



ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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GR K-8 TUITION & FEES FOR THE 17-18 SCHOOL YEAR

The School Board for St. Pius X / St. Leo School would like to inform parents of the tuition rates for the 2017-2018 school year. In order to continue its excellence in education, SPSL School will have a tuition increase of \$40 (parishioner rate) for the 2017-2018 school year so tuition for one child will go from \$2,661 to \$2,701. The technology fee per child will increase \$10 from \$85 to \$95. All other fees will stay the same. All fees total \$500.

Your continued support and partnership are appreciated as we journey on our shared mission to provide quality Catholic education for our children.

Once again, parents will pay the non-refundable registration fee(s) and have the option of adding the Book and Materials Fee and the Technology Fee to their SMART payment plan.

The tuition for students at SPSL School for the 2017-2018 school year is set at \$5,332 per student. Due to adjustments to this tuition amount from parish subsidies (approximately \$2,406 per student) and school fundraising efforts (\$225 per student), parents who are parishioners are asked to pay the following at a minimum:

\$2,701 one child in grades K-8

\$5,402 two children in grades K-8

\$7,104 three children in grades K-8

\$7,970 four or more children in grades K-8

Non-Parishioner (Catholic families who are not registered at St. Pius X or St. Leo parishes) and Non-Catholic tuition is the amount it costs to educate a child, which is \$5,332 minus the school fundraising efforts and other general incomes of about \$225 per student, for a tuition total of \$5,107 per student.

Registration Fee: The registration fee of \$100 per child will remain the same for the next school year. This non-refundable \$100 fee is paid for each of your first three children. If you have four children in our school the fee for the fourth child would be half. If you have five or six children in our school this fee would be free for them.

Book and Materials Fee: The Book and Materials Fee of \$305 will remain the same for the next school year. The Book and Materials Fee covers such things as all of our consumable books for reading, religion, spelling and math, handwriting paper, printing and postage expenses, copying expenses, music, art and physical education materials, library books, A.V. materials, and all the supporting materials needed for teaching. The \$305 fee needs to be paid for each of your first three children. If you have four children in our school the fee for the fourth child would be half. If you have five or six children in our school this fee would be free for them

Technology Fee: The technology fee has increased \$10 to \$95 for the next school year. The \$95 fee is paid for each child in our school. There is no waiver for having more than three children in our school as there is for the other two fees. This fee is due for each child. These fees are used for a replacement cycle for our present computers, the purchasing and upgrading of software throughout the school, and the repairs of our technology equipment.

The total of Registration, Book and Materials, and Technology Fees for each child is \$500. If you have four or more children in our school, please note the reduction in fees as indicated previously.

Since \$5,332 plus the \$500 Book and Materials Fee, Registration Fee and Technology Fee is what it costs our school to educate each child for the 2017-2018 school year, we encourage St. Pius X / St. Leo parents who are able to pay more than the minimum tuition to do so.

There will be NO registration night this year. In the coming month your family will receive your tuition contract for the 2017-2018 school year. Information regarding paying the registration fees will be detailed on the tuition contract. Registration fee(s) will be due by Friday, May 5th. You must be current with your tuition payments for this school year before you will be able to register for next year.

For the coming school year you may pay the Grade K-8 tuition and other fees as follows:

Minimum Requirement: The non-refundable Registration Fee must be paid for each of your children (\$100 for each of your first 3 children, \$50 for 4th child and no fee for 5th and 6th child). You may pay any additional amount over the minimum \$100 per child Registration Fee.

Option for payment of remaining grade K-8 fees and tuition (You will designate your option on the tuition contract):

1. Pay remaining fees and tuition in full by August 1, 2017. You therefore would not use the SMART Program.
2. Use the SMART Program to pay all remaining fees and tuition not paid by May 5th. Payments made through the SMART Program are paid from June, 2017 through April, 2018. Please choose one of the following SMART options.
 - a. If you used the SMART Program this year and wish to continue using it next year with no changes, you will be automatically rolled over. The \$50 SMART annual enrollment fee will be added to your June 2017 payment.
 - b. If you did not previously use the SMART Program but wish to do so this year, or if you wish to make changes in your present payment plan, please call the school office, (402) 551-6667, to request a new enrollment form.

The 2017-2018 tuition contract for Grade K-8 parents will be sent home with your youngest child within the coming month for those families who are current on this school year's tuition payments. For current school families, the completed form with payment option selected, along with registration fee(s) will be due back to the school office by Friday, May 5th.

Pre-Kindergarten parents pay tuition and extension program fees for nine months in the school office at the beginning of each month starting September 1st through May 1st (Pre-Kindergarten tuition is NOT eligible to be paid using the SMART program).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The cost of tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is listed in this newsletter. Any families that are unable to pay the total tuition cost must apply for financial assistance. If you feel that you will be in need of assistance with tuition costs for your child/children in grades K-8 for the next school year, note the following information about the two programs (CSF & FAIR) which help with tuition assistance.

CSF: To apply for financial assistance you will need to check if you qualify for the Children's Scholarship Fund. Please go to their website at www.csfomaha.org to get more information and see if you meet their income guideline for assistance. Applications will be accepted online only. You can apply on your own or if you need help in completing the application, the CSF staff will be here at St. Pius X / St. Leo School to assist any family who needs help with the application. They will be in our school's computer lab to help families apply online on **March 15** from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Bring **ALL** your income information with you. You may also apply for the FAIR financial assistance.

FAIR: Tuition Assistance given by your parishes – To be considered for this assistance, you will need to complete a FAIR (Financial Aid Independent Review) application form. Please go to their website at www.fairapp.com for more information.

A financial packet with the above information and forms is being sent home with all families who received financial assistance this year, who qualify for free or reduced lunch, or who have requested one. If you wish to apply for FAIR via a paper application and one was not sent home with your child today, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 to request one.



If your child(ren) will not be returning to St. Pius X / St. Leo School for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact the school office at (402) 551-6667.

PLEASE READ NEWSLETTERS



We are sending home a paper copy of this newsletter because it includes the tuition information. We hope you have been reading the other newsletters this year via email or on our school's website (www.spsl.net).

The dates for the remaining newsletters for this school year are March 24, April 7, April 21 and May 12. Since this is our main form of communication, please check your email or go online on these dates to read the newsletters.

SPSL RECOGNITION DINNER

Please join us at the second annual SPSL School Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at St. Leo the Great Church. The evening's festivities will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The following honorees will be recognized at the dinner:

Mike & Allison Baysa – The Reverend George Kempker “Volunteer of the Year” Award

Gay McTate - The Sister Viola Miksch “Servant of Mary” Service Award

Nancy & Mike McCarthy – Hall of Fame Inductees

Dr. Joseph Townley and Jeff Kobza - NCEA / SPSL “Distinguished Graduate” Awards

Terri Preston – The Sister Brigetta Burns “Teacher of the Year” Award

Tickets are \$45.00 each for the dinner. Please email Bob Nowaczyk at bob.nowaczyk@spsl.net for tickets. We look forward to seeing you.

*******IMPORTANT DATES*******

- March 4 Bible Bowl–St. Bernard's School 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- March 7 Teacher Appreciation Day
- March 7 Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 7 Gr 2 Parent & Student First Eucharist Meeting – St. Pius X - 7:00 p.m.
- March 8 Mass Gr 6, 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 9 Mass Gr 4 & 5 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 9 Gr 7 & 8 Show Choir and Gr 1 & 3 Musical – gym - 7:00 p.m.
- March 10 Collect mission money
- March 12 Daylight Savings Time begins-set clocks ahead one hour
- March 12 St. Pius X Family Mass at 9:30 a.m.
- March 14 Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 14 Culver's Night – 120th & Blondo – 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- March 15 Mass Gr 6, 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 15 CSF Assistance – 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- March 15 Fazoli Night – 80th & Cass – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 16 Collect mission money
- March 16 Mass Gr 4 & 5 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 17 End of 3rd Quarter
- March 17 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** – Staff Development & School of Faith Day for Teachers
- March 20 Hummel Park Day Camp Online Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
- March 21 Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 21 School Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Library
- March 22 Mass Gr 6, 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 22 Gr 5 Woodmen Speech Contest – 3:45 p.m.
- March 23 Mass Gr 4 & 5 at 8:30 a.m.
- March 23 Gr 6, 7 & 8 Woodmen Speech Contest – 3:45 p.m.
- March 24 Newsletter emailed and posted at www.spsl.net
- March 24 Collect mission money
- March 24 Report cards sent home with students today
- March 27 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** – Staff Development Day for Teachers
- March 29 Gr 2 Reconciliation at 1:30 p.m.
- March 30 S.A.M.E. Competition
- March 31 Collect mission money

