

# SPSL Weekly Distance Learning Newsletter

May 15, 2020



## Distance Learning Developments:

Supply Pick Up and Dropoff Next Week: You should have received a detailed email about supply pick up and dropoff happening next week. The contents of that email can be found [here](#). **Important Reminder/Notice: If any school community member has tested positive or was exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you not participate in the "pick-up" or "drop off" of supplies for next week. We will make arrangements on an individual basis with those families to return and pick up school supplies and materials.**

Summer Enrichment Activities from ESU 10: Goal: Do you want your students to read more? Want them to tinker more? Want them to be more active? Want them to be more cognizant of the environment/their environment? Linked here are some summer enrichment activities provided to SPSL and our students from ESU 10. [Summer Enrichment Activities](#)

Letter from Superintendent Michael Ashton: Superintendent Ashton has written a letter to the Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic School Community. You can read the contents of his letter [here](#).

Faculty Birthday Treats - THANK YOU!: As our year is drawing to a close, the SPSL teachers and staff want to thank all those who volunteered to bring birthday treats on Fridays. We so appreciate the many ways parents think of us, and this has always been a welcome and fun tradition. Thank you!

Faculty and Staff Yard Signs - THANK YOU!: The faculty and staff at SPSL recently had some surprise additions to their front yards. Thank you to the Straight from the Heart Parent group for providing these wonderful spirit-lifters!

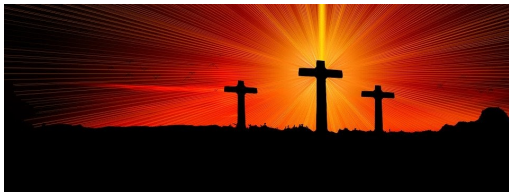


St. Pius X Food Pantry - Hours Change: The St. Pius X Food Pantry will be open only for drive up on Wednesdays, 8:00-10:00 am. For special needs, circumstances please call 402-558-3382

## **Faith and Family:**

Next week is [Laudato Si' Week!](#) From May 16-24, Pope Francis asks that the global Catholic community celebrate the fifth anniversary of the landmark encyclical letter through prayer, education, and online activities. [Sign up here](#) to receive daily reflections with ways to pray, learn, and act to care for God's creation.

To help you participate and join in activities, there is a special [Laudato Si' Week 2020 webpage](#) where you will find a variety of events, activities, and resources.



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:**

IXL: Have you heard your student say something like, "I need to do 20 minutes of IXL"? IXL is an online program that students can use to practice certain academic skills. Each grade has different academic subjects (like math and language arts) broken down into individual skills



(like "Add fractions with unlike denominators" or "Identify sensory details"). When a student shows mastery of one skill, IXL will recommend new skills that build upon the student's knowledge. Also, whenever a student uses IXL, the teacher receives a report telling them what skills the student worked on, for how long, and how many correct responses they had. This helps teachers benchmark students and determine the next best steps. You can learn more about IXL at their website [here](#).

## **A Word from Our Counselors:**



This week, Mr. Keogh and Mrs. Jurgens-Byam have a (socially-distanced) conversation about loss and grief, and also offer some advice about staying positive through remembering good memories.

[Mr. Keogh and Mrs. Jurgens-Byam Talk About Loss and Grief \(VIDEO\)](#)

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 18: Pick Up and Dropoff for Grades 7 & 8

May 19: Pick Up and Dropoff for Grades 5 & 6

May 20: Pick Up and Dropoff for Grades 3 & 4

May 21: Pick Up and Dropoff for Grades 1 & 2

May 22: Pick Up and Dropoff for Grades Pre-K and K

### **Looking for a Smile?**

A new craze is sweeping neighborhood strolls in Michigan and Canada. Based on the comedy sketch from *Monty Python*, neighborhoods are putting up signs declaring certain areas to be under the jurisdiction of the "Ministry of Silly Walks" and encouraging people to obey the new directive by walking in a silly way. Read more about it (and even see videos of some of these "law-abiding citizens") [here](#).

### **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