



St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

February 10, 2017

FUNDRAISER RECAP



We are pleased to report the SPSL Fundraiser last October "Casino Night - Winning Big For Our Kids" raised approximately \$90,000 for the school! Of that total, \$14,469 is designated money for specific areas (e.g. Teacher Wish List, GIVE for outside kitchen doors and the tuition drawing). The remaining \$75,531 will be used according to the following plan established by the



School Board:

- 32% for Capital Improvements
- 30% for the Regular School Budget
- 20% for Technology and Educational Resources
- 13% for Teacher Education and Classroom Stipends
- 5% for St. Pius X / St. Leo Educational Endowment Trust Fund.

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SAFETY - DRIVING & PARKING CONCERNS



We continue to have concerns brought to us about the safety issues during arrival time of students in the morning and at the end of the day at dismissal. The following items are extremely important for all people who drive students to and from school.

Please only park in designated parking stalls and do not double park. Please also do not park on any part of the designated crosswalk in the west parking lot.

- The west parking lot should be used only for parents who need to drop off or pick up Pre-Kindergarten students. This also allows us be considerate to the parking needs of anyone needing to get to the rectory office or visitors to the school.
- If you drop off and pick up Pre-Kindergarten students, please back into the parking stalls as it is difficult to see the children as they come and go.
- Please continue to follow the drop off procedure in the south parking lot. The procedure can be found online by clicking [here](#).
- If you are driving into the parking lot directly east of the North Building to drop off in the morning, please be sure to pull up to the front of the church door if there is no one in front of you, to drop off your children. All cars behind this lead person would then allow their children to get out of the car along the east side of school.
- All students should get out of their cars only on the right side of the vehicle. We advise that you do not have students passing in front or in the back of cars. This is too dangerous.
- Please be aware of kids utilizing any of the crosswalks on or near school property.
- As cars pull out of the east or west parking lot going directly onto Blondo Street, please remember to only turn right and to make sure to watch for pedestrians walking on the sidewalk next to Blondo Street.
- To avoid the backlog of cars coming into the front church parking lot in the morning, students can also be dropped off in the lot east of 69th Street or the south church parking lot.
- All cars parking in the east and south parking lot at the close of the school day should pull forward so you can pull out going forward, or, you need to back into the parking stall. If you have to back out the chances of hitting someone are greater and we don't want this to happen.

Thank you for your help in keeping all of our students safe!

SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS



"Hooray!" cried Noah and Velda. They were very excited because they had just arrived at their neighborhood Fun Center. They raced to the front door and ran toward the token counter. "Stop!" cried the security officer, "You are not allowed to run in the center."

Noah and Velda knew they should Accept Correction. They looked at the security officer. They replied "OK" and did not argue with the security officer. The security officer looked grateful that they had used this social skill, and he smiled.

Noah and Velda noticed a group of their friends standing behind the officer. Their friends were giggling. The friends were teasing Noah and Velda about getting in trouble.

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INTEREST IN SPSL?

Parents (of new families) who are interested in sending their child/ren to our school for the 2017-2018 school year should call the school office at (402) 551-6667 to arrange a tour.

THE WRITE STUFF FOR HANDWRITING HELP!

HANDWRITING CAMP

Licensed occupational therapists from Creighton Pediatric Therapy will be facilitating a handwriting camp for students in grades K through 4, beginning on March 1st. The class will meet on Wednesdays after school through April 5th. The Movin' and Groovin' camp offers multisensory activities and hands-on instruction from licensed occupational therapists to improve handwriting skills. For additional information on the camp and how to register, please click on the

Noah and Velda knew they should be Ignoring the Behaviors. They chose to not look at their friends. Instead, they stayed focused on the task of purchasing tokens. They did not respond to their friends giggling and teasing. Soon their friends stopped their inappropriate behavior.

Suddenly Noah and Velda were faced with a problem. They didn't have enough tokens for games and rides. As Panthers, they had learned to use the S.O.D.A.S. approach to solving problems. They had learned to define the Situation, generate two or more Options, look at the potential Disadvantages and Advantages, and then decide on the best Solution. Using this social skill, they defined the problem as not having enough money to buy the tokens they wanted for all of the Fun Center rides that they had planned to ride. Noah and Velda decided that they had two options. They could go home, or they could play games with their tokens and not go on any rides. One disadvantage of going home was that they would not have any fun at the center. A disadvantage of just playing the tokens was that they would not get to go on any rides. An advantage of going home was that they would not be disappointed about missing the rides. Noah and Velda then decided that they would have more fun by staying and playing their tokens.

Noah and Velda were glad to use S.O.D.A.S. to define the Situation, come up with Options, and look at the Disadvantages and Advantages before deciding on a Solution. These Panthers said, "Hooray for our social skills training!"

EVENTS

February 10 - Gr 7 & 8 Book Bowl - St. Vincent de Paul - 4:30 p.m.
February 11 - Metro Catholic Spelling Bee Championship at St. Mary's School in Bellevue - 9:00 a.m.
February 11 - Gr 7 & 8 MATHCOUNTS Competition - Omaha Marriott
February 12 - SPSL Church Choir at St. Pius X at 9:30 a.m.
February 14 - Culver's Night - 120th & Blondo - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
February 15 - Gr 5, 6, 7 & 8 Mass - 8:30 a.m.
February 15 - Fazoli's Night at 80th & Cass from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
February 16 - Gr 1, 2, 3 & 4 Mass - 8:30 a.m.
February 16 - **NOON DISMISSAL** - no lunch served
February 16 - No Pre-Kindergarten classes or Enrichment
February 16 - Parent - Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
February 17 - **NO SCHOOL** - Free Day for All
February 20 - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - School of Faith / Staff Development Day for Teachers
February 21 - School Board Meeting in SPSL Library at 7:00 p.m.
February 22 - Gr 5 Reconciliation - 1:30 p.m.
February 23 - Gr 2 Parent & Student First Eucharist Meeting - St. Leo - 7:00 p.m.
February 24 - Newsletter emailed to parents & posted at www.spsl.net
March 1 - Ash Wednesday Masses
Gr K-4 at 8:30 a.m.

following [link](#).



HEALTH HINT: WHEN IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

According to the VNA, the following are guidelines to assist you in deciding when your child should stay home from school:

- 1. Irritability, poor appetite, tiredness or aches** - changes in a child's normal behavior can often signal the beginning of an illness.
- 2. Fever of 100 degrees or higher.** A child should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.
- 3. Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea** - keep your child home for the duration of these symptoms. Be sure he is able to tolerate food without difficulty before returning to school.
- 4. Nasal secretions and coughing/sneezing** - these spread respiratory infections easily when these symptoms can't be controlled.

Gr 5-8 at 10:00 a.m.

March 7 - Teacher Appreciation Day

March 7 - Gr 2 Parent & Student First Eucharist Meeting - St. Pius X -
- 7:00 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL FOR 2ND QUARTER



We are pleased to announce the names of the 7th and 8th grade students who have made Honor Roll for the second quarter of this school year. In order to be placed on the honor roll, the family handbook states the conditions. It says: "If the average of all subjects is 94.5% or above and there are no N's or U's in general conduct, the student will be placed on the First Honor Roll for the quarter. If the average of all of these subjects is 89.5% to 94.4% and there are no N's or U's in general conduct, the student will be placed on the Second Honor Roll for the quarter. Students on either Honor Roll receive a special certificate of Academic Achievement in their report card each quarter they are on the Honor Roll."

We are thrilled to say that 79% of our 8th grade students made the Honor Roll for the second quarter. In the 8th grade, 40% of students earned a place on the First Honor Roll and 39% on the Second Honor Roll. Way to go 8th grade students! The 8th grade Honor Roll students are as follows:

First Honors for 8th Grade:

Jenna Abbott, Rachel Achola, Sydnee Baysa, Cecilia Behrens, McKenna Blaine, Alessandro Bressani, Sofia Bressani, Abigail Brewster, Kaleb Brink, Will Buechler, Quinlan Coté, Rylee Gregg, Paul Hayes, Henry Hohman, Megan Hoppe, Ellee Houghtaling, Claire Kastl, Anna Kidder, Kyra Knudsen, Cassidy Lang, Eleanor Mangan, Zoey Mihulka, Grant O'Doherty, Daniel Osborn, Ethan Owens, Alexis Perlman, Naomi Piskorski, Anna Preston, Lauren Roecker, Lydia Rose, Olivia Rowe, Audrey Saucier, Elena Sullivan, Isabela Weber, Chloe Whiddon and Claire Wilson.

Second Honors for 8th Grade:

Catherine Alvarez, James Borer, Adrian Cuevas, Iris Cunningham, Emma Ehrhardt, Bridget Gerards, Joseph Glantz, Isabella Goaley, Kaylie Gross-Gusman, Isabelle Hansen, Aryannah Harrison, Sam Herek, Omaira Lado, Jason Larson, Phong Le, Lauren Luedtke, Javier Macias, Sophia Maciejewski, Kelsey McLaughlin, Murphy Mertz, Truman Metcalf, Bailey Miller, Luke Papa, Ashley Rhoads, Abigayle Russell, Emily Salzman, Paulina Salzman, Mia Sharrar, Justin Sitti, Bryce Stutzman, Alexis Townsend, Anthony Tripp, Garrett Vosika, Isabel Whittinghill, Cole Wilber and Alex Yosten.

From the list of honor roll students you can see that many of our 8th graders are studying very hard and keeping their behavior in check! We also know that there are many other 8th graders who are working hard and behaving as they should, but just can't quite make the honor roll. We

5. Suspected communicable conditions

- such as undiagnosed rashes, pink eye, ringworm or chickenpox. A child must be sent home until identified symptoms are evaluated and conditions for return to school are provided by a health care provider.



FUNDRAISING

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also salute these students! Our thanks to all students for their hard work and to their parents for the wonderful support they provide to their children. It takes everyone working together, the students, their parents and the teachers to succeed and do well academically in school. Congratulations to all!

Among 7th grade students, we had 61% make the Honor Roll for the second quarter. In 7th grade, 34% were placed on the First Honor Roll and 27% received Second Honors. The 7th grade Honor Roll students are as follows:

First Honors for 7th Grade:

Abigail Bluvas, Anthony Bope, Michael Bope, Isabelle Borer, Kyra Britt, Evelyn Brown, John Burns, Jackson Dasher, Jack Drew, Fiona Gautschi, Elleiana Green, Drew Jensen, Grace Larson, Elizabeth Monzu, Parker Mooney, Ethan Morrow, Ethan Noon, Julia Nubel, Shantise Pearson, Meaghan Raabe, Grace Ridgley, Josephine Romano, Megan Rozmajzl, Gigi Salerno, Danielle Stolze, Joshua Townley-Thomas, Sanaa Traurig, Abigail Wessling and Will Wharton.

Second Honors for 7th Grade:

Morbi Ando, Adam Brown, Jacob Dasher, Melany Davis, Lucy Drexel, Jasmine Franklin, Molly Gallegos, Vincent Grenier, Emma Hennessey, Dean Johnson, Sam Kastl, Marissa Kelly, Janaizsa Lawson, Alisana Long, Max Mangan, Simon Metcalf, Andrew Sauer, Chase Sharrar, Ethan Streeter, Erik Taylor Jr., Wyatt Walters, Andrew Washington and Carly Worthy.

As you can tell, we have many 7th grade students who are studying very hard and keeping their behavior in check! We also know that there are many other 7th graders who are working hard and behaving as they should, but just can't quite make the honor roll. We also salute these students! Our thanks to these students for their hard work and to their parents for the wonderful support they provide to their children. It takes everyone working together, the students, their parents and the teachers to succeed with such outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations to all!

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to eighth grade student Alessandro Bressani for being crowned the 2017 St. Pius X/ St. Leo Geography Bee Champion. This is the third time Alessandro has won the school's competition, having won it as a fourth grader, and again last year as a seventh grader. Alessandro will take the state qualifying test, and, if his score is one of the top 100 in the entire state, he will be invited to the Nebraska Geography Bee to be held later in the Spring. Seventh grader Abby Wessling was the runner-up.

The ten finalists were:



FOR YOUR HELP AT THE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the height, weight and vision screenings in January. We greatly appreciate your help!



SODA BREAD SALES

Soda bread is being sold at St. Pius X and St. Leo parishes. The school's Tuition Assistance Fund benefits greatly from the soda bread sales. Last year, proceeds from the soda bread sales generated \$14,000 for tuition assistance. Thank you to the St. Leo's Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X's Knights of Columbus and the St. Pius X Men's Club for making and selling the soda bread to help SPSL School!



C.A.R.E.

Please remember to buy C.A.R.E. You may stop by the school office to

Grade 4: Connor Smith and Nathan Bluvas
Grade 5: Charlie Mangan and Giuliana Weber
Grade 6: Caleb Hans and Anderson Lopez
Grade 7: Abby Wessling and Ethan Noon
Grade 8: Alessandro Bressani and Cassidy Lang



place your order. You'll also find the C.A.R.E. form on the school's [homepage](#). C.A.R.E. has its own e-mail address which is spslcare@spsl.net.

Thank you for supporting SPSL by buying C.A.R.E.!

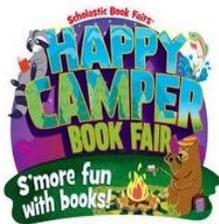


CULVER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, February 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is Culver's Night at the **120th and Miami Streets** location. You can support our school while enjoying a ButterBurger or a frozen custard!

OPTIONAL DRESS DOWN DAY

We would like to kick off our Book Fair Week with a dress down day on Friday, February 24. Students can donate loose change or dollars to the SPSL Library Media Center and dress down on that day. SPSL will purchase books for our library with the money donated by the students.



"Dress Down" means casual attire including t-shirts, jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts and blouses. We ask that t-shirts are in good taste without offensive language/graphics. They may not display musical groups, advertise drugs/alcohol or display guns, weapons or violence. Sleeveless shirts and bare midriffs are not allowed. Jeans and sweatpants must be without holes and tears. Girls may wear

leggings, but they must be accompanied with an extra long sweater, blouse or skirt. Flannel pants and/or pajama pants may NOT be worn. We recommend that students not wear any clothing that is too tight or too short. Shorts are not "in season" so may NOT be worn. As with any school day, the sock, shoe and jewelry code are in effect, except that the students are allowed to wear any color of socks and any shoes that have the heels and toes closed. The jewelry code stays exactly the same. Please check the Family Handbook if you have questions regarding these policies.

(For further information on the SPSL Book Fair, please click [here](#).)



FAZOLI'S NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, **February 15**, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fazoli's restaurant at **80th & Cass Streets**. When you place your order, please show the cashier the following [flier](#). Every third Wednesday of the month will be Fazoli's Night at the Cass Street location. Join the fun!

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Straight from the Heart would like to thank the following families for their kindness and generosity. This is a parent sponsored program that provides the opportunity to show their appreciation to the faculty and staff by providing treats. We send our thanks to the following families providing monetary donations to Straight from the Heart to be used in the second semester. (Every effort is made to include the names of all participating families, but apologies to anyone that was inadvertently excluded.)

Albin	Harr	Peter
Ashby	Henningsen	Phelps
Bluvas	Jordan	Ramsey
Bope	Kocmich	Romano
Buechler	Koentjoro	Rusch
Carney	Kubat	Sall
Christen	Luther	Schartz
Coyle	Matthews	Schmidt
Drew, Curt & Michelle	Matuella	Sierawski
Engel	McGill	Smith
Gallegos	McMahon	Strehle
Gautschi/Hoarty	Monzu	Swanson
Geiselman	Morris	Swinarski
Gish	O'Hare	Villier
Graham/Turbes	Osborn	Vosika
Hans	Pakiz	Weber
Hansen	Patch	



Straight from the Heart sincerely thanks you!



RACE FOR EDUCATION

The annual Race for Education will take place on **April 21, 2017**. Mark your calendars for this great event!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPSL's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, **May 20, 2017**, at the Knolls Golf Course. If you would like to participate in the golf outing or would be willing to sponsor a hole or donate a prize, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 for more information. Please join us on the links!

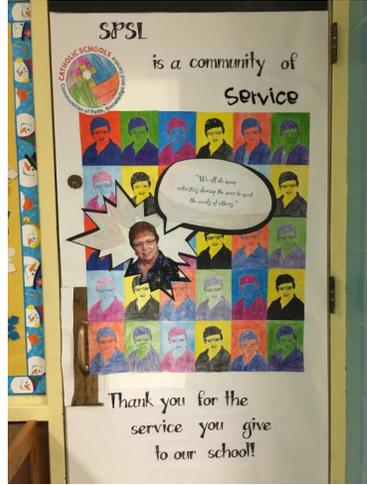
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - WALL & DOOR DECORATING



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