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# **THE PANTHER POST**



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## **Scratching Your Questions Away**

### **Welcome Fr. Mario!**

Father Mario is a perfect priest for us while Father Joe is absent. Teachers said he's a great priest and they are happy he connects with the kids. Mrs. Holtmeyer said he's doing great. All of the 5th grade teachers said he's super nice and has great potential. Father Mario also serves at Saint Mary our Queen. Father Mario is a wonderful priest!

**Gabe Naatz**

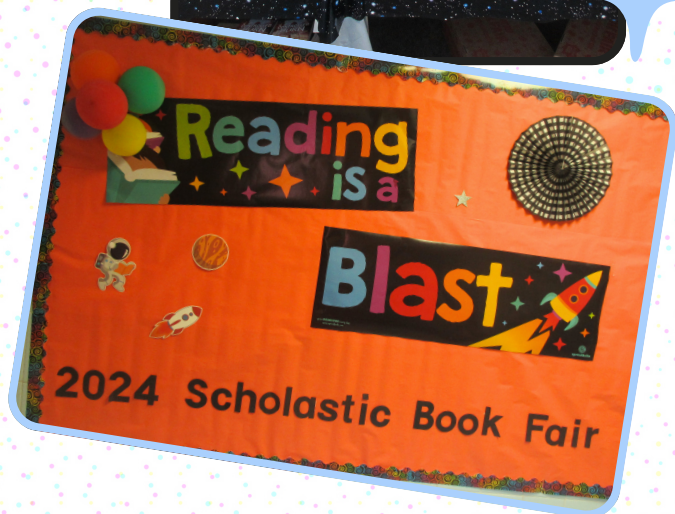


### **Book Fair**

The 2024 Scholastic Book Fair was back in SPSL, February 26-March 1. The colorful collection of books for kids going from Pre-K to 8th grade. With a lot of popular comics, novels, and also posters too (a lot of posters), the Book Fair was almost reminiscent of the ancient Library of Alexandria -- without it burning down, I hope. Some people just bought posters, which is fine.

From the data we got, the top three books were Diary of Roblox Pro, Queen Bee, and Minecraft (that's a book title?). What a great selection of books. We hope everyone enjoyed the book fair!

**Connor Carney, Gabe Naatz, Mick Moyer**



## Baby Bottle Drive

The Baby Bottle Drive was a fundraiser for EPS (Essential Pregnancy Services). It was also a competition for the school. How could you win? Each class would be given a baby bottle to fill with money. At the end of the competition, each bottle was shaken into a microphone at the pep rally, and the class with the most silent bottle won.

The prize for winning was a free snack from the snack cart for every student in the class. The drive went from March 20th to March 27nd. The class that won was 5A, so congratulations to Mrs. Rinkacs and her class!

**Connelly Cunningham**

## Space Bingo

The Space Bingo was an amazing success for the school, the joy of the students, and student council. The Space Bingo, held February 18 in the Parish Center, was an event for kindergarten through 4th grade. Student Council said they wanted something fun for the younger kids after the Glow Skate for the older grades. The Student Council and students enjoyed the experience a lot. Students said they would 100% do something like that again.

**Gabe Naatz**



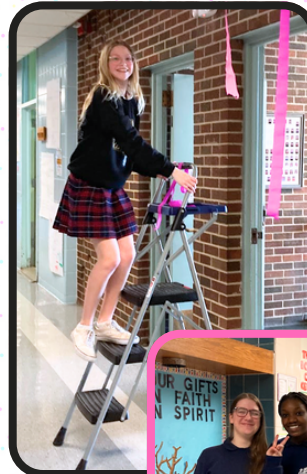
# No Place for Hate Events Shine Light on Kindness

## Pink Out Parade

The Pink Out Parade was an event planned by the younger kids at the NPFH club. At the parade on March 1, the whole school walked down the hall to the gym and walked around for a few minutes. Afterwards, we all went outside to the playground, hit balloons, and played on the playground. It was fun and perfect with NO HATE!

Panther Post asked some of the people that were decorating for the pink out parade and here is what they said. Kelsey Rudloff said that the goal was hope. It was the foundation to spread awareness of bullying and spreading hope. Cece Lynch said, this was for anti-bullying. Anti-Bullying month is the month of March.

**Ella Carney**



## Kindness Buttons

On March 13 and 15, the No Place for Hate club had a kindness button sale. This was very successful, selling approximately 40 large buttons and 350 small buttons.

The buttons had kindness messages on them and were intended to increase awareness of the need to be kind in a fun way. These were made by the No Place for Hate members and 7th and 8th graders. They were sold for \$2.00 for the big ones, and \$1.00 for the small. This money will be used to make our school handicap accessible. This was a huge success and we congratulate all who helped make and sell the buttons.

**Rok Slater**



# Off Their Rockers and Show Choir

Off Their Rockers, held March 20-21, was the 2nd and 4th grade musical for the 2023-2024 school year. This is the second time the play has been performed at SPSL. The play happened right after the Show Choir performance.

There were five songs in the play, known in order as The Banjo's Back in Town, Rock Around the Clock, At the Hop, Peppermint Twist, and Dancing in the Street. The last song was played at the very end, after the play was presumably over. The play took place in a fictional place known as "SPSL Senior Center." The directors, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Fleming, clearly spent a lot of time working with the 2nd and 4th graders and it shows. It turned out very good and was enjoyed by all audiences.

Show Choir performed right before the 2nd and 4th graders (picture on next page). They sang three songs: Consider Yourself, Puttin' On the Ritz, and Blue Skies. Two of the songs were actually choreographed by an SPSL alumni. The play was very fun, and I know we all had fun watching.

**Nora Fillmore, Penny Arnold,  
& Connelly Cunningham**



**Show Choir**

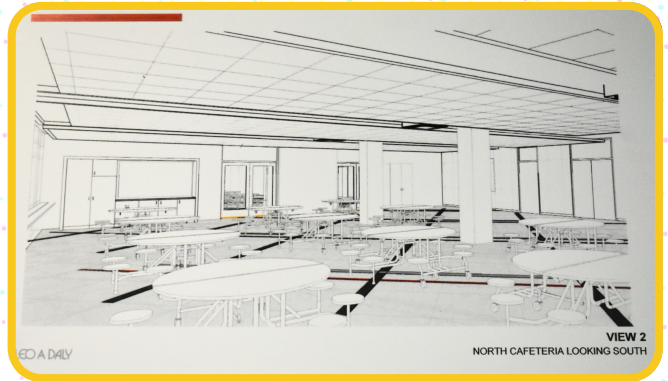


# Cafeteria Remodel

The school cafeteria has been here since 1956, but the new cafeteria remodel is coming in the summer of 2024!

Now, how did the school come to the idea of a remodel? It had a lot of factors. Mrs. Smith talked to staff, the facilities committee, and donors. How was the design made? They talked to architects and engineers. I hope you're excited to see the new cafeteria!

**Mick Moyer**



# The Snack Cart

The Snack Cart has been a major success, but people may be asking themselves: "How did it start?" The Student Council said, "We want to make money for the school, and what better way to do that than to sell food? After all, everybody loves food."

Snack Cart sales raise money for Student Council activities and spirit prizes. Where do the snacks come from? "Teachers donated at first," said Mrs. Utterback. "Then with the profit they made, the Student Council started to buy food in bulk."

Do you ever wonder what to get and you don't know what's good? According to the Student Council, some of their most popular snacks are Sparkling Ice, Sunny D, and Oreos. As well as giving students amazingly tasty treats, the Snack Cart has paid for multiple school events and prizes, such as the Glow Skate and the Space Bingo as well as some of the awards you get from winning these events. All this information proves how much the teachers love it, the students love it, and how much the school loves it.

**Micah DeBruhl and Mick Moyer**

# What is Speech Club?

Madison Krehbiel and Ella Carney

Speech started in February of 2024. The Events for Speech are Original Oratory, Declamation, Poetry, Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID), Duet Acting, Humorous Interpretation (HI), Dramatic Interpretation (DI), Extemporaneous (Exemp), and Impromptu. You need to choose an event that fits your vocal quality and speak about something meaningful.

The most common of these events is Duet Acting because it is fun to do with a partner. The least common is Extemporaneous because you only have 30 minutes to prepare your speech and need to deliver a few minutes long speech. There are 56 students on the speech team this year and they are all doing a great job.

Mrs. Martinez, the current speech coach, told us about how she became the speech coach: “I actually chose to be the drama coach, and it just came with the speech coach job as well. Back in 2004 when I first got hired to coach, I was going to school as a theater major at UNO and saw the posting on our call board in the theater. I had a ton of drama experience but had never done speech. It was terrifying and exciting and addicting to coach students to use their speech gifts. There have been a few years I have not been able to coach speech because of the demanding hours, but I really love watching students grow through their pieces.”

CALLING ALL  
WRITERS!

## Poetry Contest

*Winning poems will be printed in the Panther Post and the authors will receive a prize!*



Contest open to all  
St. Pius X/St. Leo students

Send poems to [pantherpost@spsl.net](mailto:pantherpost@spsl.net)  
Entry deadline: Friday, April 26, 2024

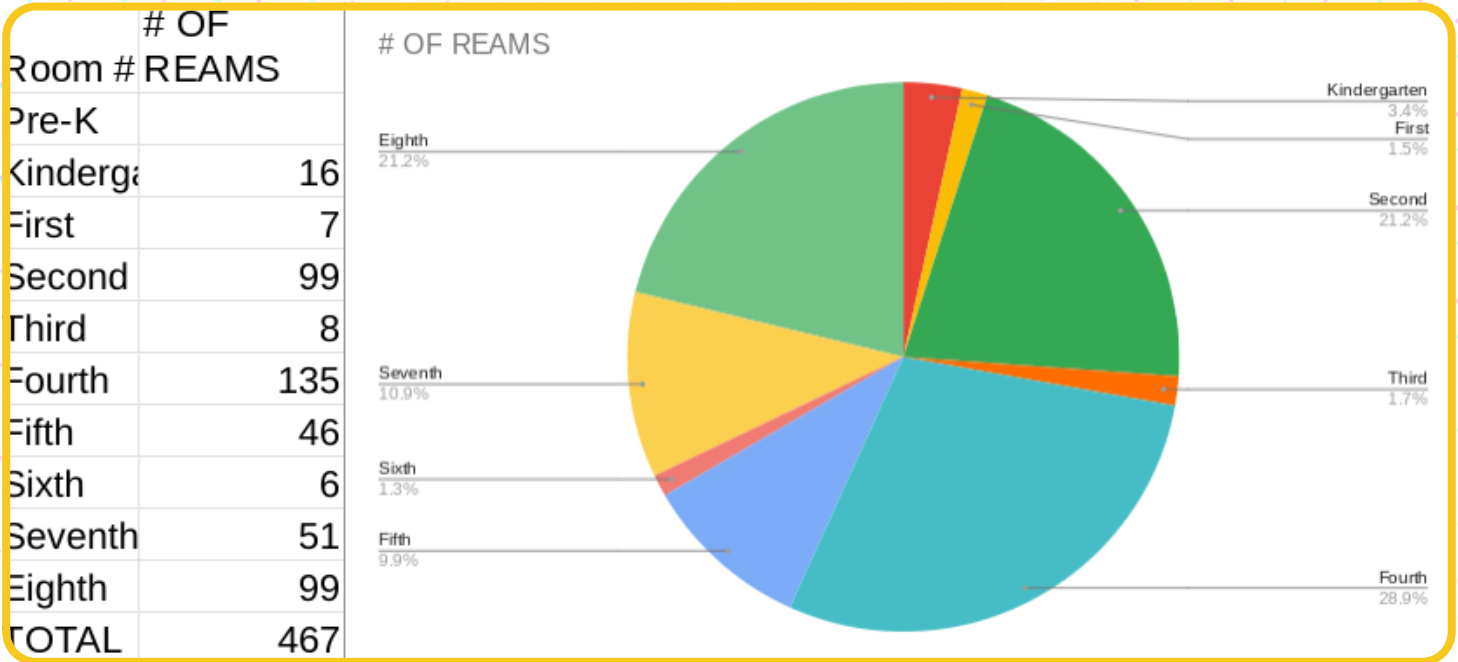
## SPSL Trivia!

- 1.) How many days did it take to build St. Pius X Church?
- 2.) Who was the first assistant priest at St. Pius X?
- 3.) How many rooms were in the original school?
- 4.) Which order of sisters started the school?
- 5.) Who was the first principal?
- 6.) Who is the current principal?
- 7.) How many students were in the school the year it opened?
- 8.) What grades does SPSL currently serve?
- 9.) How many teachers taught at SPSL the 1st year it was open?
- 10.) How many trophies has SPSL won in 50 years?
- 11.) What was the basketball team coached by Fr. Kempker nicknamed by the opponents?
- 12.) What year was the largest graduating class?
- 13.) How many students were in the largest graduating class?
- 14.) What is the name of our school secretary?
- 15.) What are the school colors?
- 16.) What is the school mascot's name?
- 17.) How long has Mrs. Grany worked at SPSL?

The first homeroom that answers all of these questions correctly and emails [pantherpost@spsl.net](mailto:pantherpost@spsl.net) will get their picture printed in the next issue of *Panther Post*!



# 2024 Student Council Spring Paper Drive Results



We want  
YOU to join  
the Panther  
Post!

All students in grades 6-8  
can join  
Meetings will be held on  
Thursdays from 3:35-4:30

**Michael Rusch**

## **Editor's Note**

**Hi everyone! Sorry that this month's issue came out late. We had a lot of things happening! Also, if this note doesn't make very much sense, that's because I'm writing this at 1:00 AM, so I'm very tired. I'd like to use this to congratulate all of the students and clubs who arranged and participated in events this month for their hard work. I know how difficult setting those things up are, believe me. Starting this newspaper was a difficult process, but we still managed. So, good job on that. Thank you for reading through all of this and being patient with us while we put this newspaper together.**

## **Spring Club Calendar**

**SMP:** Monday, 3:30 - 4:30  
**Track:** Monday: 6:30 - 7:30  
**Boy Scouts:** Monday: 7:30  
**Speech:** Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:30  
**Track:** Tuesday: 6:30 - 7:30  
**Hosa:** Thursday: 12:00 - 12:30  
**Panther Post:** Thursday: 3:30 - 4:30  
**Track:** Thursday: 6:30 - 7:30  
**Quiz Bowl:** Friday, 3:30 - 4:15  
**NPFH:** third Friday of each month, 3:35 - 4:15

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