



St. Pius X - Strong History of Academic Excellence

Parents, Northland Parishes and community leaders who recognized the need for a Catholic high school to serve Kansas City's Northland founded St. Pius X nearly sixty years ago. They dreamed of a school that educates young people to their full academic potential and enhances their growth of Catholic values and principles to serve the Church and community.

Today, St. Pius X remains the only Catholic high school serving the Northland and stands firmly rooted in a tradition of excellence. Supported with a 17:1 student-to-teacher ratio and a demanding college preparatory curriculum, 98% of our students advance to college annually. Outside of the classroom over 90% of our students develop important skills such as leadership and teamwork through participation in one or more of our 35 extracurricular activities. Success of our students, along with consistent enrollment, sound finances and trusted leadership, position St. Pius X for another generation of excellence.

Envisioning a Future of Excellence

St. Pius X has seen many improvements over the years. Dedicated Warriors have invested financial resources and hundreds of volunteer hours in improving our school. In 1997 and in 2003, St. Pius X invested \$10 million in major renovations to our school facilities, including new science labs, expanded community space, a Student Activity Center with stage, a new kitchen, and multiple classroom improvements. More recently, St. Pius X has invested in important campus improvements, including: parking lot renovation, re-finishing the gym floor, painting the gym, painting the outside of the building, new heating and air conditioning units, and an upgrade of the sound system in the Student Activity Center for theatre performances.

It is now time for our fine arts programs and athletic facilities to receive the upgrades they require. Growing numbers of students and their parents seek extracurricular activities as a way to enrich the overall high school experience. The demand for extracurricular improvements is well grounded. Participants in high school extracurricular activities experience higher levels of friendship, develop valuable traits - including leadership, teamwork, and discipline - and improve their academic performance.

Our current athletic and fine arts facilities simply do not match the talents of our student athletes and artists, nor the standards of excellence we see in St. Pius X's academic and spiritual endeavors. St. Pius X's athletic and fine arts facilities require a renewed investment as we seek to maintain our position as the leading high school in the Northland, compete with area public schools, and, most important, strive towards fulfilling all four elements of our mission—instilling in students an attitude of lifelong learning in the development of their spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical gifts.

In the past year, St. Pius X has added and expanded broadcasting and online journalism classes. Our students produce announcements, broadcasted daily to the student body, and publish an online newspaper. They are learning about the various facets of journalism and the elements that accompany it - writing, editing, reporting, performance and ethics. As the students learn the foundation of reporting, camera work, video production and editing, they would greatly benefit from a room designed to house their equipment and give them ample space room to set up a studio and broadcast. In addition, the proposed Art Room would have room for a kiln, ceramics, painting and drawing areas, and space for outdoor work. The vocal performance groups would have a large, acoustically designed space. With these additions, our singers would have the opportunity to practice in the formation in which they perform and the space would be large enough for all groups to practice together prior to performances. In addition, administration and teachers at St. Pius X would have the opportunity to evaluate the best use of space currently used by the art and choir, possibly creating enhanced learning environments in those rooms to benefit all students.

We currently do not have practice or game facilities for many of our sports on campus. St. Pius X provides facilities for only five of our 16 extracurricular sports. All other student athletes and fans spend valuable time and resources traveling to inconvenient facilities off campus (up to 16 miles from St. Pius X). The cross country team is running on sidewalks and city streets around St. Pius X and both soccer teams are practicing at a nearby field in sub-par condition. Providing new facilities for our many athletes to practice and play will increase the safety for all and provide better facilities than what is currently being used. The addition of baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, cross country trails, and a practice field for soccer will greatly enhance the experience for the athletes that play these sports, as well as their parents, and the fans who attend their events.

Mission Statement

St. Pius X High School, with its roots in the Catholic Parish, is a co-educational school, which educates young people to their full academic potential and enhances their growth of Catholic values and principles to serve the Church and community. Through a diverse and challenging curriculum, as well as an environment commanding excellence, St. Pius X High School strives to instill in every student an attitude of lifelong learning in the development of their spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical gifts.

Warrior Pride Capital Campaign - \$7 Million

After capturing wide community input and support through St. Pius X's 20/20 Strategic Plan and a follow-up Feasibility Study, St. Pius X is launching the Warrior Pride Campaign to expand and improve our fine arts and athletic programs, while maintaining rigorous academic standards.

The Warrior Pride Capital Campaign will focus on expanding classroom space for our fine and practical arts departments, expanding our athletic facilities and increasing the St. Pius X endowment. Completion of the Warrior Pride Capital Campaign will enable St. Pius X to:

Renovate the former convent on St. Pius X's campus (\$1.5 Million)

- Build Fine & Practical Arts Classrooms – including Broadcasting, Art and Vocal Performance
- Partner with The Catholic Radio Network to house their broadcasting networks
- Create a meeting space and gathering hall for banquets and celebrations

Expand and improve our athletics program and facilities (\$5.5 Million)

- Purchase 45 acres of land approximately ½ mile from St. Pius X
- Construct playing fields for baseball and softball; tennis courts; cross country trails; and a practice field for soccer

Increase the Endowment Fund

- Fifty-percent of all funds raised over the \$7 million goal will be deposited into the St. Pius X Endowment Fund.

Campaign Goal: \$7 Million
Lead Gifts to date: \$4.2 Million
Current Fundraising Goal: \$2.8 Million

Since this project can be completed in stages, work on the Fine Arts & Activity Center and Athletic Complex will progress as we receive donations from our community.