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St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

October 21, 2016

SPSL FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 22ND



Thank you to our SPSL family and friends for helping to ensure the evening will be a successful one. We appreciate you graciously sharing your time, talents and treasures for the benefit of our SPSL community.

We look forward to celebrating with you tomorrow evening!

Katy Chatten, Emily Ortnor and Jeanette Weber
St. Pius X / St. Leo School
2016 Fundraiser Co-Chairs



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Parent/Teacher Conference



REMINDER: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on



Thursday, October 27th. Teachers in grades Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 3 plus the resource teachers will be located in their classrooms and offices. Teachers in Grades 4-8 plus the other specialty teachers and Mrs. Heeney will be located in the gym.

You should go to your child's homeroom teacher first to pick up his/her report card. You may then talk with any other teacher as they are free. Each conference should last no longer than 5-10 minutes (if you need a longer time, you will need to make arrangements to see the teacher at another time).

Please note: **We ask that only adults come to these conferences.** Also, please know that teachers need to break from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and that conferences end at 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see everyone at the Parent-Teacher Conferences!

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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 Lunch" at Noon on Thursday, November 3rd
at St. Leo Church in the Social Hall**

or

**Following a "Free Brunch" at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, November
6th at SPSL in the school library**

Joe Byam,
with Byam & Hoarty Law Firm, will be our presenter.

You can attend either seminar. If don't have a will or need to update the current one then plan on attending one of these two free awareness seminars on wills and trusts. Please **RSVP** to Bob Nowacyzk at SPSL School by calling (402) 551-6667.



REMINDER

As noted in the last newsletter, parents are being asked to share their opinions in an online AdvancEd parent survey. It does not take much time and it provides important feedback about our school. Your responses are anonymous and will be considered as part of an effort to improve our school. The link and additional information is available by clicking [here](#).

Please complete the survey by **October 31**.

Thank you!

PARKING LOT SAFETY



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. Also, please do not park on any part of the designated crosswalk in the west parking lot.
- **The west parking lot should only be used for parents who need to drop off or pick up Pre-Kindergarten students.** This also allows us to be considerate to the parking needs of anyone needing to get to the rectory office or visitors to the school.
- If you are driving into the parking lot directly east of the north building, 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.
- When exiting from the parking lot north of the church at drop-off time, please only turn right onto Blondo Street to keep the flow of traffic moving.
- We ask that parents not park in the middle area of the south parking lot during drop-off in the morning. The far west side near the wall in the south lot or the lot by the playground can be used for those parents who wish to park and walk their children into the building.
- 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 be 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, students can also be dropped off in the lot east of 69th Street or access the south church parking drop off lane.
- If you drop off and pick up Pre-Kindergarten students, please back into the parking stalls as it is difficult to see the children as they come and go.

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. Please remember if you are exiting the south parking lot at drop-off or dismissal time to turn right only to avoid traffic back-ups in the lot.



SCHOOL DIRECTORIES FOR SALE

School directories are available in the school office for \$5.00. Please stop by the office if you are in need of a directory. Thank you.



MCS NEWS

Congratulations to the SPSSL students who were selected to be a part of the 2016-17 Music in Catholic Schools Honor Band: Vince Grenier (alto saxophone), Ethan Noon (trumpet) and Zach ten Bensel (trumpet).

Congratulations also to Johanna Fillmore, Sam Fillmore, Brooklyn Sauer and Alex ten Bensel who were gold first place winners at the 21st Annual Beginning Band Olympics.



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Have you ever wondered what daily announcements are made each morning? You can read them on our updated school website - www.spsl.net. Just visit the

SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS: Noah and Velda's October Adventure

Noah and Velda thought it would be great fun to carve Jack-O-Lanterns from pumpkins in their classroom for Halloween. They decided to Get the Teacher's Attention. They looked at their teacher, raised their hands, and waited quietly until the teacher acknowledged them. They they asked their question in a quiet tone of voice.



Knowing that they were Making a Request, Noah and Velda looked at their teacher. Using a pleasant tone of voice, they specifically asked the teacher if they could carve Jack-O-Lanterns from pumpkins in the classroom. They even used the words please and thank you! However, the teacher said, "No". Realizing that they were Accepting No for an Answer, Noah and Velda said, "OK," because they knew that their social skills taught them that they should not argue, whine or pout. Because they did not understand why, they calmly asked for a reason. The teacher said that there weren't enough volunteers available that day to help with the activity. Noah and Velda were disappointed, but they knew they should wait and bring the subject up to the teacher later.

The next day, Noah and Velda had a chance to Disagree Appropriately with their teacher. They looked at the teacher. Using a pleasant tone of voice, they said, "I know it seems like we wouldn't have enough volunteers to help us with this activity, but could we ask our older partners from 8th grade to help? They have recess at that time, and we think they would be happy to help us!" Then Noah and Velda thanked their teacher and returned to their seats.

The next day, the teacher told the young Panthers that their use of social skills was so impressive that she had arranged for the 8th grade partners to help and that the Jack-O-Lantern activity was on the schedule! Noah and Velda, along with all of their classmates, were very happy! They were happy to successfully use the social skills that they learned at St. Pius X / St. Leo School. Let's work together to make everyone as happy as Noah and Velda were about the Jack-O-Lantern activity by practicing our October social skills.

For Parents page and scroll down to the Daily Announcements. They are updated every morning so you will know about student meetings, current fundraising efforts, and student achievements. You can also see what is for lunch and if any events are coming up on the website.



CHESS CLUB NEWS

The SPSL Chess Club has openings for the 2016-2017 season. The club meets most Wednesday afternoons through March. Registration forms can be obtained by clicking [here](#), from the school office or downloaded from the school website in the "Clubs, Sports & Activities" section. All ability levels are welcome.

Adult volunteers are also needed to help out. You do not have to know how to play. High school kids needing volunteer hours are welcome.

Students will be released from Chess Club at 4:15 p.m. to the west parking lot by the office doors or to Extended Care (if arrangements have been made ahead of time).

TAGG



You can support SPSL without spending an extra dime! TAGG (Together A Greater Good) offers a free mobile app that when used at over 100 local businesses, the business will donate back to us. It is so easy! Just 1) download the free app - Together A Greater Good - from Google

Play or Apple Store, 2) visit participating businesses, tap the TAGG My

Purchase button and enter the amount, and tell your server/cashier and they will provide a card to scan to complete the TAGG, and 3) choose SPSL as your school of choice. The business will donate 5% of your purchase to us.

Please start TAGGING us today. It's an easy way to make a big difference. And remember to share this with your friends and family.

EVENTS

October 22 - SPSL Fundraiser - Creighton Prep High School - 6:30 p.m.

October 25 - Gr 1, 2, 3 & 4 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

October 26 - No PreK Classes or Enrichment Today

October 26 - Gr 5, 6, 7 & 8 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

October 27 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 11:00-2:00 p.m. and 3:00-6:30 p.m.

October 28 - NO SCHOOL - FREE DAY FOR ALL

November 1 - All Saints Day Masses - Gr K-4 at 8:30 a.m. and Grades 5-8 at 10:00 a.m.

November 8 - Gr 1, 2 & 3 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

November 8 - Culver's Night (120th & Miami) - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

November 9-12 Younker's Community Days Event

November 9 - Gr 6, 7 & 8 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

November 10 - Gr 4 & 5 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

November 10 - Grades 5 & 6 "Aladdin, Jr." Musical - 7:00 p.m. - gym

November 11 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Staff Development Day for Teachers

November 12 - Grade 2 First Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. at St. Leo

1:00 p.m. at St. Pius X

November 15 - School Board Meeting - SPSL Library - 7:00 p.m.

November 16 - Fazoli's Night at 78th & Cass from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

November 17 - Audio Screenings - Grades 1, 2, 3 6 and new students

November 22 - Thanksgiving Mass Gr Gr K-4 at 8:30 a.m.

November 22 - Thanksgiving Mass Gr 5-8 at 10:00 a.m.

November 22 - *Dress Down Day*

November 23 - NO SCHOOL FOR ALL

November 24 - NO SCHOOL FOR ALL - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 25 - NO SCHOOL FOR ALL

November 30 - Grade 8 Reconciliation at 1:30 p.m.

December 2 - NOON DISMISSAL for students - No lunch served

December 2 - No PreK Classes or PreK Enrichment Today

December 4 - Grade 8 Confirmation practice at St. Pius X at 1:45 p.m.

December 4 - Grade 8 Confirmation practice at St. Leo at 2:00 p.m.

December 4 - Grade 8 Confirmation at St. Leo & St. Pius X at 3:00 p.m.

December 8 - Grades 2 & 4 Musical and Girls Chorus - 7:00 p.m. - gym

December 13 - 7th/8th Grade Girls Chorus to New Cassel - 2:00 p.m.

December 14 - Pre-K Christmas Program - 8:45 a.m. - Fr. O'Brien Parish Center

December 16 - Kindergarten Christmas Program - 2:45 p.m. - gym



AUDIO SCREENINGS

Audio screenings will take place on November 17, 2016, for students in **Grades 1, 2, 3 and 6** and **students who are new** to our school this year.

If you have a concern about your child's hearing and your child is not in one of the grades to be screened, please send a note requesting that your child be screened.



CULVER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, November 8th, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. is SPSL night at Culver's at 120th and Miami Streets. When you place your order, please tell the cashier that you are with SPSL. Don't forget your Culver's C.A.R.E.



FAZOLI'S NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, November 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at SPSL night at the Fazoli's restaurant at 80th & Cass Streets. Don't forget your Fazoli's C.A.R.E.

December 21 - Christmas break begins - NO SCHOOL FOR ALL
January 5, 2017 - School resumes at 8:15 a.m.

YOUNKERS COMMUNITY DAYS

St. Pius X / St. Leo School is participating in Younkers Community Days. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 9th to Saturday, November 12th at all Younkers locations. With the purchase of your \$5 packet you will receive:

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- \$10 off one item per ticket.
- 30% all day savings pass
- 30% off an online purchase

St. Pius X / St. Leo School will receive 100% of the \$5 ticket sales if purchased through SPSL. You can purchase your tickets in the school office during the school day or download the order form [here](#) and return to the office. **SELLERS WANTED:** Please stop by the office if you are interested in picking up some booklets to sell. Take them to children's games and activities and school functions. Don't forget to purchase Younkers C.A.R.E. (sold in \$25 increments).



OUR FAMILY LABELS

We need your help to obtain additional funds to support some student programs. *Our Family Labels for Learning* program provides us with this opportunity. **You can easily help by clipping Our Family product UPC barcode/labels.** Products are available at No Frills, Bag 'n Save and Family Faire. For every UPC barcode Our Family pays 5 cents to the school. Please clip the UPC barcode as closely as you can (saves on postage cost). Place barcodes in a plastic bag or envelope and send to school with your student to give to the teacher.



PANTHER AWARD WINNING STUDENTS



The following students received P.A.W.S. awards during August and September 2016. Students, congratulations on the great work!



USED UNIFORM SALE

SPSL thanks Liz Biggs for coordinating the used uniform sale over the summer. Liz provided a valuable service to our parents who buy the uniforms.

Used uniform sales also help the school. From this past summer's sales, SPSL received \$1,180 to buy new new furniture or equipment for the school.

We thank everyone who helped Liz during the used uniform sales. Also, thank you to the shoppers!



HEALTH HINT HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury. Steer clear of any snacks or toys (like small plastic objects) that could pose choking hazards to very young children.

- Walk safely
- Trick or Treat With an Adult
- Keep Costumes Both

Doris Adovlo	Kameron Dreher	Lydia Liekhus	Sylvie Roecker
Elisee Ahianti	Karson Dreher	Ben Macias	Winter Roeder-Lovejoy
Alym Akuh	Jack Drew	Celia Macias	Aubrey Rohatsch
Juan Ando	Nate Drew	Scarlet Martin	Rory Romano
Ryan Balk	Abby Drexel	Garang Mathiang	Lydia Rose
Sydnee Baysa	Evvy Drexel	Aaliyah Matthews	Abby Russell
Bailey Benson	Douglas Dyksterhuis	Mary Matuella	Caroline Sall
Emily Berthelsen	Cal Ehlers	Ana McCarthy	Connor Sall
Ashley Bialas	Emma Ehrhardt	Harvey McDonald	Zach Sall
Kaylene Bialas	Fiona Gautschi	Brigid McGill	Emily Salzman
Ella Biggs	Cameron Geiselman	Madison McGowan	Temple Samuels
Colton Billings	Bella Goaley	Greg McKamy	Joy Sandquist
William Billings	Rayne Goracke	Joelle McKamy	Andrew Sauer
McKenna Blaine	Elleiana Green	Patrick McMahon	Olivia Schartz
Ta Blae Blut	Rylee Gregg	Courtney Meier	Abigail Schmidt
Abbie Bluvus	Elizabeth Grenier	Jacob Melkus	Chase Sharrar
Anthony Bope	Seamus Haney	Paul Melkus	Francis Sierawski
Michael Bope	Erin Hankel	Lucy Mendenhall	Jordan Simon
Isabelle Borer	Lily Hanna	Simon Metcalf	Rok Slater
Ameliya Bosiljevac	Maggie Hanna	Truman Metcalf	Connor Smith
Caden Bosiljevac	Heidi Hans	Andrew Miller	Jasper Sobetski
Ellie Brabec	Aryannah Harrison	Bailey Miller	Hser Ti Soe
Charlie Brannen	Adam Hartley	Elizabeth Monzu	Norah Spencer
Mary Brasher	Molly Herek	Parker Mooney	Wade Spencer
Weston Brasher	Annie Herfordt	Maggie Morris	Ethan Streeter
Armanii Brazile	Nola Herfordt	Ashlyn Morrow	Leveret Stricklett
Kamryn Bridgeford	Margaret Hiatt	Brennen Nelson	Owen Taylor
Aiden Brink	Skyler Hill	Elliot Nelson	Zachary Townley
Evelyn Brown	Sheridan Hogrefe	Kevin Nelson	Sanaa Traurig
Maria Buechler	Charlotte Holcomb	Tommy Novotny	Saniah Traurig
John Burns	Kate Hoppe	Delaney O'Doherty	Thomas Walsh
Jack Cannon	Megan Hoppe	Rio O'Doherty	Andrew Washington
Hailey Carlsen	Blake Houghtaling	Will O'Doherty	Ethan Weber
Elliott Cartwright	Elle Houghtaling	Riley O'Hare	Isabela Weber
Hudson Chapman	Zamera Issaka	Chelsea Okosi	Adrianna Webster
Aiden Chattin	Drew Jensen	Brian Onyango	Cece Weist
Maggie Chattin	Alex Jolley	Jacob Ortner	Olivia Weist
Brandon Chau	Sam Kastl	Daniel Osborn	Maeve Wharton
Violet Christen	Johnny Kelly	Ethan Owens	Scarlett Wharton
Finn Christensen	Mary Kelly	Sophie Owens	Will Wharton
Joseette Crossley	Anna Kidder	Olive Peaslee	Chloe Whiddon
Alexis Cunningham	Kaden Kolli	Alexis Perlman	Cole Wilber
Jillian Cunningham	Hunter Kreifels	Morgan Phillips	Mia Wilson
Ty Dale	Michael Kult	Lila Pick	Carly Worthy
Jackson Dasher	Madeline Larson	Mason Poderys	Kate Worthy
Jacob Dasher	Nick Latka	Eli Porter	Nick Worthy
Lauren Dau	Terry Le	Anna Preston	Andrew Yochum
Maeva Davis	Trevin Le	Averie Reinders-Willis	
Melany Davis	Blake Leach	Joey Rieschl	

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 • Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

(Source: [Safe Kids Worldwide](#))



HY-VEE'S "CASH FOR STUDENTS" PROGRAM

Help raise money for our school while shopping at Hy-Vee. 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, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

SPSL ON THE INTERNET

Visit the [SPSL website](#) to learn about our school and activities.



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