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St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

March

ONE SPIRIT, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

Let us know what you think! Make your voice heard!



Earlier this month, we started a comprehensive survey of our St. Pius X and St. Leo the Great Parishes and SPSL School family. We want to determine support for a major fundraising effort for our community. To best move forward, the study will also provide us with information to prioritize our goals, identify prospective campaign leaders and establish a realistic campaign goal.

Please share your thoughts with us. Everyone should have received a mailing with details on our vision. **We are asking everyone to participate in a brief interview or complete a survey.** The completed mail surveys can be returned to the school with your child and given to our teachers who will route them to the office.

After all this information is compiled by the Steier Group, our development firm, and presented to us, we will make an informed decision on how to address our needs.

Your input is valuable and greatly appreciated as we plan for our future.

Joyce Gubbels, SPSL Principal
Fr. Craig Loecker, St. Leo the Great Pastor
Fr. Mike Eckley, St. Pius X Pastor



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ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS

St. Pius X / St. Leo School Office of Development and both parishes are again offering an **"Awareness Seminar"** on **Wills and Trusts** following a free brunch at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 2nd in the school library. A seminar will also be held on Thursday, April 6th at 12:00 p.m. at St.

Leo the Great Church in the social hall. Joe Byam with Byam & Hoarty Law Firm will be the presenter.

You can attend **either** seminar!

If you don't have a will or need to update your current one then plan on attending one of these two **FREE** awareness seminars on wills and trusts. Please **RSVP** to Bob Nowaczyk by calling the school office at (402) 551-6667 so we can provide appropriate materials and refreshments for you.



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SAVE THE DATE

St. Pius X / St. Leo School proudly announces the second annual:

SPSL School Awards and Recognition Dinner

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

6pm Cocktail Reception

7pm Dinner and Awards Presentation

We would like to invite you to our awards recognition dinner. Individual tickets are \$45. Table sponsorships are available (\$400 for a table of eight or \$200 for a half table) or you can provide tickets for others to attend by donating online by clicking [here](#). We hope you are able to attend the dinner and we look forward to celebrating our honorees. An invitation was sent home with your youngest or only child today.

The following awards / honors will be presented:

- The NCEA / SPSL School "*Distinguished Graduate*" Award - **Dr. Joseph Townley (1976) and Jeff Kobza (1977)**
- The Reverend George Kempker "*Volunteer of the Year*" Award - **Mike & Allison Baysa**
- The Sister Brigetta Burns "*Teacher of the Year*" Award - **Terri Preston**
- The Sister Viola Miksch "*Servants of Mary*" Service Award" - **Gay McTate**
- SPSL School "*Hall of Fame*" inductees - **Nancy & Mike McCarthy**

Please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 if you have any questions.

SPORTS NIGHT



The Sports Night Banquet will be held on Friday, May 5th. Individual tickets are \$40 each for the banquet (or two for \$75). Corporate tables are also available for purchase. The night's schedule will be the following:



THANK YOU

Many thanks to who donated during the council's paper winter. We are report that we 290 reams of paper during the paper winter. The faculty and much appreciate your generous support.



**2017-2018
SCHOOL YEAR**



- 5:30 p.m. - Social hour (including drinks)
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. - Awards presentation
- 8:15 p.m. - Guest speaker - John Cook

More information can be found [here](#). Please feel free to contact Mychal Lanik (mychal.lanik@spsl.net) with any

questions you may have.

If your child(not be return SPSL for the school year, p us know by eit the school c (402) 551-66 emailing Kathy (kathy.graney@s

SPSL'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



SPSL's golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, **May 20, 2017**, at the Knolls Golf Course beginning at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$85 per person, which includes 18 Hole Golf Scramble, cart, prizes, dinner and fun! Proceeds from the tournament support SPSL School's continued tradition of academic excellence. 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!



STAFF APPRE DAY

Wednesday, Ap has been design Staff Appreciatio SPSL School. F honor your child teacher assistar library assistant assistant, sacra coordinator and secretary, cafet maintenance st coordinator, spe drama coordina technology spec C.A.R.E. coordii development coordinators, development as alumni relations office personnel extended care s a note, poster, p small gift, etc. o day. They are a important part o school day and their time and ta with all of our sc

EVENTS

- March 29 Gr 2 Reconciliation - 1:30 p.m.
- March 29 Variety Show Auditions - 3:30 p.m.
- March 30 S.A.M.E. Competition
- March 31 Collect mission money
- April 1 First Communion Practice for 2nd Grade Students - 11:00 a.m. - at both St. Pius X and St. Leo Parishes
- April 2 Estate Planning Seminar - SPSL library - 10:45 a.m.
- April 2 First Communion for 2nd Grade Students - 2:30 p.m. - at both St. Pius X and St. Leo Parishes
- April 3 Students may wear uniform shorts beginning today
- April 4 Gr 1, 2 & 3 Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- April 5 Staff Appreciation Day
- April 5 Gr 6, 7 & 8 Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- April 5 & 6 Gr 7 & 8 Variety Show - 2:15 p.m. - gym
- April 6 Gr 4 & 5 Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- April 6 Estate Planning Seminar - St. Leo the Great Church - 12:00 p.m.
- April 7 Newsletter emailed and posted at www.spsl.net
- April 7 Collect mission money
- April 7 Gr 6, 7 & 8 Speech Meet at Creighton Prep
- April 8 State Destination Imagination Competition - Kearney
- April 8 Quiz Bowl Competition at St. Mary's School - Bellevue - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- April 9 St. Pius X Family Mass - 9:30 a.m.
- April 10 Stations of the Cross (w/ partners) - Grades 1/7, 3/6 and 4 - 8:30 a.m.
- April 11 Stations of the Cross (w/ partners) - Grades 2/8 and K/5 - 8:30 a.m.
- April 11 Culver's Night - 120th & Blondo - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- April 12 Collect mission money
- April 13 **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Holy Thursday

April 14 **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Good Friday
 April 15 FAIR Financial Aid Applications Due
 April 17 **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Easter Monday
 April 18 School Resumes at 8:15 a.m.
 April 19 Fazoli Night - 80th & Cass - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 April 21 Newsletter emailed and posted at www.spsl.net
 April 21 Race for Education - **Dress Down Day**
 April 21 Gr 6, 7 & 8 Speech Meet at Marian High School
 April 22 School grounds clean-up - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 April 25 SPSL Award Recognition Dinner - 7:00 p.m. - St. Leo the Great Church
 April 26 Gr 4 Reconciliation - 1:30 p.m.
 April 28 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - Staff Development & School of Faith Day for Teachers
 April 28 Children's Scholarship online applications due
 April 28 Quiz Bowl Competition at Gross High School - 12:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 April 28 Gr 6, 7 & 8 Speech Meet at Millard North High School
 April 29 Archdiocesan Math Contest at Christ the King
 April 30 Summer Solutions Online Orders Deadline

 May 5 Gr 6, 7 & 8 Speech Meet at Skutt High School
 May 5 SPSL Sports Night - 7:00 p.m. - gym
 May 20 SPSL Golf Tournament - The Knolls Golf Course - 1:00 p.m.

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CULVER'S I

Tuesday, April 5:00 - 9:00
 Culver's Night 120th and Mian location. Please our school while a ButterBurge frozen custard.

If you loved our Top TAGGer contest in December, you're going to love this one. **Mutual First Federal Credit Union** is proud to sponsor March Madness 2017!

Two ways to win!

1) The two TAGGers with the most TAGGs March 10 - April 7 will each receive \$100!



FINANCIAL APPLICATION DEADLINE

2) Any TAGGer with 16 or more TAGGs March 10 - April 7 will reach the SWEET 16 and be entered to win \$100!

So visit our amazing TAGG partner businesses, snap a picture of your receipt (within 7 days), and choose a cause. These businesses will donate 5% - plus you could win!

For more information on TAGG, click [here](#).

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

Congratulations to seventh-grader Ethan Morrow for winning first place in Nebraska in the Letters About Literature competition sponsored by the Library of Congress. As part of the competition, each student chose a book that impacted his or her life and wrote a letter to the author explaining that impact. Ethan wrote his letter to Andy Weir about the book *The Martian*.

Below is an excerpt from Ethan's letter:

"In my advanced literature class this year my classmates would always talk about how much they love reading. I never really understood what they were talking about until I read your book. I was always more of a by the numbers type person that didn't really enjoy reading things that didn't help me learn things that would make me better at something I wanted to be better at. Then this year we started having an independent reading mod so I had to have a book to read I chose *The Martian*. I instantly fell in love with it. Before long I couldn't put it down until I had finished it. Twice. I guess, you could say it opened my eyes to how great books can be. It made me realize that books can combine imagination with REAL science. Before I thought all science fiction books were just fiction. But after I read *The Martian*, I found out good ways to integrate real-life science into writing."

Ethan's entire letter will eventually be posted on the Read.Gov website under Letters About Literature state winner.

On April 12, Ethan will join first and second place winners from elementary, junior high, and high school categories to be honored. The day will begin at the state capitol in Lincoln with the signing of the State Library Day Proclamation by Governor Ricketts. Winners, along with their families and teachers, will attend a luncheon at the Nebraska Club where students will receive their awards. The group will then go to the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at the Bennett Martin Public Library where the students' letters will be archived.

This is not the first time that the Morrow family will attend this day-long event. In 2015, their son Owen also won first place in Nebraska.

Winning letters from each state are entered in the national competition. Those winners have not yet been announced.

MATHCOUNTS

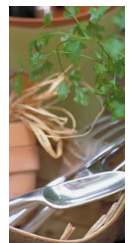
The Mathcounts Regional Competition was held on Saturday, February 11, with over 200 students from 28 schools participating. The following 8th graders qualified to represent St.Pius X / St. Leo School.

FAIR financial applications are due April 15th. (Scholarship Fund applications are due April 28th. If you need of a financial application you contact the school at (402) 551- request one.



FAZOLI'S N

Join us Wednesday 19th, from 5:00 8:00 p.m. at the restaurant at the Cass Streets. third Wednesday month will be Night at the Cass location.



WORK PA

You're invited to a work party. is invited to help the school Plan to m Saturday, April from 8:00 a.m p.m. Luncheon beverages v

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Kaleb Brink
Rylee Gregg
Sal Goaley
Elle Houghtaling
Anna Kidder
Zoey Mihulka
Anna Preston
Isabela Weber

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event of rain,
alternative date
determined. If
questions, please
school office
551-6667.

Isabela Weber and Kaleb Brink finished in the top 30% and the rest of their team placed in the top half. Congratulations to these students for representing our school so proudly.



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click [here](#).

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

The Drug Dodgers, a past Destination Imagination team received the Prevention Means Progress' Community Star award on December 1, 2016. The team was honored at a luncheon. Prevention Means Progress is a Heartland Family Service Program focused on the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. The Community Star Award is given once per quarter to a person or group in the community that has "contributed substantially to the community, has inspired the community to be a healthier place, and has dedicated time and energy towards the education, prevention, or treatment of substance abuse and addiction". The Drug Dodgers were honored for their Dodge Drugs Dodge Ball tournament that was held at SPSL in January 2016. The tournament raised over \$1600 for Prevention Means Progress. Team members included Adrian Cuevas, James Borer, Javi Macias, Alessandro Bressani, Quinn Cote, Cassidy Lang and Paulina Salzmann.



STORM CHASERS FAMILY FUN

SPSL is hosting
Fun Night with
Omaha Storm
Chasers on Friday, May
13th for a fun evening
baseball as we
end of the school year.
Special opportunities
will be available
for students during
the evening. Inform
ticket purchase
provided at a later

MCS FESTIVAL

Congratulations are in order to all the MCS students who participated in the recent solo/ensemble festival in late February. The following students from St. Pius X / St. Leo School were recognized:



Caleb Hans - I rating
Patrick McMahon - I rating
Zach ten Bensel - I rating
Joshua Townley Thomas - I rating
Brooklyn Sauer - II rating
Alex ten Bensel - II rating

SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS Noah and Velda's March Madness



Hooray! Noah and Velda were watching another exciting basketball game at the SPSL gymnasium. With ten seconds left in the game, Noah and Velda's friend Jake committed a foul that allowed the other team to win the game. Shane and Velda knew Noah would be upset so they rushed to the sidelines to console him "Way to go Jake" cried Noah. "You played like you were blind - or maybe just dumb!"

As soon as he spoke, Noah knew that he had violated the guidelines for Use of Appropriate Humor because he was not using humor under appropriate circumstances and he realized that his remarks had made fun of handicapped people. Noah remembered that he should avoid humor that makes fun of groups of people, deals with inappropriate topics or uses inappropriate language. Noah understood he had offended his friends so he promptly and sincerely apologized to his friend Jake and to his friend Jenny.

Jake looked at Noah and Velda and said, "I have learned a lot playing for the Panthers this season and I have learned that there are more important things in life than winning or losing a game." Jake continued, "I have learned that it is important to Show Respect to others by not teasing or making fun of people, by obeying requests to stop negative behavior and by dressing and acting appropriately in public. As a member of the Panthers I have learned to take care of the property of others, to allow others their privacy and to encourage others to follow the rules."

Noah thanked his friend Jake for sharing what he had learned this season. Noah, Velda and Jake all felt better for having used their knowledge of social skills to make a bad situation better for all. Everyone was a winner that day because they had practiced using their social skills. Hooray!

Listed below are the Social Skills that will be reviewed during the month of March:

Showing Respect

1. Obey a request to stop a negative behavior.
2. Refrain from teasing, threatening, or making fun of others.
3. Allow others to have their privacy.
4. Obtain permission before using another person's property.
5. Do not damage or vandalize public property.
6. Refrain from conning or persuading others into breaking rules.
7. Avoid acting obnoxiously in public.



BIBLE BC

The following participated in the St. Bernard's Bible Bee on Saturday, March 14. Paul Hansen, Novotny, Olive Martha Engel O'Doherty and Onyango.

Congratulations to them for their courage and hard work. Novotny placed 1st. The competitive team members represented our school. Thanks to Ms. Carr and Mr. Carr who helped coach and prepare the students.



GEOGRAPHY

For the second year, eighth grade Alessandro Bre represent SPS in the Nebraska Geography Bee at our school in January then a qualifying test. He was one of the top 100 students.

8. Dress appropriately when in public.

Use of Appropriate Humor

1. Use humor only under appropriate circumstances.
2. Avoid humor that makes fun of groups in society, handicapped people, or individuals in your peer group.
3. Avoid sexually oriented jokes and profanity.
4. If humor offends others, promptly and sincerely apologize.

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