



St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Newsletter

September 2, 2016

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Today we send the first electronic newsletter from St. Pius X / St. Leo School for this school year!



In the newsletter, we will continue to share information about school activities, volunteer opportunities and fundraising events. We will also post important dates for you and your children to remember.



We encourage you to read the entire newsletter. It is the main form of communication between the school and parents about what is happening at SPSL.

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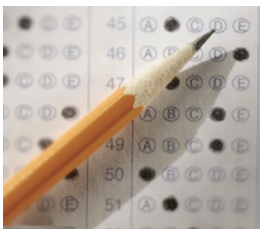
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STANDARDIZED TESTING



The TerraNova, Third Edition, and corresponding cognitive abilities test, InView, will be administered to **all students in grades 3 through 8 between September 27 and October 7, 2016**. Results will be available after all Archdiocesan schools submit the tests for scoring. Please know that the results will be shared with you and your child as soon as they are available.

This standardized test, used in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Assessments administered at every grade level from one to twelve, form a balanced assessment plan for our students and all students in the Archdiocesan schools. The goal of this plan is to improve student learning

across the curriculum.

Please contact us at (402) 551-6667 if you have any questions.

Take easy steps now to get the school year off to a great start

It's a new school year! That usually means new routines, schedules and priorities for elementary schoolers and their families. Try these practical ideas to set your child and yourself up for a great year:

- **Keep a family calendar.** Mark each family member's activities in a different color.
- **Plan for after-school activities.** Schedule adequate time for homework, play, sports, clubs and family time.
- **Establish a family reading time.**
- **Stock a study area** for your child. Provide paper, pencils, a dictionary and other needed supplies.
- **Set up a file for school notices** so they won't get misplaced.
- **Keep an eye on recreational screen time.** Monitor the time your child spends watching TV, playing electronic games, texting and surfing the Internet. Set a firm rule that homework and chores come before screen time. Be sure that she has plenty of time to read, exercise and just relax.
- **Collect important phone numbers,** such as numbers for the school office, after-school program and a neighbor. Post them along with current work, doctor and other emergency contact numbers.
- **Make a backup plan.** Find another parent who will exchange school carpool favors—in case you get sick or delayed by work or traffic.



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LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Help our school win \$10,000. The Labels for Education® Grand Stand for Schools Sweepstakes is giving away \$10,000 to 100 schools through a random drawing. All you need to do is visit [here](#) and enter your email address and contact information to help us out. Once your contact info is entered you can visit the site each day to increase our chance of winning! The contest ends October 31 so make sure to enter today and as often as you can in the next two months. Be sure to share this with anyone who wants to help us win - family, friends and co-workers. Thank you for helping SPSL!

SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS



Noah and Velda meet each other on the front steps of SPSL School on the very first day of class. They have been waiting patiently in the line of cars entering the school parking lot and admiring the beautiful campus. As they exit their vehicle (which has pulled up to the Stop Here and Begin Unloading sign) they see each other, smile, and using a pleasant voice, they greet each other with a warm and hearty "Hello." The school day and the school year have begun on a positive note for both students.

The students at SPSL School will be learning, reviewing and practicing social skills based upon the Boys Town Model that we have been using for many years. It is a program for developing social skills that will help all students be successful in their every day lives and for practicing the social

skills that will become increasingly important in their future. It is also the program that is the foundation for the SPSL School student discipline program.

It has been noted that many problems for high school students as well as adults can be avoided by consistently using the social skills taught to all of the Panthers at SPSL School. All social skills being modeled at school will appear in the school newsletter. Please review and practice the skills with your Noah and/or Velda as we work together to provide a positive learning environment for our students. If you have any questions about the social skills or school discipline please contact the homeroom teacher or Mr. Weare, the Assistant Principal. Social skills will be introduced in the first weeks of school. Let's all work to help Noah, Velda and all our young Panthers continue to be successful students and even more successful adults.

EVENTS

September 5 - **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL** - Labor Day
September 6 - Mass Gr 1, 2 and 3 at 8:30 a.m.
September 7 - Mass Gr 6, 7 and 8 at 8:30 a.m.
September 8 - Mass Gr 4 and 5 at 8:30 a.m.
September 13 - Mass Gr 1, 2 and 3 at 8:30 a.m.
September 13 - Culver's Night at 120th & Blondo - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
September 14 - Mass Gr 6, 7 and 8 at 8:30 a.m.
September 15 - Mass Gr 4 and 5 at 8:30 a.m.
September 16 - **NO STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS** - Staff Development & School of Faith Day for Teachers
September 20 - Mass Gr 1, 2 and 3 at 8:30 a.m.
September 20 - School Board Meeting in Library at 7:00 p.m.
September 21 - Mass Gr 6, 7 and 8 at 8:30 a.m.
September 21 - Fazoli Night at 80th & Cass from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
September 22 - Mass Gr 4 and 5 at 8:30 a.m.
September 23 - Newsletter e-mailed and posted on-line
September 23 - Dress Down Day
September 26 - **NO STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS** - Staff Development & School of Faith Day for Teachers
September 28 - Gr 3 Reconciliation at 1:30 p.m.
October 22 - SPSL School Fundraiser at Prep - 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Gr 3-8 PARENTS - Grades are on-line. Please check PowerSchool often.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

As you know from our family handbook, all of our employees and any volunteers who have one-on-one contact and are alone with children in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese or programs sponsored by the parishes must receive training to provide a safe environment for our students. The following information is on the Archdiocesan website:

At the Archdiocese of Omaha, we want the best for our children. That's why all of our



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who is showing their Panther Pride with a school yard sign. We have received a lot of positive comments about the signs and love seeing them all over town. Thank you for supporting the school and helping us get the word out about this great community! We still have a few yard signs left - please call the school office to request one.



CULVER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, September 13, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. is SPSL night at Culver's at 120th & Miami Streets. When you place your order, please tell the cashier that you are with SPSL. Every second Tuesday of the month will be Culver's night at the 120th & Miami Streets location.

priests, deacons, staff and volunteers attend our Safe Environment training - a program designed to help them become even more aware and responsible leaders while fostering a secure, joy-filled atmosphere for our children.



Trainers, individual parishes, deaneries, or schools may schedule training sessions that are open to the public. To view the training schedule, please click [here](#). Sessions run approximately two-and-a-half hours and to receive your certification, you must attend the entire session. Safe Environment Certification includes a background check and is valid for five years. You must register online before attending the training. For more information on Safe Environment training, click [here](#).

HOMEWORK BLOG



Students in grades 5-8 will be able to access a list of homework assignments from home via the Homework Blog. Students and parents can access the homework blogs on the school [website](#) by clicking on the 'Classrooms' button on the homepage and then click on the appropriate grade's homework blog link. The blog is being used as a tool for students who have missed class time to get assignments or as a way for students and parents to double check homework against their assignment notebooks. However, the blog should not be used in place of the assignment notebook. Students can expect their assignments to be on the blog after 3:30 on school days.

WHEN IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Proper care in the early stages of an illness can reduce recovery time for the ill child and reduce the possibility of spreading the illness to others. Proper diet, adequate rest, and good personal hygiene (especially frequent handwashing) can assist the body's ability to fight infection.

The following are guidelines to assist you in deciding when your child should stay home from school:

***Irritability, poor appetite, tiredness, achiness** are vague symptoms. Changes in a child's normal behavior can often signal the beginning of an illness.

***Fever of 100 degrees or higher.** Take your child's temperature if he is complaining of feeling tired, headache, sore throat or stomach ache. **A 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



FAZOLI'S NIGHT

Wednesday, September 21, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. is SPSSL night at the Fazoli's at 80th & Cass Streets. When you place your order, please tell the cashier that you are with SPSSL. Fazoli's will donate 10% of that night's sales to SPSSL. Join the fun - including crafts for the kids! Every third Wednesday of the month will be Fazoli's Night at the Peony Park location. Mark your calendars!



SPSSL Fundraiser

We hope you will join us for the annual school fundraiser on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The event begins at 6:30pm in the Sullivan Center at Creighton Prep High School. Invitations for all school families will be sent home later this month. Please call the school office with any questions.

of these symptoms. Be sure he is able to tolerate food without difficulty before returning.

***Nasal secretions and coughing/sneezing** spread respiratory infections easily when these symptoms can't be controlled.

***Suspected communicable conditions** such as undiagnosed rashes, pink eye, ringworm, chickenpox. A child must be sent home until identified symptoms are evaluated and conditions for return to school are provided by a health care provider.

Source: VNA School Nurse

RACE FOR EDUCATION

A huge thank you to all of the students, parents and volunteers who participated in the 12th annual Race for Education held last spring. It was a fun-filled day that included walking, running, red and blue snow cones, special guest appearances from local college athletes and mascots, and, of course, lots of SPSL Panther Spirit!

A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped the day of the race and to the volunteers who helped open and process the sponsorship forms!

SPSL finished the race with GREAT results earning over \$49,468 after expenses! Donations came in from friends and family from all over the United States.



WAY TO GO PANTHERS!




PANTHER AWARD WINNING STUDENTS



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who earned P.A.W.S. awards during the last few months of the 2015-2016 school year.

HY-VEE'S "CASH FOR STUDENTS" PROGRAM

Help raise money for our school while shopping at Hy-Vee. Please  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 1st, 2016 through December 31st, 2016. Thanks for helping us with this easy fundraiser for our school.



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that visitors and volunteers must check into the school office. We ask that you sign your name in our log and wear a name tag inside the school. The name tag shows faculty, staff and students that you are authorized to be in the building. If you volunteer for **lunch duty**, you may check into the cafeteria where you'll also receive a name tag. Thank you!

Hillary Advolo
Patrick Ahianti
Morbi Ando
Bennett Ashby
Nico Banka
Brooke Banker
Sydnee Baysa
Cece Behrens
Ashley Bialas
Nasirah Biao
Ta Blae Blut
Abbie Bluvas
Nathan Bluvas
Katryna Boelter
Ben Borer
Gracie Brabec
Alessandro Bressani
Will Brewster
Aiden Brink
Kaleb Brink
Maria Buechler
Will Buechler
John Burns
Olivia Camerer
Anthony Cimino
Annie Compton
Katie Coppard
Helen Coyle
Josette Crossley
Sebastian Dansou
Jacob Dasher
Grant Dau
Dallas Davis
Melany Davis
Caleb Djossou
Henry Drexel
Caitlyn Dunham
Yani Falconer
Alida Farrens
Fifi Farrens
Johanna Fillmore
Sam Fillmore

Sean Fix
Eve Fountain
Molly Gallegos
Charlotte Gautschi
Josh Geske
Lauren Goebel
Nolan Gorczyca
Vincent Graham
Rylee Gregg
Vince Grenier
Seamus Haney
Sully Haney
Maggie Hanna
Diesel Harris
Joseph Hayes
Noah Haynes
Henry Heimann
Mabel Henningsen
Sam Herek
Annie Herfordt
Vada Herrera
Logan Herron
Margaret Hiatt
Kate Hoppe
Anna Hugo
Cameron James
Oliver Johnson
Jonah Jolley
Ellian Jones
Colby Kaisershot
Kaylee Kaisershot
Sam Kastl
Anna Kidder
Nico Kocmich
Tanner Kreifels
Michael Kult
Grace Larson
Madeline Larson
Janaizsa Lawson
Phong Le
Terry Le
Preston Leach

Erin Lemar
Ella Lindeman
Delano Lockhart
Javier Macias
Eleanor Mangan
Hayden Marus
Steven McCarthy
Brady McGill
Brigid McGill
Molly McGill
Joelle McKamy
Drew Monzu
Parker Mooney
Maggie Morris
Ashlyn Morrow
Rodrigo Munoz
Kevin Nelson
PerryJames Newbill
Aiden Nodean
Addison Nownes
Julia Nubel
Jason Nyamatore
Grant O'Doherty
Riley O'Hare
Daniel Osborn
Addison Ostronic
Adele Patch
Morgan Phillips
Beau Pick
Amaya Quick
Carter Ramold
Caleb Rawson
Alex Reinstein
Jonah Risch Bakhit
Aiden Rodriguez
Mia Rodriguez
Sylvie Roecker
Lydia Rose
Rayni Rothschild
Kelsey Rudloff
Daniel Rusch
Caroline Sall

Emily Salzman
Leah Saucier
Andrew Sauer
Matthew Sauer
Abigail Schmidt
Lauren Schmidt
Cohen Senkbile
Noah Shaal
Charlie Shald
Mia Sharrar
Jordan Simon
Tommy Smith
Wade Spencer
Daniel Stokes
Tyler Strauss
Vaughn Stubby
Lucy Sturek
Bryce Stutzman
Norah Sullivan
Jack Sundermeier
Christian Swift
Kailiyah Taylor
Tanner ten Bensel
Zach ten Bensel
McKinley Toft
Chris Tollo
Joshua Townley
Robert Townley
Sanaa Traurig
Maren Walters
Ben Weber
Isa Weber
Adrianna Webster
Jason Weist
Olivia Weist
Reese Welsh
Neviah Woods
Kate Worthy
Nick Worthy
Sarah Yosten
Jack Zenk



INFORMATION SHARING

Occasionally, St. Pius X and St. Leo Parishes may request information about our school families (such as name, address, phone number, cell phone number, special needs of the family, etc.).

Because we are a two-parish school with St. Pius X and St. Leo being our major supporters, we will share this information unless you request that we do not.

If you do NOT want your information shared with St. Pius X and/or St. Leo, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 by September 9, 2016.



SPSL ON THE INTERNET

While you're browsing the Internet, please visit our homepage to learn about our school. The site contains lots of information about happenings at

SPSL School.
www.spsl.net



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