

State Of Our School

ST. PIUS X / ST. LEO SCHOOL • FALL 2026



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On the first day of school this year, an every day moment turned into something beautiful. It all started with a worried phone call to the office. A fourth grader, Kevin*, had come to school without any school supplies or a backpack. After some investigating, we found that Kevin's family had fallen on hard times. They needed help.

Without a second thought, our school community rallied. One staff member found Kevin extra art supplies that we had around the school - crayons, markers, pencils, paint. That inspired another staff member to remember that there were extra backpacks stowed away in a storage closet - Kevin could use one. Then, they realized that Kevin would need an assignment notebook this year. A passerby overheard and offered to buy one for Kevin. And so it went. Members of our school community continued to encourage one another to help until Kevin was all set for a successful school year.

The St. Pius X / St. Leo School theme for the 2026-27 school year is "Encourage One Another to Love and Good Works." This theme, which comes from Hebrews 10:24, reminds us of the power we each have when we show encouragement to others. We witness our students, staff, parents, and friends encourage each other in a number of different ways - by cheering for others, by showing patience, by acknowledging others and their efforts, by lending a helping hand. Encouraging others is often contagious, as was the case with our school community helping Kevin.

We are grateful for all the ways our school alumni, parents, parishioners, students, teachers and staff encourage one another and inspire each other to serve others and make a difference.

As we embark on a new school year, we are grateful for your steadfast and generous support of St. Pius X / St. Leo School. We know that with your help, this year will be filled with love and good works.



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Principal



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

For the 2026-27 school year, the tuition price charged to families is \$4,275 per student for Kindergarten through 8th grades. However, the actual cost to educate each student at SPSSL is approximately \$8,820. St. Pius X / St. Leo School provides a subsidy of \$4,545 to every student (51% of the total cost to educate each student). This subsidy is funded by the strong support of St. Pius X and St. Leo the Great Parishes, as well as fundraising and gifts from parents, alumni, parishioners and other generous benefactors in our school community.

We are proud that SPSSL provides an excellent academic program for our students in a learning environment where:

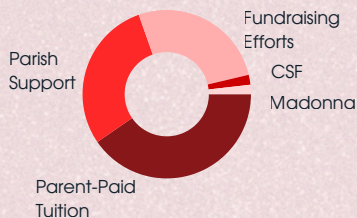
- Students are prepared to succeed in high school and beyond
- Our Catholic faith life is taught & shared
- Growth of the whole child is encouraged
- All are welcome
- Teachers are supported

Over the last decade, enrollment at St. Pius X / St. Leo School has spanned from 628 students to 707 students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grades. Enrollment at St. Pius X / St. Leo School for the 2026-27 school year is 655 students.

In the last year, SPSSL fundraised through the Lead the Way campaign to add central air conditioning in our school gym, art, PE and music classrooms. This effort was boosted by a generous matching grant from the Lavigne Foundation. We are excited to report that our school community answered the call with generous donations for this important capital improvement project. The matching grant was secured and this project was completed during the summer of 2026 - to the delight of SPSSL students, staff and families!

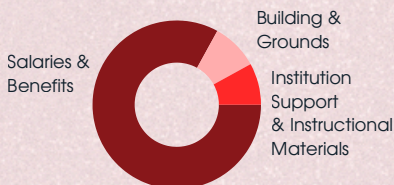
Revenue

Parent-Paid Tuition	40.4%
Parish Support	29.2%
Fundraising Efforts	26.7%
Children's Scholarship Fund	1.9%
Madonna	1.8%



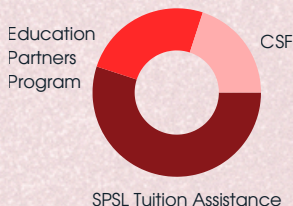
Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	84%
Building & Grounds	8%
Institution Support & Instructional Materials	8%



Tuition Assistance

SPSSL Tuition Assistance	52%
Education Partners Program	23%
Memorial Scholarships	3%
Children's Scholarship Fund	22%



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Academic excellence is at the forefront of our mission at St. Pius X / St. Leo School, and it is an essential part of vision for the future. When stakeholders ask how we know our students are excelling academically, we point to the systems, assessments, and instructional practices we have implemented throughout our school.

STAR Testing

Students in kindergarten and first grade take the STAR Early Literacy assessment three times each year. This assessment measures students' vocabulary, phonics, language, and numeracy skills while monitoring achievement and growth. It also tracks students' understanding of literacy concepts aligned with early learning standards. Educators use this data to identify skills students are ready to develop and areas where they may need additional support.

Students in grades 2–8 take the STAR Reading and STAR Math assessments three times per year. These assessments provide teachers with actionable data to understand how students are progressing in reading and math, identifies areas where instruction should be focused, and determines which students may benefit from accelerated instruction or intervention.

Currently, 70% of SPSL students are proficient in reading according to state standards, while 62% are proficient in math. For comparison, public elementary schools in Nebraska are currently at 38% proficiency in reading and 37% for math. SPSL is actively working to improve our proficiency numbers. As part of the SPSL school improvement plan, we are committed to reaching a goal of at least 85% of our students being proficient in reading and math by 2032.

Our goal is to ensure that every student is prepared for the next grade level and equipped with the skills needed for continued success at a college preparatory high school.



Data-Informed Instruction

As educators, we understand that one assessment cannot tell the whole story of a student's academic growth. Our teachers work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to identify essential learning standards, determine how student mastery will be measured, and develop assessments that accurately evaluate those standards.

This past year, our teachers also had the opportunity to work with Solution Tree to strengthen our practices around data-informed instruction. This professional development is helping us develop a stronger culture where student data guides instructional decisions.

Through these collaborative efforts, we are creating a schoolwide climate of intentional, data-informed instruction. By continually examining student achievement, adjusting instruction, and providing targeted support, we are working toward the academic goals established in our school improvement plan.

SPSL BY THE NUMBERS

655

Students Enrolled

Serving students in 3 Year Old Pre-K through 8th Grade

109

English Learners

1 out of 6 SPSL students speaks a language other than English at home

14

Students receiving Madonna services

Partnering with Madonna Ability Alliance

47%

Faculty & Administration with Master's Degree or higher

Staff includes a Speech & Drama Instructor, full-time counselor, and certified EL teacher

15

Average years of teaching experience

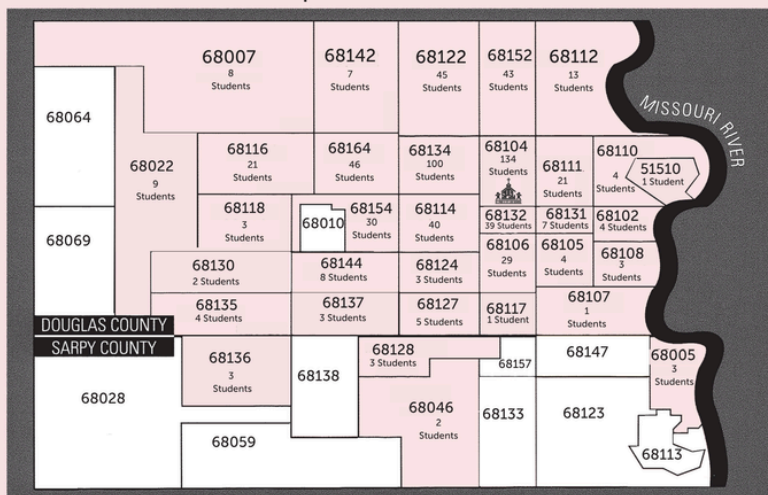
Faculty with up to 45 years of teaching expertise

21:1

Student Teacher Ratio

Plus 7 Reading and Math SPSL Resource Teachers and supports from Westside and Title I

Students at St. Pius X / St. Leo School come from 38 different zip codes in the Omaha metro!



Not pictured: 51555 (2 students), 51557 (2 students), 68008 (1 Student), and 68023 (1 Student)

Stronger Together

We are proud that our student body is reflective of the city of Omaha's racial and ethnic demographics:

White	56.3%
Black	16.7%
Asian	10.4%
Hispanic	8.3%
Multi Racial / Other	8.3%



LOVE AND GOOD WORKS

A core tenet of the St. Pius X / St. Leo School mission is to serve others. God calls us to serve others as a reflection of His unconditional love for us. One of the ways we celebrate doing good works at SPSL is through our annual Mission Day.

Mission Day is dedicated to acts of discipleship focused on helping others in our community. Grades of students are partnered with one another so they can experience this day with students of different ages and abilities.

Our 2026 Mission Day included a variety of activities aimed toward improving the lives of others. For example, our 4th graders and Pre-Kindergarten students worked together to create "Tie Blankets" that were donated to Restoring Dignity, an organization that strives to meet the needs of Omaha's refugee community.



SPSL students in 2nd grade and 8th grade spent the day helping to prepare materials for the Fontenelle Forest summer camp programs. Students kept busy counting out beads, cutting ribbons, and bagging materials to ensure that everything was ready to go when camp began.

Meanwhile, our Kindergarten students and 5th graders spent the day creating gift baskets and bandanas for homeless cats and dogs who are served by the Muddy Paws organization.

The purpose behind Mission Day guides us throughout the school year, as our school community encourages one another to love one another and serve others in our community.