



ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 27, 2020

GR K-8 TUITION & FEES **FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

The School Board for St. Pius X / St. Leo School would like to inform parents of the tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year. In order to continue its excellence in education, SPSL School will have a tuition increase of \$86 (parishioner rate) for the 2020-2021 school year so tuition for one child will go from \$2,855 to \$2,941. The technology fee will increase from \$95 for each child in our school to \$125. All other fees will stay the same. Fees total \$530.

Historically, tuition increases have ranged from 1.5% to 5%. For next year, tuition will increase 3%. 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 and have the option of adding the Book and Materials Fee and the Technology Fee to their SMART payment plan.

The total cost for a student at St. Pius X / St. Leo School for the 2020-2021 school year is as follows: Tuition of \$5,872 per full-time student plus fees of \$530 per student for a total cost of \$6,402 per student.

Since our school is a parish school the tuition portion of the cost is reduced for our Parishioners from funds from parish subsidies of about \$2,343 per student and from school fundraising efforts and other general incomes of about \$588 per student, for a total tuition reduction of \$2,931 per student. School parents who are registered Parishioners of St. Pius X or St. Leo parishes are asked to pay the following tuition minimum(s):

\$2,941 one child in grades K-8
\$5,882 two children in grades K-8
\$7,733 three children in grades K-8
\$8,677 four or more children in grades K-8

Tuition for Non-Parishioner (Catholic families who are not registered at St. Pius X or St. Leo parishes or "grandfathered in") and Non-Catholic students is \$5,284 per student, which is gross tuition amount of \$5,872 per student less a \$588 per student reduction for the school fundraising efforts and other general incomes.

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 will increase by \$30 from \$95 to \$125 for the next school year. The \$125 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. 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 increase in fee will help to replace Chromebooks purchased previously through outside grant programs. Going forward, a grade level will be replaced each year as the Chromebooks age out. Maintenance and general repairs not caused by neglect will also be covered by this fee.

The total of Registration, Book and Materials, and Technology Fees for each child is \$530. If you have four or more children in our school, please note the reduction in fees as indicated previously.

The total cost per student is \$6,402 (Tuition of \$5,872 plus the Book and Materials Fee, Registration Fee, and Technology Fee of \$530), thus we encourage St. Pius X / St. Leo parents who are able to pay more than the minimum parishioner tuition and fees to do so.

Your tuition agreement for the 2020-2021 school year will be mailed to your home address the first week of April. Information regarding paying the registration fee will be detailed on the tuition agreement.

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

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, 2020. You therefore would not use the SMART Program.
2. Use the SMART Program to pay all remaining fees and tuition not paid by May 8. Payments made through the SMART Program are paid from June, 2020 through April, 2021.
 - 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 2020 payment.
 - b. If you were previously not a part of the SMART Program, or if you wish to make changes in your present payment plan, complete the SMART enrollment form which will be mailed with your tuition agreement.

All tuition for the current school year (2019-2020) is to be paid in full by April 30, 2020. 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 2020-2021 school year.

Completed tuition agreements along with the registration fee(s) are due by Friday, May 8. As of this time, please mail your tuition agreement and registration fee(s) to the school office.

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The cost of tuition for the 2020-2021 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.csfomaha.org to get more information and see if you meet their income guideline for assistance. Applications will be accepted online only. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2020.

FAIR (Tuition Assistance awarded by the 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 did not receive one, there is an option to complete the FAIR application online via their website

www.fairapp.com. To apply for FAIR you will need the following information:

- School Code: 140
- School Password: spsls140
- A valid email address
- A credit card (to pay the application fee of \$30)

The FAIR application deadline is May 1, 2020.

If your child(ren) will not be returning to St. Pius X / St. Leo School for the 2020-2021 school year, please email Kathy Graney (kathy.graney@spsl.net) to let her know.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Due to the current school closure because of the COVID-19 outbreak, we are unable to send home a paper copy of this newsletter with your child. 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 8, April 24, and May 8. Since this is our main form of communication, please check your email or go online on these dates to read the newsletters.

RACE FOR EDUCATION UPDATE

Thank you to all our school families for submitting Race for Education mailing labels. Our school community worked together to exceed our school-wide goal - 6,121 labels were sent in! The Race for Education is scheduled to occur on May 1, 2020.

This is a very challenging time for our world, and above all else, we pray for the health and well-being of all. Under normal circumstances, our students would spend some time this week and next writing a note to each potential sponsor at school. This year, a note will be sent to potential sponsors letting them know we are currently out of school due to COVID-19, but that this is still an important fundraiser for our school. If potential sponsors are in a position to do so, we invite them to participate in the Race fundraiser. We are mailing the Race flyers out by homerooms this year. You will receive an email when the flyers for your child(ren) have been mailed. If we are not able to hold the Race on May 1 as planned, we will provide you with an update on this event. Please direct questions to Michaela Smith at michaela.smith@spsl.net.

SAVE THE DATE

SPSL 2020 Fall Fundraiser
20/20 Vision: Focus on What Matters

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020
Location: Creighton Prep High School

If you would like to help with the fundraiser, please contact one of the Chairs!

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