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Dear Pius Families,

We hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and that you had an opportunity to rest and to spend time with your family and friends. As we journey together this year, we give thanks to all our families at Pius XII Catholic School. We extend a warm welcome to all our returning students and to those new to our school community. We are thankful for the efforts and hard work of our teachers, E.A., E.C.E., secretary and custodians. They have been hard at work preparing their classrooms and the school in anticipation of our students’ return.

We look forward to working closely with Father Sam D’Angelo of Holy Redeemer Parish and our school Trustee, Jody Cameron. With their help and guidance, we hope to continue to strengthen our school, home and church partnership.

As we begin our year together, it is fitting that we reflect on the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020: *Igniting Hope, as we* celebrate the good work and hope of Catholic education now and in the future. Throughout the year, the staff and students of each school in the Board will learn about a monthly virtue in the classroom. Each month, we will develop one of the following virtues:

September	RESPECT	February	COMPASSION
October	FAITH	March	FORGIVENESS
November	JUSTICE and PEACE	April	STEWARDSHIP
December	PATIENCE	May	EMPATHY
January	RESPONSIBILITY	June	GRATITUDE

We will also incorporate the Seven Grandfather Teachings of WISDOM, LOVE, RESPECT, BRAVERY HONESTY, HUMILITY, and TRUTH in all we do. As a Catholic community we are called to live by the Gospel values of respect and love; to live Mino Bimaadiziwin (The Good Life). In building respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and staff “We are all called to action to become fully human and live in solidarity with each other.” (eoccc.org)

We will put these virtues and Grandfather Teachings into practice in our hallways, classrooms, gymnasium, library, and in the yard so that our prayers, lessons, assemblies and liturgies will live through our actions. We will work closely with the parish and our Catholic School Council in this regard and encourage support from our families. By modelling these virtues, we can provide numerous opportunities for our students to become faithful, giving members of our Catholic Community. Finally, we will “celebrate the progress we make to be a more virtuous Catholic school – a place of safety, caring and inclusivity for all.”

School Day

The School Day at Pius XII School begins at 8:55 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:05 p.m. We cannot stress enough, the importance of students being at school regularly and on time. Please ensure your child is at school prior to 8:55 a.m. Supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. each day. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school in advance. This will assist with our Safe Arrivals Program.

Pick Up

Children will not be allowed to leave with anyone other than a parent unless the school has been notified by a phone call or a note. Please provide us as much notice as possible as this limits the disruption of students’ learning. Verbal notice from the student will not be accepted. In the absence of a note or telephone call, your child will be sent home as usual.

Open House

Please join us at our Open House on **Wednesday, September 25th** from 4:00-6:00 PM. Please note that this is a change from the original date. You will have an opportunity to meet the staff, to see your child’s classroom and to visit our Book Fair.

Classes

Over the last two weeks, we have been taking registrations for new students in our community. As such, classes are tentative. Once enrolment is confirmed, there may be changes due to large class sizes. We will keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible.

Allergies

We have students and staff with severe allergies. Pius is a “Nut Controlled” environment. Please refrain from sending food items to school that contain nuts.

Medical Concerns

An Emergency Information Form will be sent home that needs to be completed. Please list emergency contact information on this form. **Please also indicate if your child has any serious allergies or health concerns.** We will send home a medical information form for further details.

Code of Conduct

The safety and well-being of students and staff are priorities at Pius. For this reason, we have outlined the routines and rules in the front section of the agenda. Please read and review this handbook with your child. Sign and return the form acknowledging this.

Bikes

If your child is riding a bike to school, they must wear a helmet. This is the law. It is also for their own safety, to protect their brain. Please enforce this rule with your child.

Piano

Piano lessons are being offered at Pius XII School for the 2019-2020 year. Lessons are on a first come, first serve basis and will coincide with the school calendar. If interested please contact Stefanie St. Louis (705) 822-0998 (Cell).

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your warm welcome. I have been truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve this wonderful school community. We look forward to a year of growth, as Leaders in learning and faith.

Sincerely,

L. Franklin
Principal