



ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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GR K-8 TUITION & FEES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The School Board for St. Pius X / St. Leo School would like to inform parents of the tuition rates for the 2018-2019 school year. In order to continue its excellence in education, SPSL School will have a tuition increase of \$98 (parishioner rate) for the 2018-2019 school year so tuition for one child will go from \$2,701 to \$2,799. All fees will stay the same. Fees total \$500.

In the past five years, tuition increases have ranged from 1.5% to 5%. For next year, tuition will increase 3.6%. Tuition is determined by the pastors and the SPSL School Board after taking into consideration the overall school budget needs, including teacher staffing. Your continued support and partnership are appreciated as we journey on our shared mission to provide a quality Catholic education for our children.

Once again, parents will pay the non-refundable registration fee(s) and have the option of adding the Book and Materials Fee and the Technology Fee to their SMART payment plan.

The tuition for students at SPSL School for the 2018-2019 school year is set at \$5,607 per student. Due to adjustments to this tuition amount from parish subsidies (approximately \$2,438 per student) and school fundraising efforts (\$370 per student), parents who are parishioners are asked to pay the following at a minimum:

\$2,799 one child in grades K-8
\$5,598 two children in grades K-8
\$7,361 three children in grades K-8
\$8,259 four or more children in grades K-8

Non-Parishioner (Catholic families who are not registered at St. Pius X or St. Leo parishes) and Non-Catholic tuition is the amount it costs to educate a child, which is \$5,607 minus the school fundraising efforts and other general incomes of about \$370 per student, for a tuition total of \$5,237 per student.

Registration Fee: The registration fee of \$100 per child will remain the same for the next school year. This non-refundable \$100 fee is paid for each of your first three children. If you have four children in our school the fee for the fourth child would be half. If you have five or six children in our school this fee would be free for them.

Book and Materials Fee: The book and materials fee of \$305 will remain the same for the next school year. The book and materials fee covers such things as all of our consumable books for reading, religion, spelling and math, handwriting paper, printing and postage expenses, copying expenses, music, art and physical education materials, library books, A.V. materials, and

all the supporting materials needed for teaching. The \$305 fee needs to be paid for each of your first three children. If you have four children in our school the fee for the fourth child would be half. If you have five or six children in our school this fee would be free for them.

Technology Fee: The technology fee remains the same at \$95 for the next school year. The \$95 fee is paid for each child in our school. There is no waiver for having more than three children in our school as there is for the other two fees. This fee is due for each child. These fees are used for a replacement cycle for our present computers, the purchasing and upgrading of software throughout the school, and the repairs of our technology equipment.

The total of Registration, Book and Materials, and Technology Fees for each child is \$500. If you have four or more children in our school, please note the reduction in fees as indicated previously.

Since \$5,607 plus the \$500 Book and Materials Fee, Registration Fee and Technology Fee is what it costs our school to educate each child for the 2018-2019 school year, we encourage St. Pius X / St. Leo parents who are able to pay more than the minimum tuition to do so.

After Easter break your family will receive your tuition agreement for the 2018-2019 school year. Information regarding paying the registration fees will be detailed on the tuition agreement. Registration fee(s) will be due by Friday, May 4th.

For the coming school year you may pay the Grade K-8 tuition and other fees as follows:

Minimum Requirement: The non-refundable Registration Fee must be paid for each of your children (\$100 for each of your first 3 children, \$50 for 4th child and no fee for 5th and 6th child). You may pay any additional amount over the minimum \$100 per child Registration Fee.

Option for payment of remaining grade K-8 fees and tuition (You will designate your option on the tuition agreement.):

1. Pay remaining fees and tuition in full by August 1, 2018. You therefore would not use the SMART Program.
2. Use the SMART Program to pay all remaining fees and tuition not paid by May 5th. Payments made through the SMART Program are paid from June, 2018 through April, 2019. Please choose one of the following SMART options.
 - a. If you used the SMART Program this year and wish to continue using it next year with no changes, you will be automatically rolled over. The \$50 SMART annual enrollment fee will be added to your June 2018 payment.

- b. If you did not previously use the SMART Program but wish to do so this year, or if you wish to make changes in your present payment plan, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 to request a new enrollment form.

All tuition for the current school year is to be paid in full by April 30, 2018. Your tuition must be paid in full or you must be current on your tuition payments before you can register your child(ren) for the 2018-2019 school year. A statement will be included with your tuition agreement for those families with an outstanding balance due.

Completed tuition agreements along with the registration fees are due by Friday, May 4th.

Pre-Kindergarten parents pay tuition and enrichment program fees for nine months in the school office at the beginning of each month starting September 1st through May 1st (Pre-Kindergarten tuition is NOT eligible to be paid using the SMART program).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The cost of tuition for the 2018-2019 school year is listed in this newsletter. Any families that are unable to pay the total tuition cost must apply for financial 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, note the following information about the two programs (CSF & FAIR) which help with tuition assistance.

CSF: To apply for financial assistance you will need to check if you qualify for the Children's Scholarship Fund. Please go to their website at www.esfomaha.org to get more information and see if you meet their income guideline for assistance. Applications will be accepted online only. You can apply on your own or if you need help in completing the application, the CSF staff will be here at St. Pius X / St. Leo School to assist any family who needs help with the application. They will be in our school's computer lab to help families apply online on **April 17** from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bring **ALL** your income information with you.

FAIR: Tuition Assistance given by your parishes – To be considered for this assistance, you will need to complete a FAIR (Financial Aid Independent Review) application form. Please go to their website at www.fairapp.com for more information.

A financial packet with the above information and forms was sent home with all families who received financial assistance this year, who qualify for free or reduced lunch, or who have requested one. If you wish to apply for FAIR and an application was not sent home with your child, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667 to request one.



If your child(ren) will not be returning to St. Pius X / St. Leo School for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the school office at (402) 551-6667.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

We are sending home a paper copy of this newsletter because it includes the tuition information. We hope you have been reading the other newsletters this year via email or on our school's website (www.spsl.net). The dates for the remaining newsletters for this school year are April 6, April 20 and May 11. Since this is our main form of communication, please check your email or go online on these dates to read the newsletters.

SPSL RECOGNITION DINNER

Please join us at the third annual SPSL School Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at St. Leo the Great Church. The evening's festivities will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The following honorees will be recognized at the dinner:

Susan Drew – The Reverend George Kempker “Volunteer of the Year” Award

Dave Ludwig - The Sister Viola Miksch “Servant of Mary” Service Award

Fred Dohman – Hall of Fame Inductee

Dr. Johnell (Ohlinger) Brooks - NCEA / SPSL “Distinguished Graduate” Award

Pam Botos – The Sister Brigetta Burns “Teacher of the Year” Award

Tickets are \$45 each for the dinner. Please email Bob Nowaczyk at bob.nowaczyk@spsl.net for tickets. We look forward to seeing you.

RACE FOR EDUCATION UPDATE



Thank you to all our school families for submitting Race for Education mailing labels! Our school community worked together as a team to exceed our school-wide goal of 5,000 mailing labels by March 15. The Race for Education will occur on Friday, April 20. If you can volunteer to help before, during, or after the event, please contact Michaela Smith at michaela.smith@spsl.net. Thank you!

SPSL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPSL's annual golf tournament is Saturday, May 19 at the Knolls Golf Course beginning at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$90 per person, which includes an 18 hole golf scramble, cart, prizes, dinner and fun! If you would like to participate in the golf outing or would be willing to sponsor a hole or donate a prize, please call the school office at (402) 551-6667.



