

## **Our Students Reflect on Their School Experience**

### **Andrew**

I have attended St. Pius X since I was four years old. I have had a great group of students by my side throughout my years. They have seen me at my best and worst, and were there whenever I needed them. I have developed a close bond with my classmates that you couldn't find at a public school. The teachers here will offer extra help whenever you need it. They will take time out of their busy lives just for you. They try to make school and learning as fun as it can be and have succeeded greatly. St. Pius is based on Christian values that are incorporated daily. We learn to be excellent Christians who serve God, and participate in mass with enthusiasm. St. Pius has given me a great education, and has prepared me for college.

### **Beth**

Attending St. Pius has been one of the best things that I have gone through. Ever since I was in 4k I wanted to grow up to be just like the 8<sup>th</sup> graders that I had admired, but now that it is time to wrap up my life at St. Pius it gets me thinking about all the things I have gone through at this school with these people. From learning my multiplication facts to playing on the snow banks I keep each memory close to me. My teachers at St. Pius have taught me the skills that will help me thrive in my life to come. They have taught me to recognize that God shines through each one of us, and that we have many gifts to share. Although they are a big reason I have gotten to where I am today I could not have done it without the support of my friends around me. We have so many inside jokes, and we know how to help each other when we are down. They have made school more than a learning experience for me. We have brought each other up as well as sometimes put each other down, yet we have gotten through it. St. Pius is a place where I can be myself, and for years to come I will remember all the things I have been through and it will make me stronger.

### **Brandon**

My St. Pius experiences are being able to have such understanding and helpful teachers throughout my ten years of being here. If you need a hand or if you're lonely you always be able to find all kinds of people willing to be your friends at St Pius. Coming to this school is one of the most fortunate things that has ever happened here. When I first came here I was so surprised by the fact that everyone wanted to be my friend, so when I got home I was crying and I said "everyone was really nice to me Mama". From that day forth I loved this school and my friends so much I didn't want it to ever end.

### **Carl**

I have been at St. Pius for only three years now and I have already found a great group of friends. At my old school I never got a good education in religion. Here at Pius I have learned so many things that it would take me about 8 papers to tell you what I have learned. All of the teachers are always willing to help you in any subject. All of the kids at Pius are really nice and they will help you with anything. One of the things at Pius that got me to come was the size of our gym, it is huge. Our gym is so big that we have a night were all you do is skate in around the entire gym every Saturday. At Pius we always know how to have fun. At skate nights we always have parties and big dances at our school and other schools too. St. Pius has been a wonderful experience for me these past 3 three years.

### **Carly**

My St. Pius experience has been filled with happiness and joy. The teachers are always there to help you with your school work or just things that are going on in your life. We have volunteers that come in a few times a week to help kids that need help with there school work. At St. Pius you are friends with everyone, no one is left out of anything. We also have really great sports teams. We have basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, and track. There are no cuts so even if you aren't so good at a sport you can still play.

### **Colby**

This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> and a half year at St.Pius. I have met a lot of new friends. When I first came here I felt welcomed. I felt Pius X was the place for me. This school taught me a lot of things. There was so much that I didn't know until I came here. If you're having trouble your teacher will know right away. The next day you will be scheduled with a tutor that will help you with whatever you need help with. That's what really helped me. Pius X has the biggest gym ever! It can at least fit over 1000 people. That's what made me really happy. We have so much fun here at Pius. The lunch here is great. The best part about it is that when you're done you can go back up for more food. We have skate nights that are just very fun. Skate night is open for everyone, even if you don't come to this school. We also have School dances which everyone comes to. Anyone can also come but you have to have your parent's permission to enter. Pius X is the place to grow.

## **Our Students Reflect on Their School Experience (Cont.)**

### **Ian**

My St. Pius Experience has been very fun. First off at my school I am surrounded by people who care about me and my education. The whole atmosphere at Pius is a good feeling that you get when you first walk in and say to yourself "This is where I want to be." St. Pius really prepared me for my future. The skills that I have learned at Pius will help me exceed for future needs mainly in high school or college. The teachers are great. They help me with all the problems I have in school. All of them will go over questions and help me understand the concept I have to take out of that lesson. I will never forget all the fun times I have had at Pius. Most of them are either with my classmates during a fun activity, or helping our little buddies with their Pius experience that they will be writing about in a while. I hope that I will leave a mark on Pius for future students at Pius so they can grow not only as a student in school, but also in their life to be a better catholic person to God.

### **John**

I have been coming to St. Pius since 4k. Over the years I have built up knowledge that will most defiantly be useful in later life, and I most of this knowledge has come from this exceedingly stupendous school. Just about everyone knows your name, and is willing to help you when you need help. My friend's and I have had many unique years here, most of the time the uniqueness came at the end or beginning of a year when we found out a teacher moved up with us, or we have a completely new teacher. Our class quite possibly has been known for talking constantly over the years. The teachers here all want to help us, but sometimes we don't ask. They know this and when they see we don't really get certain things, but find it hard to ask for help they might cover it during class. I don't know whether it has happened by chance, or our teachers really know us that well. Coming to this school has also deepened our faith in God. Religion classes teach us that our God is true God, and that his son Jesus is the Messiah. We are taught to follow the commandments, and to follow the teachings of Jesus and his followers. Over all my Pius experience has been a great one in which I have met some great people, and learned many interesting things in all our subjects.

### **Johnathan**

The school is nice and the teachers are too. They try to help us constantly and give us what we need to learn. They are nice even when we are bad. Everybody helps out someone in one way or another. The older kids have buddies with the 5 K students so we teach them how to behave in church. The kids spend a lot of time together and are pretty close. I know a lot of schools say that they are practically families but I know for a fact that this school is a family.

### **Katie**

My St. Pius experiences have been filled with great people around me and filled with delight. Everyone is so nice and helpful. One advantage of having a smaller school is that there are small classes so the teachers are able to focus on everyone. St. Pius is an extremely faithful school and truly plays out Jesus' message of loving your neighbor as yourself. It has high, wonderful academics. St. Pius is the place to be!!

### **Kellci**

I came to St. Pius X grade school in the third grade. Right away I felt like I had been here through all my previous years of being in school. We are all like a big family. I am now in eighth grade and I wouldn't change a thing about my education. I have grown spiritually, socially, and academically.

St. Pius has very small class sizes. This has made such a huge difference in my schooling. I know that no question is a stupid question. Teachers are always willing to help you in any way that you need it. I'm not afraid to ask questions in class either. I know my classmates won't make fun of me, and that they'll even help me. The academics here are really advanced. I definitely feel ready for high school. The subjects are challenging, but you learn a lot. At St. Pius, you know that you have great potential and how to use it. Because of our Religion classes, I have definitely come to understand my faith more. I am not catholic, but because of these classes, I believe that I have become more intone with what my religion teaches.

Into the future, I will never forget this school and the people in it. All the teachers and students have a positive attitude, and are happy. St. Pius feels like home. Many kids don't look forward to going to school, but do. This school has definitely made me more responsible, confident, and independent, a thinker, and an individual. I have become my own person due to St. Pius. St. Pius has definitely prepared me for the future and all of the challenges that are in it.

### **Maria**

I've been attending St. Pius X Grade School since 4K. Over the 10 years that I've been at Pius, I've grown a lot. My school has helped me grow not only in Catholic education, but also socially and academically. Pius is like a huge family. We all know each other by name, and have conversations with one another. The teachers here are extremely helpful. Not only do they help us with our school work, but students can also come to them for advice in other areas of our lives; they are like our second parents. The teachers at St. Pius make sure that the students are always doing the best they can do, which I think will really help us all in the long run. They never let us settle for less when they know we can do better. All of the teachers devote a lot of extra time to ensure succession.

I will never forget the students here. My classmates almost always have a smile on their face. Pius is a very positive, religious environment, which helps the students gain the sense of being respectful. St. Pius instills in the students how to live by God's laws. Everything we do here is based off of the religious values that are taught here. I am very thankful that I have attended St. Pius X Grade School for these 10 years of my life. This school has helped me boost my confidence and independence, understand my religious views, and improve my responsibility. I know that the firm foundation that I got here at Pius will help me for the rest of my life.

### **Mitchell**

My St Pius experience has been pretty good. Everybody here is caring and nice and you always feel welcome here. When I am learning something and I don't get it I can ask my teacher about it and they will explain it and help me until I fully understand it. If I don't want to ask my teacher about something I can always ask one of my friends and they will help me in any way possible so that has helped my experience at Pius be a good one that I've enjoyed. When I walk out of Pius I know I will have all the skills I need for high school and the rest of my life because I learned them from going to Pius.

### **Joseph**

I've been a student here at Pius since 4K; I really don't remember anything other than this school. This school is probably the most familiar thing in my life. It's hard to imagine anything else. Leaving this school can seem like a scary thought. However, I know that the education that I got in this school will help me through high school. It comforts me to know that the educational and spiritual developments I experienced at this school will help me, not in just the short term, but in the long term as well. St. Pius was definitely an important part of my life that will forever affect my future decisions.

### **Ryan**

My St. Pius experience has been great the whole time I have been here. It has been filled with kindness and joy through everyone. Especially the teachers, they have been by your side guiding the right way the whole time. Whenever you have a problem the teachers take their time out of their day to help you catch up to where you need to be. Also, the way that others treat you is amazing! I have heard people say the first day they came here a bit scary because they didn't know anyone, but the next couple days that person was friends with everyone. At St. Pius X grade school everyone fits in and it is where your child will grow into a more Christian, honest, and hard working person. I have loved the St. Pius X community, it has been great and I will definitely miss it next year when I am in high school.

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