



St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

February 19, 2016

TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION: Grades Kindergarten - 8 FOR THE 2016 - 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Although tuition for the 2016-2017 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 today, Friday, Feb. 19th. To be considered for tuition assistance you must apply each year. If you did 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 which will be sent home with your child today. A limited amount of new scholarship money will be available for the 2016-2017 academic school year. Applications are available now, and the due date is April 29. If you currently do not receive this scholarship and wish to apply, please contact the school office for more information and to request an application.

2. Tuition Assistance awarded by our parishes - To be considered for this assistance, you need to fill out the FAIR application form. The FAIR application must be mailed with the fee (see front of the application) in the envelope provided with the FAIR application by April 15. You may also apply online.



The FAIR application for 2016-2017 will be sent home today, Feb. 19th to all families who a) qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program, b) presently receive assistance through the Children's Scholarship Fund and/or c) received



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financial assistance through FAIR for the current school year. If you do not receive an application and you wish to apply, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 and request a FAIR application.

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 applications.

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12TH ANNUAL RACE FOR EDUCATION April 22, 2016



Our school will be conducting the **12th ANNUAL RACE FOR EDUCATION, Friday, April 22, 2016**. 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 22 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.

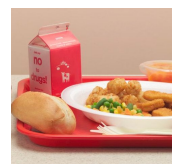
Last year we raised over \$46,300 after expenses! The students had an exciting day running, walking, eating snow cones, and meeting some local college athletes and their mascots.

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

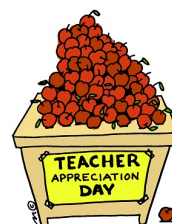


Hummel Park Day Camp will be held July 18-22, 2016 for SPSL boys and girls who have completed grades 1st through 7th, this current school year. The fee for the camp is \$95.00 with reduced rates for those who qualify. The




MENU CHANGES

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](#).



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Tuesday, March 1st, is Teacher Appreciation Day. We hope this day is a special day for our teachers. You can remember your child or children's teachers with a special note, letter, card, poster or prayer on this day. The Straight from the Heart committee will be treating the teachers to a pizza luncheon from Prairie Fire Pizza. We

 cost is \$50 per camper for those children that receive free or reduced lunch through their school. Contact Sara for more information at sara.kolala@cityofomaha.org if you qualify. This fee includes bus transportation from St. Pius X 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 at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 21st and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. You can also register in person at any City Community Center. (Registering on Monday, March 21st is highly recommended as there are four other schools assigned to camp the same week. SPSL is NOT guaranteed a minimum number of spots as in past years.) Last years' participants usernames and passwords were emailed to them the in early February. Look for an email from sara.kolala@cityofomaha.org. Before the registration start date, log into your account to make sure all information is up to date. New participants are strongly encouraged to create an account prior to registration on March 21. Follow the attached "How to Register for Hummel 2016" (click [here](#)) instructions. 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).

EVENTS

February 22 Frank Runyeon concert - gym
Gr K - 4 at 1:00 p.m.
Gr 5-8 at 1:55 p.m.
February 23 Gr 2 First Eucharist parent & student meeting -
both St. Pius X and St. Leo parishes - 7:00 p.m.
February 24 Reconciliation - Gr 5 at 1:30 p.m.
February 25 Gr 7 Youth Frontiers Courage Retreat
February 26 Collect mission money
February 28 SPSL Church Choir at St. Leo - 10:00 a.m.

March 1 Teacher Appreciation Day
March 1 Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.
March 2 Mass Gr 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
March 3 Mass Gr 4, 5 & 6 at 8:30 a.m.
March 3 Gr 1 & 3 Musical and Gr 7 & 8 Show Choir - gym - 7:00 p.m.
March 4 Collect mission money
March 4 Newsletter emailed to parents & posted at www.spsl.net
March 7 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - Staff Development Day
March 8 Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.
March 8 Culver's Night at 120th & Miami Streets, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
March 9 Mass Gr 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
March 10 Mass Gr 4, 5 & 6 at 8:30 a.m.
March 11 Collect mission money
March 13 Daylight Saving Time begins - set clocks ahead one hour
March 13 SPSL Church Choir at St. Leo Church - 10:00 a.m.
March 15 Mass Gr 1, 2 & 3 at 8:30 a.m.
March 15 School Board Meeting - Library - 7:00 p.m.

value our teachers and think they are the best! We will have a Staff Appreciation Day in April. Watch for more details.



TAGG

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

March 16 Mass Gr 7 & 8 at 8:30 a.m.
 March 16 Fazoli Night - 80th & Cass, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 March 16 Gr 5 & 6 Woodmen Speech Contest - 9:30 a.m.
 - Fr. O'Brien Parish Center
 March 17 Mass Gr 4, 5 & 6 at 8:30 a.m.
 March 17 Gr 7 & 8 Woodmen Speech Contest - 9:30 a.m.
 - Fr. O'Brien Parish Center
 March 18 End of 3rd Quarter
 March 18 Collect mission money
 March 18 Newsletter emailed to parents & posted at www.spsl.net
 March 19 Destination Imagination Regional Tournament in Blair
 March 23 Report cards sent home with students
 March 23 Collect mission money
 March 24 **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Holy Thursday
 March 25 **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Good Friday
 March 28 **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Easter Monday
 March 29 School Resumes at 8:15 a.m.
 March 30 Reconciliation - Gr 2 at 1:30 p.m.

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. Your fine work over \$880. May the Lord truly bless each and every one of you!

SPELLING BEE



On Thursday, February 4th, the 7th and 8th grade held their annual Spelling Bee. The following 7th and 8th graders participated - Rachel Achola, Sydnee Baysa, Kaleb Brink, Daniel Deras, Nolan Gorczyca, Connor Gregg, Rylee Gregg, Fin Herrera, Charlie Howard, Anne Hiatt, Spencer Long, Anna Preston, Isabela Weber, Chloe Whiddon, and Brianna Wunderlich. The winner was 7th grader Nolan Gorczyca, and the runner-up was 7th grader Rylee Gregg.

On Tuesday, February 9th, the 5th and 6th grade held their annual Spelling Bee. The following 5th and 6th graders participated - Evelyn Brown, Katie Coppard, Trevor Gregg, Sheridan Hogrefe, Ben Howard, Daniel Kampe, Maggie Morris, Ethan Noon, Sanaa Traurig, Wyatt Walters, Ethan Weber, and Will Wharton. The winner 5th grader Sheridan Hogrefe, and the runner-up was 5th grader Katie Coppard.

Nolan Gorczyca and Sheridan Hogrefe represented SPSL at the Metro Catholic Spelling Bee held at St. Stephen the Martyr School on Saturday, February 13th. Students from across the metro's Catholic schools qualified to participate at this competition. Sheridan finished in a tie for 12th place!

Congrats and thank you to Nolan and Sheridan for being great representatives of our school!

SAVE THE DATE - SPORTS NIGHT



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.



The Sports Night banquet will be held Thursday, May 5th in the school's gymnasium. The featured speaker will be Greg McDermott, the head coach of the Creighton mens basketball 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.

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 2014-2015 school year we received \$2,558.90 from the Box Top\$ Education Program. We especially want to thank Jean McGill for all the time she dedicates to coordinating this program.



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!

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.



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.



CULVER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, March 8th 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, March 16th, 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 including crafts for the kids!



CAR MAGNETS

We thank all SPSL parents who are proudly displaying the car magnets given out during Catholic Schools Week that were

FIRM FAIR & CONSISTENT PARENTING NEWS

Show you value education

When you make it clear to your child that education matters to you, it will become important to her, too. To show your child that school should be her top priority:



- **Talk about school** every day. Ask your child questions about what she is learning. Tell her why you value education and why she should, too.
- **Review homework** every day.
- **Stay in contact** with her teacher. Kids learn best when they feel that adults at home and school are on the same team.

(Source: Firm, Fair & Consistent from the Parenting Institute, February 2016)

generously donated by a school parent. This is a great way for our community to show off their Panther pride. Please remember to remove the magnet before washing. If you would like more magnets, they are available in the school office for \$3.00 each.

Go Panthers!

C.A.R.E.

Please remember to buy C.A.R.E. You may stop by the school office to place your order. 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 its own email address which is spslcare@spsl.net.



SPSL ON-LINE

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