Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

Greetings! I hope this online newsletter finds you well and enjoying your summer! This past year has been a momentous one for the Pius X Foundation.

Our sole purpose is to support the high school and mission. As of July 1, 2009, the Foundation had a balance of more than $7.7 million and $368,000 will be transferred to Pius X High School for funding for the 2009-2010 fiscal school year. This balance will continue to increase due to funding from the A Tradition of Faith campaign, planned gifts and the Annual Appeal.

Our enrollment continues to grow. For the 2009-2010 school year, a record number of 302 freshmen will enter the doors at Pius X. This will bring enrollment up to 1,050 students!

Since the A Tradition of Faith campaign began in January 2006, we have collected over $9.3 million. This investment is allowing the dream for expanded and renovated facilities and increased financial assistance to take shape. Our goal is $13,000,000 so we have approximately $3.7 million to go. With many prayers and God’s help, we know we can do it!

As of July 20, 2009, the Pius X Foundation Annual Appeal has surpassed the goal of $175,000 with $177,324 pledged and 94 percent collected.

A total of $26,650 in scholarships was awarded last November to 66 students. Approximately $30,000 in scholarships will be given out for the 2009-2010 school year.

During the 2008-2009 fiscal year over $325,700 was given to the Pius X Foundation in the form of memorials, named funds/scholarships, planned gifts and annual appeal donations. Thank you!

Many special events were held at Pius X High School this past year such as BOLT, the Friends of Pius reception, Founder’s/Grandparent’s Day, Homecoming, All Soul’s Day, many extra-curricular activities, the Thunderbolt Scramble and the Alumni Basketball Tournament to name a few. All of these events give members of the Pius X family an opportunity to connect with one another and strengthen ties to the school.

What does all of this mean to you? We are so blessed and can all take great pride in the success that Pius X is having in fulfilling our mission of “Restoring All Things in Christ” and providing a great Catholic education to many students in the Lincoln community.

As we will shortly be embarking on a new school year, I want to thank everyone once again for all that you do and for helping make our school so successful. We are forever grateful for your continued support and will continue to be good stewards of the funds you have entrusted to us. I hope that you will continue to have pride in our accomplishments and in all that we do.

May God bless you and your families!

Micheline Birkel, Development Director
New endowed fund established within Pius X Foundation honors Vince Aldrich

In May, a fund was established within the Pius Foundation to honor the memory of Vince Aldrich who was one of the founding faculty members at Pius X in 1956. The purpose of this fund is to support teachers and individuals who are involved in extracurricular activities at Pius X High School. This fund will be a permanent source of support for the school and for those individuals who dedicate their time outside of the classroom in activities which further the development of Pius X students.

Vince contributed to the positive development of many students from the opening of the school until his death in 1985 in his various roles as a coach, athletic director, and teacher. He dedicated his life to building strong character in many students whose lives he touched. His students learned how to set and achieve individual and team goals, and gained an appreciation for the value of teamwork, perseverance, and leadership. This fund will help support teachers like Vince Aldrich who involve themselves as mentors to youth through their involvement in extracurricular activities.

All endowed funds and named scholarships at Pius X are donated and invested in the Pius X Foundation. Once money is donated to the Foundation, it is invested with the Foundation’s assets and only the interest earned is used.

We would like to thank Mike Hughes, President of the Aldrich Foundation, Clancy Woolman, Vice President, Mary Aldrich Knight, Secretary and George Easley, Treasurer for a successful transition that will benefit Pius X High School and continue the legacy of Vince Aldrich.

Mary Aldrich Knight (’74), daughter of the late Vince Aldrich presents a check to Fr. Meysenburg. Pictured from left to right are Clancy Woolman, Fr. James Meysenburg, Mary Aldrich Knight and Michelle Birkel
Everyone leaves footprints on the sands of time.

A person is remembered for his or her character, compassion, generosity and values. When we leave positive impressions behind us, we enhance the lives of our friends and loved ones, and we give them footprints to follow.

Thoughtful legacy planning is one means we have to make a print in the sand.

Planned gifts are everlasting and ensure the future of Catholic education. They leave behind a lasting memory for families and show commitment to their faith and the need to see that faith passed on to generations to come.

The future of Pius X High School relies on the generosity of those that wish to touch lives by leaving a legacy.

For more information about the St. Pius X Legacy Society or planned giving, contact Michelle Birkel at (402) 488-1048 or michelle.birkel@piusx.net.

Touch the lives of others...

...forever.

VanDersarl Endowment reaches $50,000

Thanks to our generous donors the Jules J. and Clovis J. VanDersarl Endowment for Science and Music recently reached the $50,000 mark!

This endowed fund was established in December 2005 by Dr. Jules V. VanDersarl ’61, in memory of his parents, Jules Sr. and Clovis VanDersarl and benefits our science and music departments. Since the inception of the VanDersarl Endowment over $4,000 has been given back to the school, and been used to purchase music, a video camera, a keyboard and microscopes.

The legacies created by our named scholarships and endowments, such as the VanDersarl Endowment, will forever touch the lives of Pius X students and their families with the gifts that they give back to the school. For a complete listing of our named scholarships and endowed funds you can visit our website at www.piusx.net/foundation/scholarships.htm or contact the Foundation Office for more information.

Match your gift when you give to the Pius X Foundation with the help of your employer

Make your gift go even further! Many companies participate in gift matching programs. Some companies will even match gifts made by retirees and spouses of employees. If you work for any of these companies listed below, you now have an easy way to double or even triple your gift to support Pius X High School! All of these companies plus many others not listed here, will match your donation to a charitable organization like the Pius X Foundation. If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it to the Foundation Office completed and signed with your gift. We will do the rest! For additional information, please contact the Foundation Office at (402) 488-1046.

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A note from the Alumni Office

The Alumni Office has been busy with the summer reunions for 2009. The Class of 1959 has already had theirs, and it looks like they had a great time! The classes of 1969 and 1999 had their reunions the weekend of July 17th, and the class of 1994 had theirs on July 25. The classes of 1974, 1979 and 1984 are having their fun filled reunions the weekend of July 31st, and the class of 1989 will hold their reunion during the weekend of August 7th. For more reunion information visit our website at www.piusx.net/alumni/reunionschedule.htm. If you will be planning a reunion in 2010, be sure to check out our new reunion event planning page with ideas of various places to hold your reunion with names, addresses and phone numbers.

We now have an official Pius X alumni fan page on Facebook where you can get updated information on Alumni happenings, links to update your information, as well as a list of our missing alumni. Be sure to check it out! Our number of fans is growing because it’s a great way to stay informed of the alumni events and stay in touch with your classmates!

Do you have any news that you would like to share with your classmates? Please let us know, and we will be happy to include it in our next Pius Connections issue coming out this fall. You can visit our web page at www.piusx.net/alumni/ or contact me at (402) 488-0931 or alumni@piusx.net.

Thank you to all of our Pius X Alumni for being a part of our school!

Sincerely,
Kristin Heath ‘91, Alumni Director

Save the date for Homecoming 2009

Sept. 18 will be the date for the Annual Alumni & Friends of Pius X Homecoming Tailgate Party! Please join us for hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, cookies and beverages. Free will donations will be accepted. The tailgate will begin at 5:30 p.m. under the tent west of the school. We will have a bouncy house and tattoos for the kids! Kick off is at 7 p.m. with Pius X vs. Ralston. We need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. If you would like to volunteer for this fun event, please contact Kristin Heath at 488-0931 or email alumni@piusx.net. Your support of Pius X High School is always very much appreciated!
Class of 1959 celebrates 50 years

The Class of 1959 held its 50th reunion the weekend of June 12-14, in Lincoln. The class celebrated with a casual cocktail party at the Woodman of the World Lodge on Friday evening. A few class members gathered at Pius X High School on Saturday morning to see all the changes that Pius X has made over the last 50 years. Saturday evening the class gathered at Valentino’s Grand Buffet for an evening of enjoyment. It looks like fun was had by all who attended! Thank you to the Class of 1959 for a fun-filled reunion!
Jeff Dodd Memorial Walk/Run

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at Holmes Lake Shelter #1

1 Mile Kids’ Run – 10 a.m.
5K Run – 10:30 a.m.

Lunch and raffle at Pius X High School following the events

We will be raffling off a 52” flat screen TV, a 6-month membership to SNAP Fitness and other prizes

Raffle Tickets are $10

Jeff’s Story...

Jeff Dodd graduated from Pius X in 1991 after attending St. Teresa’s and Cathedral schools. He continued his education studying at Notre Dame and in Ireland, earning degrees in English and Philosophy with an emphasis in the study of Irish Literature.

Jeff was a highly involved student who participated in many activities and organizations. He loved every aspect of high school, from the classroom to the activities, to making great friends through everything. He also held down jobs to pay for his own tuition to attend Pius X.

Jeff was a devoted and loving husband and father to his family and chose to work from home to be closer to his wife Kelly and his children Aubrey, Regan, Jack and Finn.

Jeff died in September 2008 from Melanoma.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the Jeff Dodd Memorial Scholarship at Pius X High School, which will be awarded annually (once it reaches $10,000) to a student who shares the ambition, passion and enjoyment of high school that Jeff had.

To read more about Jeff’s story and his family visit jeffsdailyupdate.blogspot.com on the web.

Registration

Name: ___________________________________
Address: ___________________________________
City, State, Zip: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________________
Email: ___________________________________
Birth date: ________________________________

Circle one if purchasing a t-shirt:
Adult: S M L XL

Entry Fees

5K Run
$_______ $12.00 no shirt
$_______ $20.00 shirt

1 Mile Kids’ Run
$_______ $6.00 (includes medal & goody bag)
$_______ Donation to the Jeff Dodd Memorial Scholarship
$_______ TOTAL

Please make checks payable to Pius X High School

Waiver: In consideration of accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heir, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights or claims for damages against organizers of this event or their agents, representatives, successors, volunteers, or the race sponsors for any and all injuries and illnesses or losses I may sustain during the course of the event.

Signature & Date (if minor, Parent/Guardian Signature)

Please send registration form and payment to:

Jeff Dodd Memorial Run/Walk
c/o Denae Martin
6211 O St
Lincoln, NE 68510

Larsen Bryant & Associates, CPAs
The 2009 Thunderbolt Scramble was held June 29, at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln. Everyone had a great deal of fun and over $13,000 was raised, which will go to the Pius X Booster Club. Our success was the result of wonderful participation of competitors and sponsors. We’re also grateful for the support given by Mark Wible and the Firethorn Golf Club. We extend a thank you to our volunteers that worked so hard to make this tournament a success, especially the co-chairpersons, Steph Kolbas and David Easley ’98, and to our wonderful sponsors including Lincoln Poultry, Double Eagle Beverage and Firethorn Golf Club for supporting this great event!

This year’s winners include the following:

**Champion Flight**
1st Place – Hanzel team with a score of 48  
John Hanzel, Pat Hanzel, Dan Jenkins, Zach Peed
2nd Place – Hilger team with a score of 51  
Tom Hilger, Rick Lange, Andrew Hilger, Dave Liegl
3rd Place – Acton Marketing team with a score of 54  
David Easley, Brian Beach, George Monnier, Jayme Shelton

**First Flight**
1st Place – Finegan team with a score of 58  
Jack Finegan, Joe Finegan, Matt Ward, Dr. Cary Ward
2nd Place – Reynoldson team with a score of 58  
Chad Reynoldson, Tom Seib, Justin Hart, Doug Carr
3rd Place – Henkenius team with a score of 59  
Mike Henkenius, Keith May, Aaron May, Father Jim Meysenburg

**Second Flight**
1st Place – Buss team with a score of 61  
Jake Buss, Andy Jakub, Damian Shotkoski, Ben Hastreiter
2nd Place – Otto team with a score of 61  
Tim Otto, Alan Slattery, Rich Herink, Kevin Slattery
3rd place – Dolezal team with a score of 61  
Jim Sedlak, Matt Moser, Phil Lange, Russ Dolezal