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St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

November 18, 2016



During this Thanksgiving season, we are reminded of the many blessings that we receive from our students and their parents, our alumni and their families, our teachers and staff, and the priests and sisters who served our school over the years. We are blessed because these people generously share their time and talents plus gifts of money and other items that help us so much.

We hope that all of you experience a Thanksgiving filled with blessings, including time with your family and friends. We would like to share the following Thanksgiving blessing with you.

A Thanksgiving Blessing by Joyce Rupp

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth
as you reflect upon what you have received.

May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,
and often be proclaimed in your prayer.

May you gather around the table of your heart
the ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness
of each person who is true to you.

May the harvest of your good actions
bring forth plentiful fruit each day.

May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom
among the people and events

that have brought you distress and sorrow.

May your basket of blessings surprise you
with its rich diversity of gifts



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and its opportunities for growth.
May all that nourishes and resources your life
bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.
May you slow your hurried pace of life
so you can be aware of, and enjoy,
what you too easily take for granted.
May you always be open, willing,
and ready to share your blessings with others.
May you never forget the Generous One
who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.

Notes from the Nurse



CULVER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, **December 13**,
from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
is our Culver's Night at the
120th and Miami Streets
location. Join us on the
second Tuesday of each
month at the Culver's at
120th and Miami. You can
support our school while
enjoying a ButterBurger
and frozen custard!

SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS

Velda and Noah decided to join their friends at the local health food restaurant, Ronko's, before their team basketball practice. On the way, Noah asked Velda if he could borrow money to add matsutake mushrooms to his meal deal. Velda told him she didn't have any money that he could borrow. Noah knew he was going to be Accepting No For An Answer. He looked at Velda and said, "Okay." He realized that he should not argue, whine or pout because he could always calmly ask for a reason later if he didn't understand why she refused to loan him money.



When Velda began to say that Noah was "always" asking her for money, he knew How To Disagree Appropriately. He looked at her. Using a pleasant tone of voice, he said "I understand that it may seem like I am always asking you for money, but I respectfully disagree. I am not always asking for money; I have not asked to borrow money from you for six months, not since the end of the last school year when we went on the field trip. Thanks for listening to me." Velda smiled because inside she appreciated Noah for not getting upset with her harsh words and she knew he was right. "What a great friend!" she thought to herself.

Later, as Velda and Noah joined their classmates for pita chips and avocado salsa, they saw Chris and Kelly, some friends from another school, with a group of their school friends. They were older students and were behaving very inappropriately; they were throwing avocado salsa and dirty napkins all over the floor. Chris and Kelly knew that it was time for Ignoring Behaviors. They tried not to look at the group, and they stayed focused on eating their meal even when Chris, Kelly and their friends encouraged them to throw salsa and napkins on the floor. Velda and Noah knew they should report the behavior to a nearby adult.

Suddenly, Noah laughed and began to throw his pita chips and napkins on the floor. He sometimes found it difficult to control his behavior in stressful situations even when he knew he should. Noah quickly noticed that the other students at the table, including Velda, were not happy with his behavior. They told him to stop. Then, Noah told himself to stop and think



FAZOLI'S NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday,
December 21, from 5:00
p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the
Fazoli's restaurant at **80th
& Cass Streets**. Every
third Wednesday of the
month will be Fazoli's Night
at the Cass Street
location.



CASH FOR STUDENTS

Please save your Hy-Vee
receipts and turn them in to
the St. Pius X / St. Leo
School office. Hy-Vee will
donate \$1.00 for every
\$200.00 that you spend

about what he was doing, a strategy which helped him correct the behavior that appeared to make his classmates uncomfortable. When Noah began to clean up the mess that he made, he noticed that his new behavior made the other students in his group smile. "What a great friend!" the group thought to themselves, because Noah was Self-Correcting his Own Behavior.

Velda and Noah's group behaved so well that the people from Ronko's called the school to tell the principal that the students were excellent role models. Chris and Kelly's group behaved so poorly that the people from Ronko's called their parents! When Velda and Noah heard that news, they were very happy that their social skills worked outside school as well as at school. The rest of their meals at Ronko's were very enjoyable.



DRESS DOWN DAY

There will be a Dress Down Day on Tuesday, November 22nd. "Dress Down" means casual attire including t-shirts, jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts and blouses. We ask that the t-shirts are in good taste without offensive language / graphics. They may not display musical groups, advertise drugs/alcohol or display guns, weapons or violence. Sleeveless shirts and bare midriffs are not allowed. Jeans and sweatpants must be without holes and tears. Girls may wear leggings, but they must be accompanied with an extra long sweater, blouse or skirt. Flannel pants and/or pajama pants may NOT be worn. We recommend that students not wear any clothing that is too tight or too short. **Shorts are not "In Season" so may NOT be worn.** As with any school day, the sock, shoe and jewelry code are in effect, except that the students are allowed to wear any color of socks and any shoes that have the heels and toes closed. The jewelry code stays exactly the same. Please check the Family Handbook posted on the school website (www.spsl.net) if you have questions regarding these policies.

EVENTS

- November 22 - Thanksgiving Masses - Gr K-4 at 8:30 a.m. and Gr 5-8 at 10:00 a.m.
 - November 22 - Last day for food drive
 - 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 - Picture Re-Take Day at 8:15 a.m.
 - November 30 - Gr 8 Reconciliation at 1:30 p.m.
- December 2 - **NOON DISMISSAL** for students - No lunch served

(receipts must be dated September 1 through December 31, 2016).



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December 2 - No Pre-K or Enrichment Today

- December 4 - Gr 8 Confirmation practice - 1:45 p.m. - St. Pius X
December 4 - Gr 8 Confirmation practice - 2:00 p.m. - St. Leo
December 4 - Gr 8 Confirmation Mass 3:00 p.m. both St. Pius X & St. Leo
December 4 - Music in Catholic Schools Christmas Concert at St. Margaret Mary's Raynor Center - 5:30 p.m.
December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses
Gr K-4 at 8:30 a.m. Gr 5-8 at 10:00 a.m.
December 8 - Gr 7 & 8 Girls Chorus and Gr 2 & 4 Musical
7:00 p.m. in the gym
December 11 - Family Mass at St. Pius X at 9:30 a.m.
December 12 Last day (by 9:00 a.m.) to pre-order C.A.R.E. for Christmas (C.A.R.E. that is not kept in-stock)
December 13 - Gr 1, 2 & 3 Mass at 8:30 a.m.
December 13 - 7th/8th Grade Girls Chorus to New Cassel
December 13 - Culver's Night at 120th & Miami from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
December 14 - Gr 6, 7 & 8 Mass at 8:30 a.m.
December 14 - Four Year Old Pre-K Christmas Program (all classes) - 8:45 a.m. - Parish Center **(no regular classes or enrichment today)**
December 15 - Gr 4 & 5 Mass at 8:30 a.m.
December 16 - Gr 5 Wax Museum - 8:30 a.m. - Noon - Parish Center
December 16 - Gr K Christmas Program in the gym at 2:45 p.m.
December 20 - Dress Down Day
December 20 - Christmas vacation begins at dismissal for students
December 21 - Fazoli Night - 80th & Cass - 5:00-8:00 p.m.
December 21 - January 3 -**NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Merry Christmas!
January 4, 2017 - **No School for Students - Staff Development & School of Faith Day for Teachers**

Thursday, January 5, 2017 - School resumes at 8:15 a.m.

**PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY
November 30, 2016 - 8:15 a.m.**

If your child was absent on picture day or if you wish to have your child's picture retaken their picture will be taken on the retake/make-up day which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 8:15 a.m.



If you are having your child's picture retaken you must return their picture packet to the school office by Tuesday, November 29, 2016. There is a \$5.00 retake fee if there is no photographer's error and you are just not pleased with the photographs.

Students may dress up to have their picture taken on this day, but then we ask that they **change into their school uniform for the rest of the school day.**

they will provide a card to scan to complete the TAGG, and 3) choose SPSSL as your school of choice. The businesses 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 family and friends.



**HEALTH HINT:
When is my child
too sick for school?**

The following are guidelines (from the VNA office) to assist you in deciding when your child should stay home from school:

- **Fever of 100 degrees or higher** - your 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 to school.
- **Nasal secretions and coughing / sneezing** - spread respiratory infections easily when these

ADVENT

Advent begins on November 27th. The school liturgy theme for Advent this year is: **Lead Us From Darkness into Christ's Light.**



There is no separate weekly themes, but each week we will focus on how we are growing into the Light, and how we are becoming more "light" and less "dark." Religion teachers will adapt in the classroom.

(Advent Blessings! - courtesy of Alice Gerraughty, Linda Harrison and Dr. Anne McGuire)

MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EVENTS



The Music in Catholic Schools invites you to its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Raynor Center at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Please join us for this festive joint school concert where St. Pius X / St. Leo students will perform.

Also, please mark you calendars for February 3, 2017, when Music in Catholic Schools holds its annual Benefit Dance and Silent Auction from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Free dance lessons will be offered from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door or at the MCS office. Proceeds support the cost of teaching students who do not pay full tuition.

C.A.R.E. NEWS

Please remember to buy C.A.R.E. for your holiday gifts, such as gift card to Amazon.com, American Girl, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Pottery Barn, Village Inn, etc. We offer a large selection of gift cards that are available every day in the school office. You will surely find something for everyone!



If you have a specific C.A.R.E. certificate in mind that you don't see on our list, please ask. We may be able to order it for you. Stop by the school office to place your order, OR you may order online at shopwithscrip.com. Our school code is CDCL3189175L. Orders for items not kept in stock need to be placed online or brought to the school office by 9:00 a.m. each Monday morning.

The last day to pre-order Christmas C.A.R.E. certificates that are not kept in-stock will be Monday, December 12. Please send your pre-orders to the school office or order online before 9:00 A.M. on December 12. In-stock C.A.R.E. will be sold in the school office through Tuesday,

symptoms can't be controlled.

- **Suspected communicable conditions** - child should stay home until symptoms are evaluated by a health care provider.

Thanks

FROM THE NURSE

Thank you to those parents who helped with the audio screenings this week. Your help made the process run very smoothly.



SPSL ON THE INTERNET

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December 20.

If you are in need of gifts for your business, think about using C.A.R.E. gift cards. We are able to order large quantities of cards. C.A.R.E. has its own e-mail address which is spslcare@spsl.net, and the C.A.R.E. form is available on-line on the school's website under MENU or by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for supporting our school by buying C.A.R.E.!

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