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St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

February 5, 2016

LENTEN THEME 2016

Our Lenten school theme is: "NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY". The weekly themes we will use during Lent are the following:

- Week 1: Fast and Pray
- Week 2: Recognize His Glory
- Week 3: Repent and Believe
- Week 4: Turn to the Lord
- Week 5: Receive God's Grace
- Week 6 (Holy Week): Carry His Cross
- Week 7 (Easter): Rejoice, He is Risen



(Lenten information provided by Alice Gerraughty, Linda Harrison, Ryan Lampe and Sr. Jeannine o.s.f..)

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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 Preschool or 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 Preschool or 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 new drop off procedure in the south parking lot. The new 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 Shane and Jenny. 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."

Shane and Jenny 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.

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

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KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

If you have a potential kindergarten student for the 2016-2017 school year, please join us for Kindergarten Roundup on Saturday, February 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We welcome you to become more acquainted with our exceptional learning environment here at SPSSL.



INTEREST IN SPSSL?

Parents (of new families) who are interested in sending their child/ren to our school for the 2016-2017 school year should call the school office at (402) 551-6667 to arrange a tour.

Shane and Jenny 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 Shane and Jenny 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. Shane and Jenny 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. Shane and Jenny then decided that they would have more fun by staying and playing their tokens.

Shane and Jenny 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!"

U.N.O. HONOR CHOIR

Congratulations to our 7th grade students, Audrey Saucier and Jenna Abbott, who were recently selected to the UNO Middle School Honor Choir. The choir met on Friday, January 8th for a day of rehearsals with the guest conductor, and native of Omaha, Frank Watkins who is currently the conductor of the various choirs at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The day ended with a concert for the student's family and friends at the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.



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 3, beginning on February 25th. The class will meet on Thursdays after school through April 7th. No classes will be held on Thursday, March 24th. For additional information on the camp and how to register, please click on the 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 achiness** - 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

EVENTS

February 5 - **NOON DISMISSAL** - No lunch served; No PreK classes
February 6 - Kindergarten Roundup - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
February 9 - Soda bread distributed and tuition assistance donations collected
February 9 - Culver's Night - 120th & Blondo - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
February 10 - Ash Wednesday Masses
Gr K-4 at 8:30 a.m.
Gr 5-8 at 10:00 a.m.
February 11 - **NOON DISMISSAL** - no lunch served
February 11 - No Pre-Kindergarten or PreSchool classes
February 11 - Parent - Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
February 12 - **NO SCHOOL** - Free Day for All
February 13 - Metro Catholic Spelling Bee Championship at St. Stephen the Martyr School - 9:00 a.m.
February 13 - Gr 7 & 8 MATHCOUNTS Competition - Ramada Plaza
February 14 - SPSL Church Choir at St. Pius X at 9:30 a.m.
February 15 - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - School of Faith / Staff Development Day for Teachers
February 16 - School Board Meeting in SPSL Library at 7:00 p.m.
February 17 - CSW Masses at St. Leo Church
Gr K - 4 at 8:45 a.m.
Gr 5 - 8 at 10:30 a.m.
February 17 - Fazoli's Night at 80th & Cass from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
February 19 - Collect mission money
February 19 - Newsletter emailed to parents & posted at www.spsl.net
February 19 - Gr 7 & 8 Quiz Bowl - Gross Catholic High School - 12:30 p.m.
February 22 - Frank Runyeon concert - gym
Gr K - 4 - 1:00 p.m.
Gr 5 - 8 - 1:55 p.m.
February 23 - Gr 2 Parent & Student First Eucharist Meeting - St. Pius X & St. Leo - 7:00 p.m.
February 24 - Gr 5 Reconciliation - 1:30 p.m.
February 26 - Collect mission money
February 28 - SPSL Church Choir at St. Leo at 10:00 a.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."



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.

5. Suspected communicable conditons - 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.



LENTEN MISSION COLLECTIONS

During Lent, we will collect "mission money" on Fridays (or the last day of the week when we have no school on Friday). We encourage students to donate from money that they earn. The school sends the

We are thrilled to say that 66% of our 8th grade students made the Honor Roll for the second quarter. In the 8th grade, 30% of students earned a place on the First Honor Roll and 36% 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:

Nasirah Biao, Darby Campbell, Miqaela Davis, Connor Gregg, Anna Hartley, Anne Hiatt, Keara Hiatt, Kate Jensen, Joshua Karls, Emily Monzu, Noah Monzu, Owen Morrow, Magdalene Peklo, Sam Raabe, Maddie Rozmajzl, Augie Shald, Grace Staley, Sadie Weiner and Jolie Williams.

Second Honors for 8th Grade:

Dylan Albracht, Aiden Antisdell, Cristian Bressani, Annie Compton, Daniel Deras, Ali Findley, Eve Fountain, Correta Gagnon Koudji, Kaitlyn Gall, Ariana Ganson, Cassie Gloden, Claire Hartley, Mia Hennessey, Henry Horton, Madeline Leddy, Delano Lockhart, Brian Martin, Will McMeen, Kaitlyn Meier, Christopher Nubel, Dominic Rosso, Stevie Salerno and Gabby Wilson.

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 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 76% make the Honor Roll for the second quarter. In 7th grade, 37% were placed on the First Honor Roll and 39% received Second Honors. The 7th grade Honor Roll students are as follows:

First Honors for 7th Grade:

Jenna Abbott, Rachel Achola, Sydnee Baysa, Cecilia Behrens, Alessandro Bressani, Sofia Bressani, Abbie Brewster, Kaleb Brink, William Buechler, Quinlan Cote', Emma Ehrhardt, Josh Geske, Rylee Gregg, Aryannah Harrison, Paul Hayes, Megan Hoppe, Elle Houghtaling, Anna Kidder, Kyra Knudsen, Eleanor Mangan, Zoey Mihulka, Grant O'Doherty, Ethan Owens, Alexis Perlman, Naomi Piskorski, Anna Preston, Lauren Roecker, Lydia Rose, Olivia Rowe, Emily Salzman, Paulina Salzman, Audrey Saucier, Isabela Weber and Claire Wilson.

Second Honors for 7th Grade:

Catherine Alvarez, Anthony Baker, McKenna Blaine, James Borer, Max Christensen, Adrian Cuevas, Bridget Gerards, Joseph Glantz, Salvatore Goaley, Isabelle Hansen, Samuel Herek, Henry Hohman, Claire Kastl, Omaira Lado, Cassidy Lang, Phong Le, Lauren Luedtke, Javier Macias, Sophia Maciejewski, Kelsey McLaughlin, Murphy Mertz, Truman Metcalf, Bailey Miller, Daniel Osborn, Luke Papa, Abigayle Russell, Mia Sharrar,

donations to groups such as the Stephen Center, Servants of Mary and Holy Rosary Mission that serve the needy. The first "mission money collection" will take place on Friday, February 19th.



FUNDRAISING

SPSL is now registered on AmazonSmile - a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The only difference is when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5% of the purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com. You can use your Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile. Just make sure you select SPSL as your charitable organization to receive donations from your eligible purchase before you begin shopping.

Justin Sitti, Bryce Stutzman, Zachary ten Bensel, Alexis Townsend, Anthony Tripp, Isabel Whittinghill, Cole Wilber, Alex Yosten and Jack Zenk.

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

On January 15, 2016, 7th grader Alessandro Bressani was crowned as Geography Bee Champion for the 2016 SPSL Geography Bee. Alessandro outlasted nine other student finalists from grades 4-8. Runner up for the competition was 4th grader Charlie Mangan. The other finalists were: 4th grader Gabe O'Doherty, 5th graders Will Brewster and Erin Lemar, 6th graders Ethan Noon and Joshua Townley-Thomas, 7th grader Alexis Townsend and 8th graders Owen Morrow and Sam Raabe.

Next up for Alessandro is an online state-qualifying test. If his score is one of the top 100 scores in the state of Nebraska, he will be invited to participate in the State Geo Bee in March at UNO. Should he win that, he will be invited to the National Geography Bee in Washington D.C.



BOOK BOWL



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 \$13,000 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

One of the many extracurricular clubs that seventh and eighth graders can choose to join is Book Bowl club. Beginning in the fall, members begin reading the 12 books chosen for the competition. They also write flash cards for each book. Students meet on Fridays during lunch to review the books.

Congratulations to the seventh and eighth graders who represented St. Pius X / St. Leo School at the annual St. Vincent de Paul Book Bowl on Friday, January 29. Representing SPSL were Jenna Abbott, Connor Gregg, Rylee Gregg, Brian Martin, Maggie Peklo, and Augie Shald. Team members competed in six rounds over the course of four hours to answer detailed questions about each book; they won four of those rounds. The SPSL team ended the competition tied for third place out of 28 teams.



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.)

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| Hansen | O'Hare | Wharton |
| Heimann/O'Gara | Patch | Wilber |
| Jensen | Phelps | Wray |
| Jolley | Ramsey | |

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 9th 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!



FAZOLI'S NIGHT

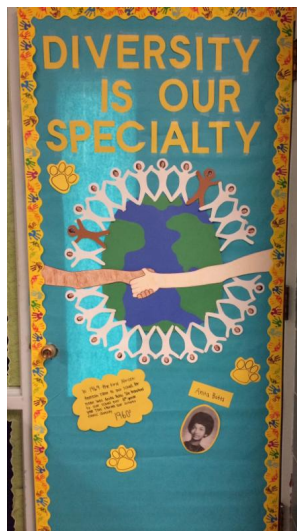
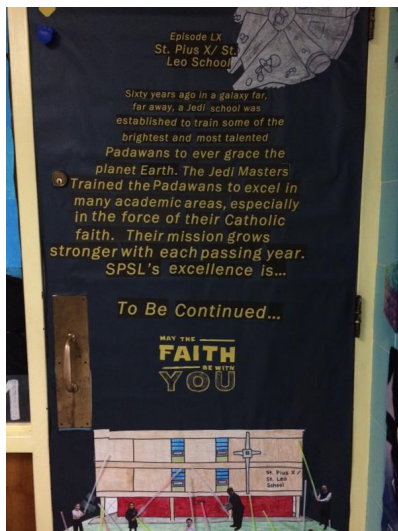
Join us on Wednesday, **February 17**, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fazoli's restaurant at **80th & Cass Streets**. When you place your order, please tell the cashier that you are with SPSL. Every third Wednesday of the month will be Fazoli's Night at the Cass Street location. Fazoli's will donate 10% of that night's sales to SPSL. Join the fun!



Straight from the Heart sincerely thanks you!

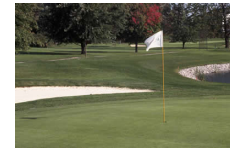


CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - DOOR DECORATING WINNING CLASSROOMS



RACE FOR EDUCATION

The annual Race for Education will take place on **April 22, 2016**. Mark your calendars for this great event!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPSL's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, **May 21, 2016**, 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!



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