

SPSL Weekly Distance Learning Newsletter

May 1, 2020



Distance Learning Developments:



Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) Needs YOUR Feedback: The United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act, which includes one-time relief funding for local school districts, intended to address challenges of providing education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

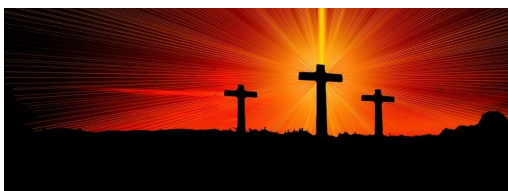
The Nebraska Department of Education is seeking feedback from all stakeholders to understand local needs as well as potential investments and supports. Please take a moment to complete this short survey, also available in Spanish:

https://nde.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efislqh4QDEA1KZ.

Teacher “Drive-by and Say Hi”: On Wednesday, May 6, SPSL will host a “Teacher Drive-By and Say Hi” at St. Leo the Great Church (102nd and Blondo). From 6-7 PM, families can drive through the parking lot and see many of their teachers! We ask that anyone who wants to participate enter the parking lot from the North entrance on 102nd Street. Cones and staff members will be there to guide you through the parking lot. We ask that everyone stay in their cars and nothing gets passed between cars and teachers, but feel free to honk, wave, and yell!



Faith and Family:



Saint of the Day: Everyone can use a good role model. “Saint of the Day,” offered through Franciscan Media, gives a brief biography about a

holy man or woman every day. The bios are short and take little time to read, and you can even sign up to have them delivered to your email inbox. Find out more [here](#). All you holy men and women, *pray for us!*

In addition to this great resource, our school will post virtual prayer services on the days our students ordinarily would have celebrated Mass. You will find those posted on our [Facebook page](#) and [Daily Announcements](#) page of spsl.net.

Technology Information:

Google Classroom: Many of our teachers are utilizing Google Classroom to continue learning during our time away from the school building. Google Classroom is an online platform that allows teachers to assign, collect, assess, and return assignments and projects. Google Classroom also aligns nicely with all the other Google products, so teachers can use other apps (Google Docs, Google Forms, Gmail, etc.) to view student work, collect survey data, post announcements, provide entrance and exit tickets, just for a few examples. Google Classroom can also be used to post videos and links to other sources to enrich the learning experience. Find out more [here](#).



A Word from Our Counselors:



This week, Mr. Keogh offers two tools to help during distance learning. In the first video, he talks about using an artifact, or token, to help balance the work responsibilities and school responsibilities so many of our parents are facing. In the second, he reiterates the importance of journaling as a way to deal with stress.

[Using Tokens to Help Balance Work and Home \(Video\)](#)

[The Benefits of Journaling \(Video\)](#)

The link for a journal template (also provided last week) is available from [Friendzy](#).

And don't forget, Mr. Keogh and Mrs. Jurgens-Byam are available to talk with ANY of our families. Their contact information is:

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Happening Next Week:

May 5: National Teacher Appreciation Day

May 6: Rotary Honor Roll Luncheon scheduled for this day was cancelled. However, we want to recognize our 2020 Rotary Honor Roll Students from 8th grade: Ziyad M, Will O, Sophie O, Katie R, and Giuliana W. Congratulations!

May 6: Teacher “Drive-by and Say Hi” (see above): 6-7PM at St. Leo the Great Church (102nd & Blondo)

May 7: Mission Day - Although we cannot celebrate together, do something nice for someone else: call a friend, leave a kind note, do an extra chore, give a donation, etc. Let’s continue to excel at service for others!

May 8: Faculty In-service - No remote learning activities will be sent home

Looking for a Smile?

Check out all the great hairstyles, costumes, and race pictures submitted by our community during Spirit Week at the [SPSL Website Gallery!](#)

Want More?

There are even more things happening on social media. Check SPSL out on Facebook and Instagram.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/stpiusxstleoschool/>

Instagram - spslomaha