

## **Building Community: Exploring the History of St. Pius X**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this parent series is to help parents gain a better understanding and appreciation for our school mission. By exploring our school's history, parents will gain an in-depth explanation of our roots and our purpose. The goal is for our families to gain a greater connection to our school community.

### **Speaker Series 1: Tuesday, September 29**

#### **Our Roots: It's the People that make the difference**

- The talk will start with President Parr taking parents through the decades of St. Pius which will include our founding, past leadership, and how St. Pius has changed over the years while keeping the mission the same. President Parr will then give a testimonial talk about his experience at St. Pius as a student and how his experience shaped his love for education.

### **Speaker Series 2: Thursday, October 15**

#### **Early Years: The forming of our unique culture**

- Guest speaker Mark Kelly, class of 1970 and a St. Pius X teacher, coach, and athletic director from 1976 until his retirement in 2017, will talk about his journey at St. Pius as a student and faculty member during the early years of the school's founding. "Coach Kelly" will talk about some of the great people, traditions, and funny moments that the audience will love! There is perhaps no one who knows St. Pius better than Mark Kelly. You will not want to miss it!

### **Speaker Series 3: Thursday, November 5**

#### **How we got to today: Growth and Change in the the 2000s**

- Guest Speaker Steve Spellman, St. Pius X Principal from 2000-2020, and President from 2020-2021, will take parents through the decades of the 2000s, highlighting the growth of the school and the key milestones during this time period which brought us to where we are today. "Mr. Spellman" is a legendary figure who had a magnet-like presence with everyone he came across. Parents, Students, and Teachers all rave about his leadership and warm touch. He also hired both Aaron Parr and Kristin Kramer, who now lead the school. You won't want to miss Mr. Spellman talk about his memories at St. Pius X!