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St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

September 4, 2015

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Today we send the first electronic newsletter from St. Pius X / St. Leo School for this school year!



In the newsletter, we will continue to share information about school activities, volunteer opportunities and fundraising events. We will also post important dates for you and your children to remember.



We encourage you to read the entire newsletter. It is the main form of communication between the school and parents about what is happening at SPSL.

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ADDRESS NEW SCHOOL YEAR JITTERS



The start of the new school year is always a big transition, whether a child is starting school for the first time, going to a new school or just moving up a grade.

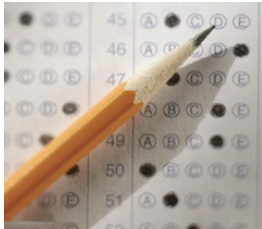
If your child seems quieter, moodier or more anxious these days, here's how you can help ease his/her jitters:

- **Talk to him/her and listen.** Let your child know you're always there to listen to his/her concerns.
- **Reassure him/her.** Remind your child that it's normal to be anxious about the new school year.
- **Seek help.** If your child's distress does not improve after a few

weeks, talk to his/her teacher.

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STANDARDIZED TESTING



The TerraNova, Third Edition, and corresponding cognitive abilities test, InView, will be administered to **all students in grades 3 through 8 between September 28 and October 9, 2015**. Results will be available after all Archdiocesan schools submit the tests for scoring. Please know that the results will be shared with you and your child as soon as they are available.

This standardized test, used in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Assessments administered at every grade level from one to twelve, form a balanced assessment plan for our students and all students in the Archdiocesan schools. The goal of this plan is to improve student learning across the curriculum.

Please contact us at (402) 551-6667 if you have any questions.

2015 P.A.T.H. Parent Questionnaire

The Archdiocese of Omaha PATH (Pornography Awareness, Truth and Healing) Taskforce is wanting to collect information on the impact technology usage/habits have on our children/youth.

You can participate by clicking on this [link](#) to fill out the anonymous survey. Your participation is crucial to gain an accurate understanding of how technology impacts our children/youth. Please complete the survey by September 16, 2015.

A similar survey will be administered to children/youth in our school (Grades 2-8) and Religious Education programs. If you do not wish for your child (in Grades 2-8) to complete the survey, please notify your child's homeroom teacher by Tuesday, September 8th.

Both surveys will also assist the taskforce in developing resources for families in the future. Thank you in advance for your participation! Please consider attending the PATH conference in October.

Face the Truth Conference

Tools to fight pornography in a sexualized culture

Saturday, October 3, 2015
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center
114th and Fort Streets, Omaha NE

[Culver's Night](#)

[Fazoi's Night](#)

[Fundraiser](#)

[Hy-Vee "Cash for Students"](#)

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CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE

The SPSL website (www.spsl.net) has a new look and we are excited to share it with you. The re-designed site will have information, resources, and tools for our parents, showcase student artwork and essays, and also keep you in the loop with the lunch menu and current events. Teachers will be posting newsletters, events, and links on their classroom page so you know what is going on in your child's class.

The website will go live on Tuesday, September 8th so make sure you check it out!

SPSL also has a new Instagram page. Check out #spslomaaha for an inside look at what is happening at SPSL. We encourage you to follow us and like our posts!

8:30-12pm (Parent Session)

Direct all questions to:
mbhanus@archomaha.org

PATH Taskforce
Mary Beth Hanus
3300 North 60th St.
Omaha, NE 68104

SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS



Shane and Jenny meet each other on the front steps of SPSL School on the very first day of class. They have been waiting patiently in the line of cars entering the school parking lot and admiring the beautiful campus. As they exit their vehicle (which has pulled up to the Stop Here and Begin Unloading sign) they see each other, smile, and using a pleasant voice, they greet each other with a warm and hearty "Hello." The school day and the school year have begun on a positive note for both students.

The students at SPSL School will be learning, reviewing and practicing social skills based upon the Boys Town Model that we have been using for many years. It is a program for developing social skills that will help all students be successful in their every day lives and for practicing the social skills that will become increasingly important in their future. It is also the program that is the foundation for the SPSL School student discipline program.

It has been noted that many problems for high school students as well as adults can be avoided by consistently using the social skills taught to all of the Panthers at SPSL School. All social skills being modeled at school will appear in the school newsletter. Please review and practice the skills with your Shane and/or Jenny as we work together to provide a positive learning environment for our students. If you have any questions about the social skills or school discipline please contact the homeroom teacher or Mr. Weare, the Assistant Principal. Social skills will be introduced in the first weeks of school. Let's all work to help Shane, Jenny and all our young Panthers continue to be successful students and even more successful adults.

EVENTS

September 8 - Mass Gr 1, 2 and 3 at 8:30 a.m.
September 8 - Culver's Night at 120th & Miami from 5:00-9:00 p.m.
September 9 - Mass Gr 7 and 8 at 8:30 a.m.
September 10 - Mass Gr 4, 5 and 6 at 8:30 a.m.
September 13 - SPSL Church Choir at St. Pius X Church - 9:30 a.m.
September 15 - Mass Gr 1, 2 and 3 at 8:30 a.m.
September 15 - School Board Meeting in Library at 7:00 p.m.



SPIRIT WEAR

SPSL Spirit Wear items are now available for purchase. Please click on the attached [order form](#) for the items available. Please feel free to print off the order form and return it with payment to the school office. The order deadline is Thursday, September 17th. Please note: spirit wear items are not a part of the school uniform dress code.



CULVER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, September 8, from 5:00 to 9:00 is SPSL night at Culver's at 120th & Miami Streets. When you place your order, please tell the cashier that you are with SPSL. Every second Tuesday of the month will be Culver's night at the 120th & Miami Streets location.

September 16 - Mass Gr 7 and 8 at 8:30 a.m.
 September 16 - Fazoli Night at 80th & Cass from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 September 17 - Mass Gr 4, 5 and 6 at 8:30 a.m.
 September 17 - Newsletter e-mailed and posted on-line
 September 18 - NO SCHOOL for students - Staff Development Day for Teachers
 September 22 - Mass Gr 1, 2 and 3 at 8:30 a.m.
 September 23 - Mass Gr 7 and 8 at 8:30 a.m.
 September 24 - Mass Gr 4, 5 and 6 at 8:30 a.m.
 September 25 - Dress Down Day
 September 27 - SPSL Church Choir at St. Leo Church - 10:00 a.m.
 September 30 - Gr 3 Reconciliation at 1:30 p.m.
 October 17 - SPSL School Fundraiser at Prep - 5:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Gr 3-8 PARENTS - Grades are on-line. Please check PowerSchool often.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

As you know from our family handbook, all of our employees and any volunteers who have one-on-one contact and are alone with children in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese or programs sponsored by the parishes must receive training to provide a safe environment for our students. The following information is on the Archdiocesan website:

Safe environment trainings have been set for "all personnel of the archdiocese, i.e. priests, deacons, paid staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children and young people at the time they enter service in the name of the church" (Archdiocese of Omaha, Child Protection policy 4a, p15).



The Archdiocese of Omaha requires initial Safe Environment training to be live. You must pre-register for that training. Once trained, the certification is good for a period of 5 years. Re-certification training can be done online. For more information on Safe Environment training, click [here](#). Safe Environment Certification is good for a period of 5 years. For more information on Safe Environment training, click [here](#).

HOMEWORK BLOG



Students in grades 5-8 will be able to access a list of homework assignments from home via the Homework Blog. Beginning Tuesday, September 8th, students and parents can access the homework blogs on the school website by clicking on the link for their homeroom teacher.

The blog is being used as a tool for students who have missed class time to get assignments or as a way for students and parents to double check homework against their assignment notebooks. However, the blog should not be used in place of the assignment notebook. Students can expect



FAZOLI'S NIGHT

Wednesday, September 16, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. is SPSL night at the Fazoli's at 80th & Cass Streets. When you place your order, please tell the cashier that you are with SPSL. Fazoli's will donate 10% of that night's sales to SPSL. Join the fun - including crafts for the kids! Every third Wednesday of the month will be Fazoli's Night at the Peony Park location. Mark your calendars!



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SPSL Fundraiser

We hope you will join us for the annual school fundraiser on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The event begins at 5:30pm in the Sullivan Center at Creighton Prep High School. Invitations for all school families are being sent home with students today. Please watch for this invitation to arrive at your home via SPSL student delivery and return your reply card to the office by October

their assignments to be on the blog after 3:30 on school days.

WHEN IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Proper care in the early stages of an illness can reduce recovery time for the ill child and reduce the possibility of spreading the illness to others. Proper diet, adequate rest, and good personal hygiene (especially frequent handwashing) can assist the body's ability to fight infection.

The following are guidelines to assist you in deciding when your child should stay home from school:

***Irritability, poor appetite, tiredness, achiness** are vague symptoms. Changes in a child's normal behavior can often signal the beginning of an illness.

***Fever of 100 degrees or higher.** Take your child's temperature if he is complaining of feeling tired, headache, sore throat or stomach ache. A child should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.

***Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.** Keep your child at home for the duration of these symptoms. Be sure he is able to tolerate food without difficulty before returning.

***Nasal secretions and coughing/sneezing** spread respiratory infections easily when these symptoms can't be controlled.

***Suspected communicable conditions** such as undiagnosed rashes, pink eye, ringworm, 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.

Source: VNA School Nurse

RACE FOR EDUCATION

A huge thank you to all of the students, parents and volunteers who participated in the 11th annual Race for Education held last spring. It was a fun-filled day that included walking, running, red and blue snow cones, special guest appearances from local college athletes and mascots, and, of course, lots of SPSL Panther Spirit!

A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped the day of the race and to the volunteers who helped open and process the sponsorship forms!

SPSL finished the race with GREAT results earning over \$45,600 after

10th. If you have any questions or require assistance, please call the school office.

HY-VEE'S "CASH FOR STUDENTS" PROGRAM

Help raise money for our school while shopping at



Hy-Vee. Please send your store receipts to the school office. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$200 of receipts that we collect. The "Cash for Students" program runs from September 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Thanks for helping us with this easy fundraiser for our school.



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that visitors and volunteers must check into the school office. We ask that you sign your name in our log and wear a name tag inside the school. The name tag shows faculty, staff and students that you are authorized to be in the building. If you volunteer for **lunch duty**, you may check into the cafeteria where you'll also receive

expenses! Donations came in from friends and family from all over the United States.



WAY TO GO PANTHERS!

a name tag. Thank you!



INFORMATION SHARING

Occasionally, St. Pius X and St. Leo Parishes may request information about our school families (such as name, address, phone number, cell phone number, special needs of the family, etc.).

Because we are a two-parish school with St. Pius X and St. Leo being our major supporters, we will share this information unless you request that we do not.

If you do NOT want your information shared with St. Pius X and/or St. Leo, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 by September 11, 2015.



PANTHER AWARD WINNING STUDENTS



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who earned P.A.W.S. awards during the last few months of the 2014-2015 school year.

Schuyler Achola	Jack Johnson	Carter Ramold
Elisee Ahianti	Alex Jolley	Caleb Rawson
Graham App	Avi Kampe	Alexander Reinstein
Anthony Baker	Mary Kelly	Grace Ridgley
Samantha Beck	Anna Kidder	Aiden Rodriguez
Cece Behrens	Bryce Knudsen	Ben Roecker
Greg Blaine	Kaden Kolli	Lauren Roecker
Alessandro Bressani	Janaizsa Lawson	Sylvie Roecker
Will Brewster	Korrina Liekhus	Rory Romano
Tre Bridgeford	Alice Long	Elise Rose
Adam Brown	Lauren Luedtke	Lydia Rose
Aliya Bynum-Payne	Celia Macias	Daniel Rusch
Olivia Camerer	Javi Macias	Abby Russell
Max Clark	Max Mangan	Emily Salzman
Jackson Dasher	Alex Martinez	Anyah Samuels
Jacob Dasher	Tricia Martinez	Jennifer Sandquist
JJ Dasher	Garang Mathiang	Grant Saucier
Maeva Davis	Mathiang Mathiang	Olivia Schartz
Lucy Drexel	Mary Matuella	Lauren Schmidt
Douglas Dyksterhuis	Kameron Mayo	Clayton Shafer
Sam Elias	Ana McCarthy	Mia Sharrar
Martha Engel	Molly McGill	Connor Smith
Johanna Fillmore	Kelsey McLaughlin	Julian Smith



SPSL ON THE INTERNET

While you're browsing the Internet, please visit our homepage to learn about our school. The site contains lots of information about happenings at SPSL School.

Liam Findley
Bridget Gerards
Lily Goaley
Brady Goebel
Josie Gorczykca
Erin Hankel
Isabelle Hansen
Paul Hansen
Emma Hennessey
Molly Herek
Annie Herfordt
Gus Herrera
Eamon Hogrefe
Sheridan Hogrefe
Charlotte Holcomb
Kate Hoppe
Megan Hoppe
Elle Houghtaling
Lacee Houghtaling
Abi Howard
Carly James
Owen Jensen
Isabella Johnson

Anna Mertz
Ryan Meyer
Bailey Miller
Elijah Mitchell
Drew Monzu
PerryJames Newbill
Peyton Newton
Tommy Novotny
Gabe O'Doherty
Chelsea Okosi
Achan Olee
Landon Olson
Brian Onyango
Henry Ortner
Ethan Owens
Sophie Owens
Kayler Paulson
Damien Peteler
Leo Peter
Natalie Piskorski
Trinity Purdy
Meg Raabe

Nate Smith
Jasper Sobetski
Wade Spencer
Daniel Stokes
Langdon Stokes
Danielle Stolze
Ethan Streeter
Vaughn Stubby
Jack Sundermeier
Emma Sutton
Ethan Weber
Giuliana Weber
Reily Welsh
Abby Wessling
Scarlett Wharton
Lily Whittinghill
Quinn Whittinghill
Ben Wilson
Claire Wilson
Carly Worthy
Kate Worthy
Nick Worthy

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