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St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

December 17, 2015



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
FROM THE PASTORS AND
THE FACULTY AND STAFF
OF ST. PIUS X /
ST. LEO SCHOOL!



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10:30 a.m. - Grades 5-8

We invite all parents to attend Mass. The children will be transported from school to St. Leo Church on buses. In order to follow the usual morning routine of taking attendance and lunch count, we ask that parents do not take their children directly to St. Leo Church but bring the children to school as usual and let the children ride the buses with their class and teachers.

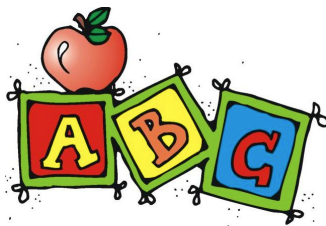
During the week, students will be having donuts in their classrooms. Also, the Book Fair will be available on a limited basis. Students will have the opportunity to go to the Book Fair held in the library during their normal library time.

In celebration of Catholic School's Week and our 60th anniversary, we will send the SPSL newsletter by mail. The mailed newsletter will be the only newsletter for January.

BOX TOPS

There are containers in the school and in the multipurpose room at St. Pius X Church for the above purpose. The drawers are identified to help keep the different items separate. This really helps those who collect and put the items together for submission. Receipts, box tops and labels can also be dropped off at the church office at St. Leos. Hy-Vee register tapes are usable from September 1 through December 31 of each year.

NEW FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR



We are excited to introduce an **all-day, 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten program**, which will be held from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Parents may choose an academic-only three-day morning or five-day afternoon option for their 4 year old. The 3 year old program will continue to be a two-day morning program.



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Help us earn money for our school by registering online with [Goodshop](#). Begin all of your online shopping trips there and our school receives money back. If you shop on-line, start at Goodshop to earn extra money for our school. Click [here](#) to follow the easy on-line instructions for registering to support SPSL. When you are on the Goodshop home page, just click on 'find a cause to support' and then enter 'St Pius X - St Leo Catholic School'. You can buy from hundreds of well-known retailers, and each merchant will donate a designated

PRE-KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION

Parents of incoming Pre-Kindergarten students (3 and 4 year olds) for the 2016-2017 school year are invited to a Roundup on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Pre-Kindergarten Roundup will be held in the pre-kindergarten rooms.



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION



Kindergarten Roundup for the 2016-2017 School Year will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. here at SPSL. Parents and their incoming Kindergarten children are invited to attend this roundup. The roundup will begin in the south cafeteria. Parents will be able to begin the registration process for their incoming Kindergartner at that time. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

EVENTS

December 17 - Christmas vacation begins at dismissal
 December 18 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Staff Development Day for Teachers
 December 19 - 31 - NO SCHOOL FOR ALL - Merry Christmas!
 January 1 -3 - NO SCHOOL FOR ALL - Happy New Year!
 January 4 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
 January 4 - School of Faith Day for Teachers
 January 5 - School resumes at 8:15 a.m.
 January 6 - Mass Gr 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
 January 7 - Mass Gr 4, 5 & 6 at 8:30 a.m.
 January 8 - *Dress Down Day* - earned from the canned food drive
 January 11 - SPSL Church Choir at St. Pius X - 9:30 a.m.
 January 12 - Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.
 January 12 - Culver's Night - 120th & Blondo - 5:00-9:00 p.m.
 January 13 - Height, weight & vision screenings - Gr 2, 4, 6 & 8 and new students
 January 13 - Mass Gr 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
 January 14 - Mass Gr 4, 5 & 6 at 8:30 a.m.
 January 14 - Gr 7 Parent & Student Confirmation Meeting at St. Leo and at St. Pius X, both at 7:00 p.m.
 January 15 - End of 1st semester
 January 15 - Geo Bee School Championship at 2:00 p.m. in the gym
 January 18 - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Development Day for teachers
 January 19 - School Board Meeting in the SPSL Library at 7:00 p.m.
 January 20 - Fazoli Night at 80th & Cass from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 January 22 - Gr K - 8 Report Cards sent home with students
 January 27 - Gr 6 Reconciliation at 1:30 p.m.
 January 29 - *Optional Dress Down Day* to benefit the Scholastic Book Fair
 January 30 - Pre-Kindergarten (3 and 4 year old) Roundup - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - PreK classrooms
 January 31 - Catholic Schools Week begins
 January 31 - SPSL Church Choir at St. Leo - 10:00 a.m.
 February 2 - CSW Masses at St. Leo Church - 8:45 a.m. - Gr K - 4 10:30 a.m. - Gr 5 - 8
 February 5 - *Dress Down Day*
 February 5 - **NOON DISMISSAL** (No Pre-K classes, no lunch served)
 February 5 - Gr 7 & 8 Drama Club perform *Honk* at 7:00 p.m. in the gym
 February 6 - Kindergarten Roundup - 10:00-11:30 a.m. - south cafeteria
 February 6 - Gr 7 & 8 Drama Club perform *Honk* at 7:00 p.m. in the gym

HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND VISION SCREENINGS



SPSL will conduct height, weight and vision screenings for **students in Grades 2, 4, 6 & 8 plus new students on Wednesday, January 13**. Please send your child's glasses with him/her on January 13. If you are concerned about your child's vision and he/she is not a student in one of the grades to be screened, please send a note requesting that we screen your child on January 13.

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HEALTH HINT: HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

It's that time of year again when we enjoy festive meals with family and friends, deck our halls with colorful decorations and listen to squeals of delight as our children open their brightly-wrapped presents. To help ensure your kids have fun and stay safe this holiday, here are a few tips to remember.

- Decorate your tree with your kids in mind.
- Water the tree regularly.
- Check the lights.
- Blow out candles and store matches out of reach.
- Keep harmful plants out of reach.
- Find the perfect toy for the perfect age.
- Keep button batteries away from small children.
- Don't forget a

If you wish to volunteer to help with the health screenings, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667.

BENEFIT FOR MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Music in Catholic Schools invites you to its Benefit Dance and Silent Auction with music by the Swingtones on February 5, 2016. Free swing dance lessons will be offered from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. The Benefit Dance and Silent Auction begin at 7:30 p.m. with desserts and beverages provided for a donation. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center. Funds raised enable students with need to participate in band at their school.



- helmet for new bikes or other toys.
- Prevent spills with pot handles.
- Engage older children in cooking.
- Check your car seat before holiday travel.
- Use booster seats.
- Have an exit strategy on the road.

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SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS

Jay and Bridget have a Merry Christmas!

Shane was upset! Earlier that day Jenny had made fun of his ugly new Christmas sweater. She had really dissed him! Shane knew that when it came to Showing Respect to someone he should not tease or make fun of others; he should allow them their privacy, not use their stuff without permission and take care of it when he did have permission. He also should act and dress appropriately in public and should always stop when someone asks him to stop a negative behavior. Jenny had broken several of these rules and Shane was upset. He had used all his Anger Control Strategies while she teased him. He acknowledged what she was saying, he noticed that his breathing had quickened so he started breathing slowly and deeply while telling himself to relax and then he had asked her to leave him alone for a few minutes. When he was alone, he continued to try to relax by telling himself he would be okay.



Suddenly, Jenny appeared in front of him and Shane knew she was Making An Apology. She looked at him, and using a pleasant voice tone she said, "I am very sorry for teasing you about your Christmas sweater and it will never happen again. "Will you accept my apology? Please?" Shane had practice Accepting An Apology so he looked at Molly, listened to what she had to say calmly and then said, "Thanks for saying I'm sorry!" All was forgiven! Shane was so happy he couldn't help Giving A Compliment to Jenny. He looked at her, smiled, and using a pleasant voice tone, he said, "That was a great apology, it made me very happy!" Jenny was good at Accepting A Compliment. She looked at Shane, smiled and using a pleasant tone of voice, she didn't disagree with him but merely said, "Thanks."

Because they knew how to use their social skills Shane and Jenny had a ...
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

There are MANY items in our lost and found area. If you are missing things, please have your children check that area. Or, parents are also welcome to come and check the area.



SPSL ON-LINE

For more information about SPSL school, please visit our website (www.spsl.net).



NOTE: These "Shane and Jenny" episodes cover the Social Skills that will be reviewed at SPSL in both December and January.

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