange their meeting times so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled school activities. Permission should be received from the Principal before any speaker is engaged to address an assembly or meeting sponsored by an individual club. Arrangements for dances are made through the faculty moderator of the sponsoring group. All dances must have the approval of the Principal and be scheduled through a Dean of Students. They must be adequately chaperoned, and one or two police officers must be on duty.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Council

Moderators: Ms. Liliana Hagiopol
Ms. Norma Johanneson

The Student Council is an organization of students elected by the student body to serve as its official representative in matters of concern to the entire school. Student council provides a process for formal communication between the students and faculty/ administration. It promotes a good Christian and educational atmosphere in the school, a cooperative forum for student involvement, good morale and the orderly direction of special school activities. Members are elected by the student body. Students may not be on discipline contract or have excessive detentions (more than 5) when nominated as an officer of the student council or to the class council.

Senior Class

Moderators: Ms. Alison Bruckert
Ms. Gayle Ohrenberger
Mrs. Dena Peck

Main activities include homecoming, class picture for Senior Class Day, pictures with Santa, Field Day, and senior gift presented to school at Awards Assembly.

Junior Class

Moderators: Ms. Jennifer Bafundo
Mrs. Denise Hatter

Main activities include football homecoming, prom, and Move-up Day breakfast. The purchasing of class rings is optional and the decision to purchase a class ring rests entirely with student(s) and parent(s).

Sophomore Class

Moderators: Ms. Corinna Brannon
Ms. Sara Geiger

Main activities include freshman/sophomore dance, homecoming activities, freshman orientation and party, and Christmas gifts.

Freshman Class

Moderators: Mrs. Cindi Kramer
Mr. Trey Broussard

Main activities include orientation, freshman/sophomore dance, election of freshman council, homecoming, and Christmas gifts.

Honor Council

Moderators: Mr. Trey Broussard
Mr. Gary Turner

St. Pius X Catholic High School believes it is important not only to set high standards of academic and ethical achievement but also to set equally high standards of academic and personal integrity. The primary purpose of the St. Pius X Honor System is to create an atmosphere of honesty, trust and integrity among the students and faculty members through raising the consciousness of an honorable life. The Honor Council will enforce the Honor Code, take responsibility for determining if a student has violated the Honor Code, educate the students on how to live as honorable people and recommend the penalties for the offense.

ORGANIZATIONS

ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL TEAM

Moderator: Mrs. Marsha Free

The team competes in tournaments sponsored by the Georgia Academic Team Association and the National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC, which gives members opportunities to improve their general knowledge of all fields of academics: Art, Music, Literature, History, Mathematics, Pop Culture, and Science. Team dues are \$25/member and membership is open to students who can commit to practicing once a week and one Saturday a month for tournaments. The team is a member of the Georgia Academic Team Association.

ALLIED HEALTH CAREERS CLUB

Moderators: Mrs. Donna Owens
Mrs. Debie Navin

The Allied Health Careers Club is open to any student interested in pursuing a career in a medical field. The club will meet once a month for one hour. Activities will include guest speakers and demonstrations.

ANIME CLUB

Moderator: Mrs. Robin Tanis

The purpose of the club is to better understand and appreciate Japanese Animation by providing a means for students to meet each other and view anime. Members may gain a better understanding and appreciation for Japanese history and culture through anime and manga. Members may also choose to study the art and animation techniques that are unique to this art form. Anime club provides a means for students who share a common interest in anime and manga.

ART ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Ms. Corinna Brannon

This is an after-school program that is organized by students interested in the visual arts. Membership is open to all students, and there is no cost other than for special projects. The association seeks to create art and an appreciation for art and have fun doing it through sponsoring field trips to museums, etc., organizing guest speakers and artists to conduct workshops, setting up bulletin boards and special displays for holidays, designing props for drama productions, and setting up art exhibits for fall and spring arts festivals. There are also service projects, which provide a chance for under-privileged children to have an art experience.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Christian Life

Moderator: Ms. Gayle Ohrenberger

The aim of campus ministry is to deepen our conversion to Christ and to glorify Him through holy lives and missionary witness. Students participate in liturgies, pilgrimages, retreats, mission trips, service events, and other Christ-centered activities. Specific opportunities include the following: singing in the choir or as a cantor; serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion (seniors only), a reader, an altar server, a sacristan, or a spiritual captain; participating in Eucharistic adoration and daily prayer services; or assisting at the many service and Campus Ministry activities.

OUTREACH

Outreach opportunities are posted on the St. Pius X Catholic High School web page at www.spx.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Moderator: Mrs. Jan Collier

Music Ministry provides music for Mass, assemblies and other important occasions. There is no cost to students and membership is open to students of all grades. Music Ministry meets on Monday after school and there is an annual fall retreat.

COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM

Moderator:

The team's purpose is to prepare for and compete in a variety of computer science tournaments during the year, in addition to serving their community. The team has successfully competed at Georgia Tech and Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah. This group is open to all students taking or having taken computer classes and who are interested in furthering their expertise in computer science related activities. Meeting dates vary depending on the competition being prepared for and how much practice is needed to succeed. There is no team fee, but some expenses will be incurred when attending competitions.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

Director: Mr. Sean Hiland

The team is a member of the National Forensics League and participates in NFL sponsored tournaments that include a variety of events such as dramatic and humorous interpretation, extemporaneous speaking and original oratory as well as traditional forms of debate. As awards are earned on an individual tournament basis, students are encouraged to participate in one, two, or any number of the ten or more tournaments the school attends each year. Student participants are welcome but not obligated to attend multiple tournaments if other activities conflict. There is no membership fee although students may be asked to pay up to \$50 for out-of-town trips. Most tournaments take place on Saturdays with some tournaments occurring on both Friday and Saturday.

FRENCH CLUB

Moderator: Ms. Carrie Stockard

The French Club is a French movie club that is open to students of all languages. The goal as students watch French movies of many genres is to expose students to an unfamiliar cinematic sensibility, one that emphasizes human response to life experience over plot. The club meets every Monday for one hour, shares French snacks, and watches movies.

FUTURE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Dr. Meredith Miller

Mr. Trey Broussard

The Future Educators Association (FEA) is an extracurricular program designed to provide high school students with the opportunity to explore careers in education. FEA is committed to recruiting promising students into the teaching profession by assisting them in examining a variety of related career opportunities. FEA hosts guest speakers, participates in community wide activities related to teaching and education, and celebrates our teachers during national Teacher Appreciation Week.

GREEN CLUB

Moderator: Ms. Maria Kepler

The club promotes environmental conservation action and educates members and school community about environmental concerns. Membership is open to all interested students at a cost of a \$2 membership fee; a meeting is held once a week.

LATIN CLUB

Moderators: Ms. Susan Belmonte

The club promotes understanding of Roman civilization and culture, and participates in Fall Forum (Latin Festival) of Georgia Junior Classical League, and the Foreign Language Department Banquet, and makes presentations on aspects of Roman culture.

LION LEADERS

Moderators: Ms. Rachel Braham

Mrs. Denise Hatter

Mrs. Sue Reynolds

Mr. Dennis Ruggiero

The Lion Leader program is designed to create a positive high school experience for incoming freshmen and transfer students by fostering relationships with select members of the senior class. All Lion Leaders promote the mission of St. Pius X and must maintain good academic and disciplinary standing. Lion Leaders are involved in Freshmen Orientation, Camp Golden Lion and the Lion Leader annual retreat and they must attend monthly meetings. In order to be considered for this program, an application is submitted to the advisory board.

MATH CLUB

Moderator: Mr. Eugene Brisbane

Ms. Lesley Bowman

The club competes in math tests and/or tournaments, which gives members opportunities to improve their math skills. There is no cost, and membership is open to all students. The club is a member of the Greater Atlanta Math Examination League and meets five afternoons a year at various schools to compete with other schools.

MODEL U.N.

Moderator: Mr. Aaron Pevey

Students actively participate in research and solution writing on an assigned country. Students compete at multi-school gatherings during the year as if they were actually members of the United Nations trying to get resolutions passed.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Moderators: Ms. Anita Roy

Mrs. Gray Walts

NHS is chartered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for the purpose of recognizing and encouraging students who show a rare combination of outstanding scholarship, integrity of character, leadership, and service. Students are given an opportunity to express in writing why they are qualified for membership. Nominees are sophomores, juniors, and seniors who achieve an overall cumulative GPA of 92. They may not have more than six (6) detentions in a given year. Selection is then made by a seven member faculty council and is based on the recommendation of the entire faculty with the final approval given by the principal then an induction ceremony is held in their honor. There are approximately 90 members presently, and the cost is \$10.00 for state and local dues plus approximately \$150 for students who attend the three-day State conference. Members volunteer for the August book sale, Thanksgiving food drive, Induction Ceremony, State Convention, book return, tutoring program, and fundraising activities for charities.

PIUS PLAYERS

Moderator: Ms. Bonnie Spark

No dues are charged, and the total cost varies according to production participation. Membership is based on audition and interview. The purpose is to promote the art of theater with the interested entertainment-oriented student and the St. Pius X community.

SPANISH CLUB

Moderators: Mrs. Emabeth Espinosa
Mr. Alberto Mendez

The Spanish Club meets every two weeks and is designed to provide an opportunity for students to experience Spanish, Latin American and South American activities that are not included in the curriculum. Such activities include cooking, table-soccer tournament, reading, film, discussions, assistance to Hispanic families and field trips. The Spanish Club is open to everyone.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Moderators: Mr. Chuck Byrd
Mrs. Terry Sides

The Student Ambassador program is a vital part of the St. Pius X community. This is a group of students nominated by the faculty and staff based on their love of the school and ability to serve and promote all the many great qualities of St. Pius X. The Ambassadors give tours to prospective families, visit the parochial schools to help students gain a perspective on high school life, assist in all capacities with Open House and Morning of the Arts, and are called upon to serve at various events throughout all departments during the school year.

TECH CREW

Moderator: Mr. John Favier

The purpose of this group is to promote involvement in the technical aspects of theater. The students become proficient in light and sound, band operation and basic backstage tasks.

UNITED CULTURAL AWARENESS

Moderator: Mrs. Emabeth Espinosa
Mrs. Marian Rosenberg

UCA provides an opportunity to students to work for greater unity and understanding in a racially and ethnically-diverse school community, and it is open to all students. Activities include developing the annual Martin Luther King Program, providing a forum for students to discuss racial or ethnic problems in the school community, participating in the Martin Luther King parade, observance of Black History Month, developing an annual assembly program on racial justice and/or cultural diversity, creating additional activities that promote unity through appreciation of diversity within the school, plus service projects in the Atlanta metropolitan community.

WRITERS' CLUB

Moderator: Ms. Charleen Klister

The club meets every Monday at 3:20 p.m., and membership is open to all students interested in writing. The club offers a writing workshop experience that provides writers with support and inspiration.

ELECTIVE CLASSES

CARPE DIEM

Moderator: Mrs. Ashley Curlette

This spring semester class meets daily and time is required outside of class. Carpe Diem is the student-produced literary-art magazine and is taken as a journalism elective. Students are selected based on space available, successful completion of, and performance in the Journalism course and/or adviser and faculty recommendations. Open to students in grades 10-12 following pre-requisite.

GOLDEN ECHOES

Moderator: Mrs. Ashley Curlette

This full-year class meets daily and time is required outside of class. Golden Echoes is the student-produced yearbook and is taken as a journalism elective. Students are selected based on space available, successful completion of, and performance in the Journalism course and/or adviser and faculty recommendations. Open to students in grades 10-12 following pre-requisite.

GOLDEN LINES

Moderator: Mrs. Ashley Curlette

This full-year class meets daily and time is required outside of class. Golden Lines is the student-produced newspaper and is taken as a journalism elective. Students are selected based on space available, successful completion of, and performance in the Journalism course and/or adviser and faculty recommendations. Open to students in grades 10-12 following pre-requisite.

2011-2012 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Council Co-Presidents: Shockley Nunnery
Keller Sheppard

Senior Council Co-Presidents: Sarah Ouderkirk
Peyton Collier

Senior Council Representatives: **

Senior Moderators Ms. Alison Bruckert
Ms. Gaye Ohrenberger
Mrs. Dena Peck

Junior Co-Presidents: Phineas Andrews
Jack Barbe

Junior Council Representatives: **

Junior Moderators Ms. Jennifer Bafundo
Mrs. Denise Hatter

Sophomore Co-Presidents: Carolyn Bresnahan
Kaitlyn Orman

Sophomore Council Representatives: **

Sophomore Moderators Mrs. Corinna Brannon
Ms. Sara Geiger

Freshman Co-Presidents: **

Freshman Council Representatives: **

Freshman Moderators Mrs. Cindi Kramer
Mr. Trey Broussard

*Representatives for each homeroom are selected during the Fall Semester.

Chapter XIII

Parent Organizations

St. Pius Arts Society (SPAS)
Athletic Association
Home and School
Mothers' Club

**CHAPTER XIII
PARENT ORGANIZATIONS**

St. Pius X has a number of parent organizations that support the school and meet the needs of the parents, students, and faculty. The Home and School Association, the Athletic Association, the St. Pius Arts Society (SPAS), the Mothers' Club, and the Parent Prayer Group are all vibrant and active organizations which support the school with their volunteerism, fund raising, and prayer.

ARTS SOCIETY (SPAS)

St. Pius Arts Society (SPAS) works to promote, support and supplement the needs of the Fine Art students and their teachers in a Catholic and spiritual environment. Many parents contribute to our program, as well as volunteering many hours within each year. SPAS enables us to provide an enriched education in the arts for our students. With their dedication and support we are able to invite guest artists, offer further training classes, enhance productions, and much more.

President	Mary Lou Korizno
Vice President/Membership	Angela McDaniel
Visual Arts	Donna Kantak
	Gabriela Probst
Band	Kris Straub
Chorus	Trish Carr
Dance	Ann Martin Vitti
Guitar	Meg Stitt
Drama	Helen Young
	Mary Lou Schwaner
Tech Crew	Lori Moore
Tickets	Karen Reigner
Treasurer	Susan & David Duke
Communications	
Faculty Liaison	Brion Kennedy
	Ruth McCullough

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Athletic Association works to promote the fullest possible participation of the St. Pius X school community in its athletic events and programs. The association provides both volunteer workers and supplemental financial support for the athletic programs at the school, sponsors a golf tournament each year, sells ads for the sports journals, and operates the concession stand for all events.

President	Rick Porter
President-elect	Mark Krause
Secretary	
Treasurer	Nancy O'Donnell
Game Manager	Tom Novack
Membership	Eileen Crochet
Publicity	
Sponsorship	Mark Doelling
Sponsorship/Program Ads	Barb Osment
Golf Tournament	Stacy Bean
Program Design	Ann Cain
	Pamela Brazell
Christmas Tournament	Mark Krause
Coke Sale	Geza Gereben
Faculty Liaison	Mark Kelly

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Home and School Association promotes and maintains parental interest and involvement in the school and provides a vehicle for communication and community building between parents and the administration, faculty, and staff. Home and School facilitates cooperative activities that are beneficial to the school. Foremost among these activities is the Families In Action program which involves parents, students, and the school community in a concerted effort to stop drinking and drug use among high school students. All parents or legal guardians are members in Home and School.

Co-Presidents	Debra Coheley Stephanie Graves
Past Presidents	Sue Reynolds Mary Pat Schaff
Secretary	Karen Knowles
Vice-President, Finance	Julie Skelton
Vice-President, Communications	Mary Feeney
Vice Presidents, Activities	Trish Carr Connie Griffin Kathryn Johnson Kim Kissell
Class Representatives-Senior	Karen Bachman Margaret Barnett Gretchen Heath Betsy Meagher Carla Morel Teresa Sheppard
Class Representatives-Junior	Jill Bernhardt Rhonda Brum Lupe Guyton Helen Homrich Sally Roy
Class Representatives-Sophomore	Eileen & John Cardillo David Coody Mary Gallagher Angela Krause Jane McNabb
Class Representatives-Freshman	Jacques & Donna Davignon Lark Morgan Tim & Melissa Porter Bob & Mary Remmes Jeff Thomas
Assemblies & Program Representatives	Sharon Adams Maria & Nick Demos Karen Pagoaga Maria Zyla
Faculty Representative	Gene Brisbane

MOTHERS' CLUB

The St. Pius X Mothers' Club is an excellent way to connect with the St. Pius X community. It provides an opportunity for mothers to serve St. Pius X and its community through initiatives such as raising money for student scholarships, organizing group prayer sessions, providing support for Pius families in need, supporting school faculty and staff, supporting Dresden Elementary school, and various other activities.

Co-Presidents	Maryann Cote Amy Krysiek
Membership	Cheryl Handy
Treasurer	Kim Massey
Communications	Maria Solsrud
Marketplace	Carol Reddaway
Sunshine/Sympathy	Kelly Smith Michelle Wright
Campus Beautification	Maria Barton Susan Petit
Pillows for Pam	Rita Koenig
Toiletries for Homeless	Hendi Salton
Dresden School Partnership	Maryann Cote Lise Hennick
Gifts of Grace House	Stacy Bean
Project Linus	Pamela Brazell
Hospitality	Pam Sparkman
Sorority Rec. Letters	Lisa Heiser
Faculty Appreciation Lunch	
Faculty Christmas Party	Julie Eidson
Faculty Valentine's Treats	Janice Jones
Faculty Birthday Cakes	Janet Horvath Ann Terracino
Used Uniform	Janet Horvath Denise Richter Leslie Tully
MC Closet Inventory	Amy Krysiek
Alumni Relations	
Social Activities	Jennifer Barbe
Photographer	Teresa Sheppard
Faculty Liaison	Rachel Braham

Prayer Group

The Parents' Prayer Group was formed by the Mothers' Club to provide unified prayer support for the students, faculty, and staff of St. Pius X High School. Moms, dads, and friends of St. Pius X gather the first Wednesday of every month in the Chapel to say the rosary and pray for particular and general intentions of the school community. The prayer group also provides an opportunity for parents to get to know one another in an informal, small group setting.

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FAMILIES IN ACTION

The purpose of the St. Pius X Families In Action initiative is to affirm parents who provide a caring, supportive environment for student involvement, which is free from alcohol and drug use. Often parents feel they are functioning alone and unsure of others who might also be doing the same. Through Families In Action, St. Pius X sends a strong message to everyone in the community that there is support for efforts that increase protective factors for our teens. Knowing that the St. Pius X community and all families are united in Families In Action gives us strength and confidence to be the kind of parents God intends us to be.

Again this year, in a continuing effort to highlight our dedication to this program and its principles, those families who have signed the guidelines will have a “Yes” next to their family listing in the directory. St. Pius X families can then update this original Families In Action List by checking off the names of those who sign on during the 2011-2012 school year as evidenced by their names appearing in upcoming monthly issues of Spiritus newsletters. It is our hope that this will be an easily accessible reference for all our families when our children visit friends whose parents are unfamiliar to us. Together with good communication between home and school, we can send the message that drinking and drug use will not be tolerated in our homes or at St. Pius X.

“Yes” by the family listing in the Directory indicates a Families In Action member.

FAMILIES IN ACTION GUIDELINES

1. When a teen activity or party is planned in my home, there will be no drugs, including alcohol, served or brought in.
2. I will be at HOME and VISIBLE throughout a party.
3. If a teen brings alcohol or drugs into my home and/or arrives under the influence of same, I will ask the teen to remain in my home and immediately notify his/her parents requesting further instructions.
4. I will welcome calls from other parents who have concerns or questions when my teen hosts an activity or party at my home.
5. If my teen is going to an activity or party, I will not hesitate to phone the host’s parents to confirm the nature of the party and to answer any further questions or concerns I might have about the activity or party.
6. If I go out of town overnight and my teen will be home, I will provide supervision in the form of another responsible adult who will either stay with my son or daughter overnight and/or provide the necessary supervision (to check my home as often as necessary) and to be available to my teen for any and all support as needed as if I were home.
7. I will discuss these guidelines with my son and/or my daughter.
8. “Yes” by the family listing in the Directory indicates a Families In Action member.