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# St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

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## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Your Input is Needed.

**St. Pius X and St. Leo Parish Parents:** St. Pius X and St. Leo the Great Parishes are participating in the Disciple Maker Index Survey which is available to complete until March 6th. Fr. Mike and Fr. Craig are asking parents to complete the survey. The survey asks you to reflect on your own spiritual journey and what effect your parish has had on that journey.

Please go to [www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com](http://www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com) and take the survey today. It only takes 10 minutes. Your input is valuable as both parishes plan for the future.

Fr. Mike and Fr. Craig thank you for your time and input.



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## TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION: Grades Kindergarten - 8 FOR THE 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR



Although tuition for the 2017-2018 school year has not yet been determined, we are sharing information about tuition assistance at this time because of application deadlines for Gr K-8 tuition 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 please read the following information. Applications will be sent home to families who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program and to families who received financial assistance for this year in the near future. To be considered for tuition assistance you **must apply each year**. If you do not receive a financial assistance application and wish to apply, please call the school office at (402)

551-6667 to request an application.

1. **The Omaha Children's Scholarship Fund** - Students who received this scholarship for the present year must complete a requalification form online this year. Only online applications will be accepted. The CSF staff will be here at St. Pius X / St. Leo School to help families apply online on March 15 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. The due date for online submission is April 28, 2017. If you currently do not receive this scholarship and wish to apply, please go to the CSF website at [www.csfomaha.org](http://www.csfomaha.org) for more information about applying online.

2. **Tuition Assistance awarded by our parishes** - To be considered for this assistance, you need to fill out the FAIR application form. You can apply either by completing a paper application or online via the FAIR website [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com). To apply online you will need the following: School Code - 140, School Password - spsls140, a valid email address and a credit card to pay the application fee of \$30.00. If you wish to apply for FAIR assistance via a paper application, an application is available in the school office. The FAIR application due date is April 15, 2017.

Financial assistance awards will be determined during the summer. If you receive a financial tuition assistance award, an adjustment will be made to your child/ren's tuition account once determinations have been made.

Please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 with questions or concerns or to request an application.

## LENTEN THEME 2017



As you know, Lent starts March 1st on Ash Wednesday. The school theme for Lent this year is **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. This Lenten season the students will be doing the Stations of the Cross as a school. The classrooms will do this with their partner grades as all cannot fit into the church at one time.

The following is the schedule:

April 10th - 1st/7th grades, 3rd/6th grades and 4th grade

April 11th - 2nd/8th grades and K/5th grade

The services will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes.

During the Lenten season Grades 4-8 will also attend a concert by Steve Angrisano on March 13th at 10:00 a.m.

(Information provided by Mrs. Gerraughty, Mrs. Harrison and Dr. Ann McGuire.)

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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

If there is any question as to what will be served for lunch on a particular day, please always consult the 'What's for Lunch?' tab on the school's [website](#).

Be sure to also check out the website for other important information.



## 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

## 13TH ANNUAL RACE FOR EDUCATION April 21, 2017



Our school will be conducting the **13th ANNUAL RACE FOR EDUCATION, Friday, April 21, 2017**. The purpose of the event is to generate dollars to help meet some of the educational needs for St. Pius X / St. Leo School. The RACE FOR EDUCATION is a unique fundraiser in which students are actively involved without selling items door to door.

On Friday, April 21 the students, Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade, will walk or jog on the school grounds at a designated time during the school day. Funds for the school are generated by the students bringing back mailing label sheets with the names and addresses of potential sponsors (friends and family). The students will write a short note in class asking their sponsors to contribute a tax-deductible gift for our school. These names will not be used for any other mailings from our school. In the near future, the students will be coming home with the Race for Education Kick-off Packet, which contains the instructions explaining the details of the event. When you receive the packet, please review the information carefully and return the completed address labels by the designated date shown in the packet. Your participation is critical in helping us raise needed funds for our school. The goal for labels is to have each student bring in at least 8 labels.

Last year we raised over \$49,400 after expenses! The students had an exciting day running, walking, eating snow cones, and meeting some local college athletes and their mascots.

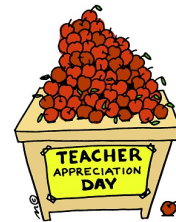
We look forward to this upcoming event and ask for your participation in helping to generate funds for our school. **LET THE RACE BEGIN!**

## HUMMEL DAY CAMP



Hummel Park Day Camp will be held July 17-21st, 2017 for SPSL boys and girls who have completed grades 1st through 7th, this current school year. The fee for the camp is \$95.00. This fee includes bus transportation from St. Pius OR St. Leo's, four meals, snacks, nature and recreational activities all supervised by trained staff. Registration will be online again this year! SPSL's online registration begins promptly at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 20th. It is recommended to register promptly at 8 a.m. on Monday as spots are limited and fill quickly. There are 5 other schools assigned to camp the same week with all 280 spots filled on a first come, first served basis. Once all spots are filled, registrants will be placed on a wait list. For specific instructions on how to register your child, go to [www.spsl.net](http://www.spsl.net) and click on the Hummel Day Camp link on Parents Page under Non-SPSL Opportunities. Past participant's usernames will be emailed to them during the month of February. New participants are strongly encourage to

students to donate from money that they earn. The school sends the donations to groups such as the Stephen Center, Servants of Mary, Covenant House and Holy Rosary Mission that serve the needy. The "mission money collection" will begin on Friday, March 3rd.



## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Tuesday, March 7th is Teacher Appreciation Day. We hope this day is a special day for our teachers at SPSL. You can remember your child or children's teachers with a special note, letter, card, poster or prayer on this day. Straight from the Heart will treat the teachers to a catered lunch from Bagel Bin. We value our teachers and think they are the best! We will have a Staff Appreciation Day in April. Watch for more details.



**TAGG**

create a username and password prior to March 20th registration. You can also register in person at any City Community Center on March 20th. Call the Florence Community Center at 402-444-5216 if you have any questions or trouble with the website. General questions regarding Hummel Day Camp can be directed to Lynne Gregg, SPSL parent coordinator ([lynngregg@cox.net](mailto:lynngregg@cox.net)).

The following link provides instructions for registering for Hummel Day Camp: click [here](#).

## EVENTS

February 25 - Destination Imagination Regional Tournament in Blair  
March 1 - Ash Wednesday Masses - Gr K-4 at 8:30 a.m.  
- Gr 5-8 at 10:00 a.m.  
March 3 - Collect mission money  
March 3 - Newsletter with 2017-18 tuition information emailed to parents and posted at [www.spsl.net](http://www.spsl.net)  
March 4 - Bible Bowl - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - St. Bernard's  
March 7 - Teacher Appreciation Day  
March 7 - Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.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 1 & 3 Musical and Gr 7 & 8 Show Choir - gym - 7:00 p.m.  
March 10 - Collect mission money  
March 12 - SPSL Family Mass at St. Pius X - 9:30 a.m.  
March 14 - Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.  
March 15 - Mass Gr 6, 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.  
March 15 - Children's Scholarship Fund Reps at SPSL for help with online applications - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
March 16 - Mass Gr 4 & 5 at 8:30 a.m.  
March 16 - Collect mission money  
March 17 - End of 3rd Quarter  
March 17 - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - Staff Development/School of Faith Day for Teachers  
March 20 - Hummel Park Camp Online Registration Opens - 8:00 a.m.  
March 21 - Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.  
March 22 - Mass Gr 6, 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.  
March 22 - Woodmen Speech Contest - Gr 5 at 3:45 p.m.  
March 23 - Mass Gr 4 & 5 at 8:30 a.m.  
March 23 - Woodmen Speech Contest - Gr 6, 7 & 8 at 3:45 p.m.  
March 24 - Newsletter emailed to parents & posted at [www.spsl.net](http://www.spsl.net)  
March 24 - Report cards sent home with students  
March 24 - Collect mission money  
March 27 - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - Staff Development Day  
March 29 - Reconciliation - Gr 2 at 1:30 p.m.  
March 29 - Gr 7/8 Variety Show Auditions  
March 30 - S.A.M.E. Competition

## SAVE THE DATE - SPORTS NIGHT



The Sports Night banquet will be held Friday, May 5th

TAGG (Together A Greater Good) is a free mobile app that when used at over 100 local businesses, the business will donate back to SPSL. All you need to do is download the free app (Together A Greater Good), choose St. Pius X / St. Leo School as the organization you want to support, then visit the participating businesses, and TAGG purchases you make. The business will donate 5% of your purchase to us! There are over 100 local businesses participating and the app is available at the App Store and Google Play.



## BUDDY CAN YOU SPARE A DIME CAMPAIGN

Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS) would like to express sincere appreciation to the students and families of St. Pius X / St. Leo School! Your financial support is crucial to further our on-going efforts to promote the mission and goals of EPS and the Pro-Life Movement. A big THANK YOU for your participation in our Baby Bottle Campaign and the Cozy Wear Dress Down



in the school's gymnasium. The featured speaker will be John Cook, the head coach of the University of Nebraska women's volleyball team. The evening's festivities will include a social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., awards at 8:00 p.m. and the speaker at 8:15 p.m. Corporate tables and sponsorship opportunities are available. Please click on the following [link](#) for more information on the event. If you have any questions, please contact any of the athletic committee members listed on the flier linked above.

## BOOK BOWL

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, February 10.

Team 1 - Jenna Abbott, Rylee Gregg, Sam Kastl, Michael Kult, Grace Larson, and Elena Sullivan - were undefeated during their six rounds and won first place out of the 26 teams competing.

Team 2 - John Burns, Fiona Gautschi, Wistrom Herfordt, Ethan Noon, Grace Ridgely, and Josephine Romano - also competed. Their last round ended with a tie-breaker.

Students began preparing for the competition in August when they received the reading list. Team members not only read the 12 books, but they also wrote study cards and character description lists. Many of the students read several of the books twice or even three times. As the competition neared, they then quizzed one another using their study cards and met during lunch to practice.



## SPELLING BEE



On Wednesday, February 1st, the 5th and 6th grade held their annual Spelling Bee. The following 5th and 6th graders participated - Sam Fillmore, Caleb Hans, Sheridan

Day. Your fine work raised over \$1,300. May the Lord truly bless each and every one of you!



### HEALTH HINT: PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FLU

- \* Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- \* When tissues are unavailable, cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow; never cough or sneeze into your hands.
- \* Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- \* Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- \* If you become sick, avoid close contact with others.
- \* Get enough sleep, manage stress and eat nutritious foods.



### CULVER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, March 14th 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



Hogrefe, Ben Howard, Daniel Kampe, Maggie Morris, Delaney O'Doherty, Gabe O'Doherty, Lilly Risch Bakhit, Brooklyn Sauer, Scarlett Wharton, and Andrew Yochum. The winner was 5th grader Lilly Risch Bakhit and the runner-up was 6th grader Sheridan Hogrefe.

On Thursday, February 2, the 7th and 8th grade held their annual Spelling Bee. The following 7th and 8th graders participated - Sydnee Baysa, Cece Behrens, Kyra Britt, Evelyn Brown, Dylan Usher, Nolan Gorczyca, Rylee Gregg, Cassidy Lang, Elizabeth Monzu, Ethan Noon, Grant O'Doherty, Anthony Tripp, Wyatt Walters, Isabela Weber, Abby Wessling, and Will Wharton. The winner was 7th grader Abby Wessling, and the runner-up was 8th grader Rylee Gregg.



Lilly Risch Bakhit and Sheridan Hogrefe represented SPSL at the Metro Catholic Spelling Bee held at St. Mary's School in Bellevue on Saturday, February 11th. Students from across the metro's Catholic schools qualified to participate at this competition. Lilly finished in 9th place and Sheridan finished in 4th place!

Congrats to our winners Abby and Lilly, and thank you to Lilly and Sheridan for being great representative of our school!

ButterBurger or a frozen custard!



### FAZOLI'S NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, March 15th, 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.

## BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM



This is a reminder to please turn in your Box Top\$ to the school office or the C.A.R.E. tables after Mass. SPSL receives 10 cents for each Box Top that we redeem. Please make an effort to save Box Top\$ and turn them in to help SPSL School.

Remember to check expiration dates on the Box Top\$. Thanks to all who do collect Box Top\$ for us. During the 2015-2016 school year we received \$2,056.80 from the Box Top\$ Education Program. We especially want to thank Jean McGill for all the time she dedicates to coordinating this program.



### HY VEE CASH FOR STUDENTS

Many thanks to everyone for saving their Hy-Vee receipts last fall. The program runs each year from September through December. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$200 that is spent.

## CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION



Don't forget to save UPC's from Campbell's Soup products. By redeeming these, we have received many items from Campbell's throughout the years including art, library, gym, music, pre-school and pre-kindergarten materials. A big thank you to Alison Kelly for heading up this endeavor for SPSL!

### C.A.R.E.

Please remember to buy C.A.R.E. You may stop by the school office to purchase C.A.R.E. C.A.R.E. is also available after weekend Masses or at the parish offices. You will also find the C.A.R.E. order form on the school's [website](#). C.A.R.E. has an email address which is

## LABELS FOR LEARNING - OUR FAMILY BRAND



Please save your UPC's from *Our Family* brand of products. *Our Family* will pay SPSL School 5 cents for every UPC that we turn in to them. *Our Family* brand products are available at Bag N Save and No Frills stores. Note: C.A.R.E. is available for both of these stores. Thanks to Pat Gromak for all the time she puts in as coordinator of this program for our school.

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### SPSL ON-LINE

For more information about SPSL school, please visit our website. Click [here!](#)



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