ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 28 - February 3



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. From January 28 to February 3, we will host the traditional Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. St. Pius X / St. Leo School will observe the week with Masses, assemblies, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members to celebrate what makes Catholic schools great. Read on to learn more about the fun activities planned and ways to get involved in helping us make this an extra special week!

1st and 7th Grade Mass

Kick off Catholic Schools Week with us on January 28 as our 1st and 7th graders minister at Sunday Masses. Join us at St. Pius X for 9:30am Mass or St. Leo the Great for 10:00am Mass. We hope to see you there!



SOME OF THE CSW ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Sunday, January 28

- Glow Skate (Grades 5-8)
- SPSL sponsored Masses led by 1st/7th grade

Monday, January 29

- Free Dress Down Day
- African Cultural Connection Presentation
- Police & Fire Vehicles on site as a tribute to our community partners

Tuesday, January 30

- 8:30 Mass at St. Pius X for families with last names A-L
- Spelling Bee (7th -8th)
- No Place for Hate Assembly (all school)

Wednesday, January 31

- 9:00 Mass at St. Leo for families with last names M-Z
- Spelling Bee (5th-6th)
- Culver's Restaurant Night (120th & Miami)

Thursday, February 1

- 8th Grade Mass at Cathedral
- 7th Grade Courage Retreat

Friday, February 2

- Wear Your favorite sweatshirt with uniform
- 5th Grade Kindness Retreat
- Drama Club Presents: <u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u>
- Wall of Gratitude

CELEBRATE SCHOOL MASS WITH FAMILY!

Parents are encouraged to join their student(s) for a special family Mass followed by a <u>Krispy Kreme</u> doughnut reception.

We realize that re-arranging schedules to attend the Mass can be difficult or impossible for some parents. Attending with a grandparent, other relative, neighbor, or friend might make a fond memory for your child/ren.

- January 30th | 8:30am at St. Pius X for last names beginning A-L
- January 31 | 9:00am at St. Leo the Great for last names beginning M-Z

On January 30, please drop off your child/ren at school as usual so the teachers can take attendance and enter their lunch count. Parents of children with last names beginning with A-L can meet their child in the St. Pius X narthex or accompany their child/ren to their homeroom and proceed to the church once the child/ren has checked in with the teacher.

On January 31, please drop off your child/ren at school as usual. Children with last names beginning with M-Z will ride buses to and from St. Leo the Great Church. SPSL staff will escort the students into the church narthex and will remain with them until a parent/adult comes for the child/ren. Any child without family attending with will sit with a teacher or staff member.

Doughnuts will be available after these Masses for families to enjoy with their child/ren.

AFRICAN CULTURAL CONNECTION

On Monday, January 29, all students will participate in an exciting performance presented by the African Culture Connection (ACC). Through drumming, dance, and visual art, the ACC empowers people of all ages with knowledge and understanding that deepens their connection with Africa's rich cultural legacy and the global community.

SPIRIT WEAR IS BACK!

The Spirit Wear store will open on Monday, January 29. Show your Catholic School pride by sporting an SPSL shirt, hat, sweatshirt, etc. purchased through our online store. The store will stay open through Sunday, February 11, with delivery around February 26. For more information and to view the online store, click here or visit the 'Spirit Wear' section under the 'For Parents' page on the school website.



5TH-8TH GRADE GLOW SKATE

All 5th-8th graders and their families are welcome to join us at the SPSL Glow Skate Night! Admission is free, and food will be available for purchase while supplies last. This event is sponsored by Student Council.

DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS...

Please join us as St. Pius X / St. Leo presents the play, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, dramatized by Richard R. George and based on the book by Roald Dahl. Seventh and eighth grade Drama Club students are sure to "entrance, delight, intrigue, and astonish" you in this beloved story of five lucky golden ticketholders and their family members who have the opportunity to tour Mr. Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. Join sweet Charlie Bucket and a few rotten children as they marvel at the wondrous factory and its zany, rhyming Oompa-Loompas. The play will run approximately one hour and is free to the public. Donations are accepted. Performances by two separate casts are on Friday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00pm in the St. Pius X / St. Leo gym.

SPORTS

Our parishes of St. Leo the Great and St. Pius X sponsor many activities for our students. Click the following links to learn more and to register for spring sports!

- SOCCER (Grades K 8)
- TRACK (Grades 6-8)

WE LOVE OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Help spread the word about St. Pius / St. Leo School! If you know a family who is interested in SPSL, encourage them to give us a call at (402) 551-6667 or fill out an inquiry form at www.spsl.net/inquire. Incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students are invited to join us at our Roundup event on February 3. Click here for more information and to register!

CULVER'S RESTAURANT NIGHT

Take the night off from preparing dinner or grab a sweet treat during a busy Catholic Schools Week! Join us at Culver's (120th and Miami) on Wednesday, January 31 from after school until 9:00 PM. SPSL will receive 20% of the proceeds.

SPECIAL 8TH GRADE MASS

Our 8th grade students will attend a special Catholic School Schools Week liturgy at St. Cecilia's Cathedral on Thursday, February 2. They will join other 8th graders from Catholic Schools throughout Omaha.



THANK YOU, SPSL PARISHES AND PARENTS!

At St. Pius X / St. Leo School, our faculty, staff, and students live out our Catholic faith each and every day. We share our faith by praying together, helping one another, welcoming and accepting one another, and serving our community. St. Pius X and St. Leo the Great Parishes guide our growth in faith and support the SPSL mission. During this Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you, our parents, for choosing a Catholic education at SPSL and partnering with our Parishes and SPSL to nourish the minds and hearts of your children.