



ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016

"St. Pius X / St. Leo School is a diverse community forming students in the Catholic faith to excel in academics and service to others."

We are connecting with you to let you know that the 2016-2017 school year is about to begin. We know this is hard to believe. What happened to summer? We do hope that no matter how long or short the summer seemed to all of you, you at least had a little chance to re-connect with those you love and share some good times together in ways that are a little less stressful than during the busy school days.

This year's theme: "Living Christ's mercy, love and compassion" flows from our school mission statement and reflects Pope Francis' words: "May every Church and Christian community be a place of mercy amid so much indifference. Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."

As we near the start of the school year you may have questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to call the school office at (402) 551-6667. The office staff would be happy to help you.

WELCOME TO OPEN HOUSE ON TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18th, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

We will once again have Open House before school starts. We found this to be a very effective way to meet the teachers and find out homerooms for your children. Please note the following:



- Tuesday, August 16th will be Open House for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

You are all welcome to come for dinner that evening in the cafeterias from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Jersey Mike's sandwiches will be available for you to purchase for dinner (as well as chips and pop). The school will earn a portion from each sandwich sold. Please also know that you are welcome to walk around the entire school. In the gym there will be people talking about the Music in Catholic Schools Band Program, parents selling our school sweatshirts, parents helping with the Fundraiser and several other groups.

2016 DESTINATION IMAGINATION WORLD CHAMPIONS!

We are elated to report that SPSL has once again produced World Champions! The Chubby Pigs 6th grade Destination Imagination team won first place out of 73 teams from across the globe at the 2016 DI Global Finals. The team (pictured below) consists of Isabelle Borer, Elleiana Green, Vince Grenier, Alice Long, Parker Mooney, Ethan Noon and Ethan Streeter. Misty Banks Noon is the team's coach.

The 7th grade team, the Drug Dodgers, also competed at the Global Finals. The team consists of James Borer, Alessandro Bressani, Quinn Cote', Adrian Cuevas, Cassidy Lang and Paulina Salzman and is coached by Kersten Borer. The Drug Dodgers also performed very well, earning 18th place out of 73 teams.

Thank you so much to our school community for supporting both teams in so many ways. It was an incredible experience for all and great to showcase our school at an international event!



NOTE TO EXTENDED CARE PARENTS

August 18th and 19st are noon dismissal days and extended care is available for children that are registered in the program. **Lunch is NOT served at school on these days, so please make sure your child brings a lunch.** Extended care serves only a mid-afternoon snack on early dismissal days. Your August calendar and payment are due on August 10th. If you have not remitted your payment yet, please send it as soon as possible.



**WE APPRECIATE OUR FACULTY AND STAFF
FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AND
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to those in our school community that have decided to leave our school, some after many years and others a few years of ministry, and who have touched all of us in our school community. We are thankful to the following people for their years of service to our school:

Kristin Caniglia – 1 year as a second grade teacher.
Ruth Mumm – 1 year as a fourth grade teacher.
Mackenzie Wenck – 3 years as part-time teacher assistant for first and second grades and also for extended care.
Mary Wenck – 5 years as teacher assistant in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.
Jen Martinez – 9 years mostly as a seventh grade teacher and speech and drama coach.
Patsy Mischo – 10 years as part of the cafeteria team with her main job being head cook and baker.
Donna Ervin – 13 years as a third grade teacher assistant.
Melody Phelps – 16 years as a first grade teacher assistant.
Betsy Cowles – 17 years as a second grade teacher assistant, safety patrol coordinator and extended care co-director.
Sr. Jeannine Hershiser – 18 years as our school liturgist.
Paula Holder – 31 years as an eighth grade teacher and grade coordinator.
Peg Lowndes – 38 years with most as a fifth grade teacher and grade coordinator.

We wish all of these special people well in their new endeavors. They will be greatly missed by the members of our school community. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their dedication and ministry to Catholic education within our school.

We are honored to welcome new teachers and teacher assistants to our St. Pius X / St. Leo School community as well as telling you about some changing positions and changes in the number of homerooms per each of the grades within the school.

- We welcome Mrs. Cheri Freese as a full-time teacher assistant for kindergarten. Mrs. Freese will also continue as one of the Extended Care Co-Directors. We are also pleased that Mrs. Gina Sturek and Mrs. Melissa Pelley will be going from part-time teacher assistants to full-time work in kindergarten.
- In first grade we welcome Mrs. Teri Goertzen as a full-time teacher assistant. Mrs. Katie Herek will job share a teacher assistant position with Mrs. Ann Welsh.
- We welcome Mrs. Heather Owens as she becomes a second grade teacher. Mrs. Owens is moving from 5th grade to 2nd grade and will be in 2B.
- We are pleased that Mrs. Jill Melkus has accepted the position of being a full-time teacher assistant for third grade.
- Grade 4 is staying the same except that there will not be a 4A classroom. There will be 3 fourth grade classrooms this school year.

- Things will change for our students in 5th grade. They have been used to having four classrooms of 19 or 20 students in each room for the past five years. This year we will be going to 3 homerooms. Since there will be 26 to 27 students in each homeroom we have hired a part-time teacher assistant, Mrs. Mary Stokes, to give some added support and help to the students and teachers. Mrs. Kim Borne will continue as the full-time teacher assistant. We are happy to welcome a new teacher to fifth grade since Mrs. Owens has moved to 2nd grade and Miss Lowndes has retired. Mrs. Kathy Skiles comes to us with several years of teaching for the Omaha Public Schools and having a Master of Education degree with a Reading Specialist and an ELL Endorsement. Mrs. Anita Petersen will be teaching religion and science to all 5th graders in 5A. Mrs. Skiles will be teaching all of the language arts to the 5th graders in room 5C. Mr. Jerry Carreon will be teaching math and social studies in 5D.
- We are pleased that two of the teachers that started with us in the middle of the past school year will be with us in 6th grade as permanent teachers. Mrs. Tiffani Herfordt will continue as the 6A morning teacher, teaching science to all 6th grade students. Mrs. Jodi Newsome will be the afternoon 6A teacher teaching social studies to all of the 6th grade students. Mrs. Newsome's baby is due in the next few weeks, so she will probably not teach at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Katy Chattin will be the substitute teacher until Mrs. Newsome returns from maternity leave. Mrs. Misty Banks Noon will be the full-time language arts teacher for 6th grade. Her homeroom will be 6C. Mrs. Mary Jo Barry will have homeroom 6D and teach religion and math to all of the 6th grade students. The 6th grade teacher assistant is still being determined.
- Our 7th grade teachers are staying pretty steady except for our need for a part-time literature and religion teacher. We are pleased that we were able to hire Mr. Jim Sheil who attended Mary Our Queen Grade School and Creighton Prep High School. He went on to get his Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from the University of Kansas. He is coming to us following several years of teaching for the Omaha Public Schools. Mr. Sheil will not have a homeroom but will hold his classes in 7A.
- With the retiring of Mrs. Paula Holder, we are pleased that Mr. Ryan Lampe will be a full-time teacher in 8th grade. He will teach all of the religion classes as well as two classes of literature and two life skills classes. His homeroom will be 8D. He will also be the 8th grade coordinator. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Miss Marley Christian. Miss Christian has her Bachelor's Degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Middle Grade Education with endorsements in science and math. She comes to us after student teaching in Malcom Public Schools this past year. She is also the Varsity Girls' Softball coach for Malcom Public Schools. She will be teaching the morning mods of science in room 6B or in the science lab. Our homerooms for 8th grade will be as follows: 8A – Sra. Hankel, 8B –

Mrs. Pat Gorski in the AM, Mr. Greg Gorski in the PM, 8C – Mr. Matt Kable and 8D – Mr. Ryan Lampe.

- The new Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Pius X Parish is Dr. Anne C. McGuire. We are excited to report she will also serve as school liturgist. Dr. Anne has many years of experience as a liturgist and forming liturgical ministers.
- We welcome Mrs. Doris Dalbey as the head cook and baker for the cafeteria. Mrs. Dalbey comes to us with many years of food service experience.
- Miss Megan McAuliffe, who substituted for part of a year while Mrs. Jen Martinez was maternity leave, has answered our plea for help once again. Miss McAuliffe will be the coach for both drama and speech.
- We do not have any changes in the specialty teachers' area, the maintenance staff and the office personnel. We are so grateful that everyone is holding tight with what they are doing in these areas of operation for our school.

New Pre-Kindergarten Extended Enrichment Program

St. Pius X / St. Leo School has decided to begin a new extended enrichment program for our Pre-Kindergarten students whose parents would like the children to be with us for a greater part of each school day. We are thrilled that the team lead teacher assistant for this program will be Mrs. Kate Macias. She comes to us after working with a similar type program and activities for several years at Duchesne Academy Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten program. Mrs. Macias will also continue her teaching of Spanish to our students in kindergarten through fourth grade on the two afternoons when she will not have pre-kindergarten students. Mrs. Macias has a Bachelor's Degree from Creighton University in both Spanish and English. We are also pleased that some of our other teacher assistants for this extended program will be Mrs. Mary Greiner (our bookkeeper for school) for after school hours, as well as Mrs. Melissa Geiselman, and Ms. Amy Duboise. We are excited that this new program will be getting underway in the former KD classroom.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

This newsletter will be the only one being sent before the start of the school year. After school has started, we will publish a school newsletter approximately two times per month. These times will usually be on a Friday, but if we do not have school on a particular Friday, we will be indicating an alternate date that the newsletter will be published on the monthly calendar/menu that is sent home. **We will not be sending home a paper copy of the newsletter. We will be emailing the newsletter to parents, so please be sure that we have your correct email address. The newsletter will also be posted on the school's website, which is www.spsl.net.** Since this will be our main form of communication, we trust that you will go online and read the newsletter. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the school office, (402) 551-6667, or send a note to the office and we will send a paper copy of the newsletter home with your youngest child. We will still mail the special Catholic Schools Week Newsletter in January as we've done in the past.



OPENING WEEK'S SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th, is the first day of school. Students in grade K-8 will attend from 8:15 a.m. until noon. This same schedule will be followed on FRIDAY, AUGUST 19th. Beginning MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd, students will attend school for full days – 8:15 a.m. until 3:25 p.m. (except for 8th graders who are dismissed at 3:30 p.m.).

NOTE: Five-day and Three-day Pre-Kindergarten students will begin classes Monday, August 22nd. Two-day Pre-Kindergarten students will begin classes Tuesday, August 23rd.

Students in grades K-8 will go directly to their classrooms on Thursday, August 18th. All new students will be helped to find their proper locations these first days.

LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 19th. Milk will be available for a morning break for all grades for 60 cents per day. If your student wants milk, please send CASH to pay for the milk on August 18th and 19th as milk tickets will not be used until August 22nd. Students may also bring a snack on these days.

SCHOOL BUILDING CHANGES DURING THE SUMMER

Once again our maintenance personnel have worked very hard this summer to prepare the learning environment for another school year.

- We were able to carpet two of the 8th grade rooms because of a generous donation from Kelly's Carpet. And, with money from our fundraiser we were able to carpet the other two 8th grade rooms. Besides two classrooms, which Kelly's Carpet usually has done many of the past years, they decided to make another fantastic donation by carpeting the technology center and music room. So, we have four rooms carpeted this summer through the total generosity of Kelly's Carpet.
- In the last parent survey as well as the needs seen by the maintenance and administration personnel, it was the consensus that we needed to update our 60 year-old kitchen. It has not had much work done to it in all of these years. This summer all of the equipment was taken out of the kitchen, we replaced the old floor with an epoxy painted floor. The entire kitchen and four storerooms were thoroughly cleaned and all painted. We've replaced all of the wood shelving and cabinets with metal shelving and cabinets. We also needed to purchase one new dishwasher. Thanks to the capital improvement part of the last fundraiser; donor gifts directed to this cause; a grant; and money saved for this specific purpose, we will have completed, during this summer, almost all of the

updating to the kitchen. We are thinking it looks pretty awesome. This entire project was completed under the management of Dave Ludwig, our head of maintenance.

- The parking lots were repaired and striped this summer, which we have to do every summer.
- We were able to purchase new tables and a teacher's desk for the technology center with funds from a memorial given to us from an insurance benefit for Francis L. Frederick, deceased. Mr. Frederick was Kim Ramsey's grandfather. Mrs. Ramsey is one of our Co-Directors of Development.
- This summer brought the usual cleaning of everything in the rooms along with the cleaning of carpets and waxing of floors by Zach Sauer, Greg Petersen (summer worker), Fred Dohmen and our cleaning company personnel. They all worked very hard to clean everything and fix things as needed. We believe we are in good shape to begin another school year.

SCHOOL TIME



We ask that students do not arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. nor enter any of the buildings unless he/she is enrolled in the Extended Care Program or involved in a school-sponsored organized activity or duty. We ask that students who walk or get a car ride to school do not arrive before students are allowed to enter their classrooms. The teachers and administrators are in meetings many mornings and are not able to supervise students before 8:00 a.m. It also seems very unfair to those parents who are paying for babysitters or the Extended Care Program before school if some students are dropped off early. If students walk to school they should leave home so they will arrive sometime between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. Students will be marked tardy if they are not sitting at their desk at 8:15 a.m.

Please remember that school will dismiss at 3:25 p.m. (3:30 p.m. dismissal for 8th grade) each day this year unless otherwise noted on the calendar. Children need to be picked up on time each day. If this is not possible, they need to be placed in the Extended Care Program. On days that classes will dismiss at noon, lunch will not be served.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS

Student assignment notebooks are available for purchase in the school office and will also be available at the Open House on August 16th. The price for each assignment notebook is \$5.00. Students purchasing assignment notebooks on the first day of school should bring their money to their homeroom teacher. Students in grades 4-8 usually use these assignment notebooks or similar ones.



PURCHASING OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms can be purchased either from Dennis Uniform, located in the Old Mill area, or from Educational Outfitters, located just north of 131st and West Center Road. Uniform skorts, jumpers or skirts can also be purchased on-line from French Toast.



Dennis Uniform's phone number is (402) 496-9911 and their website is www.dennisuniform.com.

Educational Outfitters' phone number is (402) 333-1099 and their website is www.educationaloutfitters.com.

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French Toast's website is www.frenchtoast.com.

DROP-OFF AND PARKING PROCEDURES

You may drop-off students in the morning in the following parking lots only:

- Church front parking lot. You must exit this parking lot by turning right on Blondo Street. You may NOT make a left turn from this parking lot onto Blondo Street when you exit.
- Lot east of 69th Street.
- South church parking lot. You may NOT make a left turn from this parking lot onto 69th Street.



The lot west of the north school building is for families who are dropping off Pre-Kindergarten students only. Families who have Pre-Kindergarten students may park in the west lot or the north side of the Pre-Kindergarten building.

You may use the following lots for parking if you wish to come in the building in the a.m.:

- Outside area of the lot east of 69th Street.
- Outside area of the south church parking lot by the gym and playground.

Please do not park in the church front (north) parking lot until school has begun at 8:15 a.m. Then you may use this lot in order to park for our school Masses.

For picking up your children after school you may park in any of the lots except the church front parking lot and the west parking lot. At dismissal time we need to keep the church front lot free of cars as all of the students come out of school directly into this lot. Safety is a major concern, therefore, the lot must be free of cars. The west lot is only for picking up Pre-Kindergarten students. If you wish to meet your children, you may park in one of the other lots, and walk to the front church parking lot to meet your children.

LUNCH PROGRAM

SPSL School provides a hot lunch program with quality food and a balanced diet. Students who choose to bring sack lunches from home may purchase milk at school. The process for purchasing hot lunches is as follows:



- The menu is sent home on the back of the calendar once a month.
- Initial deposits for school lunch accounts will be requested the first week of school. You may start sending money for hot lunch and/or milk on August 19th. \$54.00 deposits are suggested but you may choose to deposit more or less.
- Clearly label the envelope with the student's name and homeroom number and the words "lunch money".
- Each student will have his/her account set up at the beginning of the school year. A lunch/library/ID card will be issued to each student at that time. Cards will be collected as students move through the lunch line. Each card will be scanned and the price of a lunch/milk will be deducted from the student's account after the student receives his/her lunch/milk. Milk only purchases will be kept separate and only charged for milk. Cards will be returned to the classrooms at the end of the day.
- Lunch cards should not be taken home.
- Replacement cost of a missing or damaged card is \$2.00.

During the last half of this past school year fresh fruit was offered two days a week. Beginning this school year, fresh fruit will be offered three days a week. Thus, the price of commodities will go up and to account for the increase in fresh fruit, hot lunch prices will increase this school year.

Hot lunch/milk prices for the 2016-2017 school year are:

- Gr K-3 lunches are \$2.70/meal or \$54.00/20 meals
- Gr 4-8 lunches are \$2.85/meal or \$57.00/20 meals
- Extra milk or milk for cold lunch is \$.60/milk or \$12.00/20 milks

The price of hot lunch includes a carton of milk. Second helpings will be offered to 7th and 8th grade students for a nominal charge if there is extra food available. **Seconds must be paid for with cash.**

If a parent joins their SPSL student for lunch, the parent's cost for lunch is \$4.50. If the parent brings along one of their other children who is not a grade K-8 student at SPSL, the cost for that child's lunch is \$3.50. Food from a restaurant may not be ordered to be delivered or brought in to students at lunchtime.

Low account balances will be handled as follows:

- When a student's lunch account drops below \$5.00, an email will be sent to the parent(s) until a deposit is made.
- When a student's lunch account accrues a substantial negative balance, a phone call/letter will go to the parents by the cafeteria staff.
- Students (and their parents) in grades K-8 can check their lunch balances on-line through their PowerSchool account.

- Families who have delinquent cafeteria accounts will be unable to access PowerSchool after a certain date in May (TBD) and report cards will be held until the account is paid in full.

If parents or grandparents have interest in volunteering in the lunchroom, cafeteria staff will be available in the cafeteria at Open House to get you signed up. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Marus at ann.marus@spsl.net.

MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Parents of 5th – 8th graders should be sure to stop at the Music in Catholic Schools table at Open House, located in the gym, to get information about band at SPSL School. Students may try out various instruments to determine which they would like to play. Parents may also register and make their first payments to MCS at Open House.



CUB & BOY SCOUTS

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts Pack 570 or just want some information, please stop by our table in the gym at the Open House on August 16th. Adult leaders will be available to talk to you. Cub Scouts is open to all boys in 1st – 5th grades. Pack 570 has many fun programs planned for the school year, including camping and swimming programs. If any 1st grade parent is interested in being a leader or assistant leader for the 1st grade boys, or for any questions, please contact Matt Rusch. Matt can be reached at (402) 980-9131 or emailed at mrusc@eslaw.com.



NOTE TO PARENTS OF 5TH & 6TH GRADERS



Our 5th and 6th grade musical on November 10th will be "Aladdin, Jr." Auditions are held in the morning before the start of the school day at 7:30 a.m. in the music room. The students **MUST** come to auditions if they want to be considered for a part in the musical. The audition dates and times will be: Tuesday, August 30th at 7:30 a.m. for 5th grade girls; Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 a.m. for 5th grade boys; Thursday, September 1st at 7:30 a.m. for 6th grade girls; and Friday, September 2nd at 7:30 a.m. for 6th grade boys.

**NOTE TO PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS
AND TO PARENTS OF 7TH GRADE STUDENTS**

All immunization records and physical forms (physical exams required for students entering kindergarten, seventh grade, or students transferring from an out-of-state school) were to have been turned in to the school office by August 1st. ***If they have not been turned in yet, you need to do it as soon as possible – do NOT wait and send them with your child on the first day of school.*** Your child will not be able to attend classes until the records are in the school's office. Thank you for your help in keeping our school in compliance with the Nebraska School Laws.

PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS: If you have not brought in your child's original birth certificate, we do need to see it prior to the first day of school. Also, if your child was not baptized at St. Leo Parish or St. Pius X Parish, we need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

**IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION RULES
FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

Please note the following requirement for 7th grade students. Students entering 7th grade will be required to provide proof of a booster immunization of diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (Tdap) given on or after the 7th birthday. Please be sure when you go to the doctor for your 7th grade physical exam that you have the doctor administer this immunization if it is needed. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children up-to-date with this immunization requirement.



DRESS /UNIFORM CODE

The dress code policy can be found in the school handbook which is posted on the school website. Feel free to call the school office, (402) 551-6667, with dress code questions.

Please ensure your son/daughter's hair complies with the school's dress code. As stated in the handbook, "final interpretation of excessively long and/or inappropriateness of hair style will be determined by administration".

In the Family Handbook, please read carefully the sections on socks, leggings, fingernail polish and shoes.

ASBESTOS

As most of you are aware, we have removed all of the friable asbestos in our school many years ago. We do have some non-friable asbestos in the floor tiles of a few of our rooms. We also have two cubbyholes with locked doors that have asbestos on the heating coils. These are located on the second and third floors of the main building. We are not required to remove these tiles or the asbestos on the coils but to inform you that we do have a management plan available in our office concerning the care of these tiles and coils if you wish to inspect the plan.

**CAMPBELLS LABELS,
OUR FAMILY UPC'S,
AND BIG G BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION**

Please continue to save Campbells and related products' labels for us. We are able to redeem them for equipment for our school.



Save UPC's from Our Family brand of products (available at Bag N Save and No Frills stores). Our Family pays SPSL five cents for every UPC we turn in to them.

Box Top\$ for Education are worth 10 cents each, so be sure to save them! They add up quickly!



**NEBRASKA FEDERATION OF
CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS**

The Nebraska Federation of Catholic School Parents is a statewide organization of Catholic school parents. It was created to:

INFORM the Catholic school community about public policy affecting Catholic school students and parents;

ADVOCATE for parental choice in education without economic penalty as a just and viable means of assuring well-educated citizens;

MOBILIZE the Catholic school community to communicate with legislators and other public officials regarding educational rights and public policy;

ENHANCE the advocacy efforts of the Nebraska Catholic Conference with a visible, well-informed Catholic education network in Congressional and Legislative districts across the state.

The St. Pius X / St. Leo School Board approved the use of a portion of the registration fees to be used to register all our school families with the Nebraska Federation of Catholic School Parents. We will provide them with your name, address, phone number and email address when we send in the fee to register our school families. Periodically you will receive information from them. **If you do not want us to register you, please let us know by calling the school office at (402) 551-6667 by September 1st.**

IMPORTANT MEDICAL BULLETIN FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

SPSL School is in compliance with the state mandated "Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis) Protocol." The protocol involves the use of an IM EpiPen and nebulized albuterol.



The protocol is to be administered by trained responders to ANY student showing life-threatening asthma attacks or other allergic reactions. Responders will be available during the course of regular school hours.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR DAUGHTER / SON TO BE TREATED FOR THESE LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES YOU NEED TO SEND JOYCE GUBBELS, PRINCIPAL, A WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.



SAVE THE DATE

**St. Pius X / St. Leo School Annual Fundraiser
Casino Night! Winning Big for our Kids!
Saturday, October 22, 2016
6:30 p.m. at Creighton Prep**

More information will be included in future newsletters and on our school website. Invitations for the event will be mailed in September.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the event, please contact us.

Katy Chattin: kchattin@cox.net

Emily Ortnet: ek5ortners@gmail.com

Jeanette Weber: jweber@investorsomaha.com

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

- Aug 16 Open House Pre-K - Gr 8 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Aug 18 First day of school for students Gr K-8
- Aug 18 **NOON DISMISSAL** – no lunch served
- Aug 19 **NOON DISMISSAL** – no lunch served
- Aug 22 First day of school for 3-day/5-day Pre-K students
- Aug 23 First day of school for 2-day Pre-K students
- Aug 23 Gr 7 & 8 parent meeting – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Aug 25 Gr 5 & 6 parent meeting – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Aug 27 Welcome Pre-Kindergarten Gathering – playground 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Aug 30 Grade 3 & 4 parent meeting – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Sept 1 Gr K & 1 parent meetings - classrooms – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Sept 5 **Labor Day – NO SCHOOL**
- Sept 16 **Free day for students** – Staff Development Day & School of Faith
- Sept 20 School Board meeting – Library – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 23 *Dress Down Day*
- Oct 4 First Reconciliation Gr 2 parent meeting at both St. Leo & St. Pius X Parishes – 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 17 **Free Day for students** – Staff Development Day & School of Faith
- Oct 18 School Board meeting – Library – 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 20 PreK – Gr 7 Picture Day
- Oct 21 Gr 8 Picture Day
- Oct 21 End of 1st Quarter
- Oct 22 SPSL School Fundraiser – Creighton Prep High School – 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 27 **NO SCHOOL for Students**
- Oct 27 Parent-Teacher conferences 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and 3:00-6:30 p.m.
- Oct 28 **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL**
- Oct 31 Last day for students to wear uniform shorts until April 1, 2017
- Nov 3 Gr 8 Confirmation conversations
- Nov 10 Gr 5 & 6 Musical – gym – 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 11 **Free day for students** – Staff Development Day & School of Faith
- Nov 12 Gr 2 First Reconciliation – St. Leo – 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 12 Gr 2 First Reconciliation – St. Pius X – 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 15 School Board Meeting – Library – 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 23 **NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving break**
- Nov 24 **NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving break**
- Nov 25 **NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving break**
- Dec 2 **NOON DISMISSAL** – no lunch served
- Dec 4 Gr 8 Confirmation practice – St. Pius X– 1:45 p.m.
- Dec 4 Gr 8 Confirmation practice - St. Leo – 2:00 p.m.
- Dec 4 Gr 8 Confirmation – both parishes - 3:00 p.m.
- Dec 8 Gr 2 & 4 Musical and Gr 7 & 8 Girls Chorus - gym – 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 13 Gr 7 & 8 Girls Chorus at New Cassel
- Dec. 14 3 Day & 5 Day Pre-K Christmas Program – Fr. O'Brien Parish Center
- Dec 15 Kindergarten Christmas Program – gym - 2:45 p.m.
- Dec 21 - Jan 4 **NO SCHOOL - Christmas break**
- Jan 30 – Feb 3 – **Catholic Schools Week**