



SPX New Family Guide: **Answers to all the questions** **you never knew to ask**

This guide was created by SPX Home & School Association to enhance your student and family experience as you settle in at St. Pius X, as our mission is a **Catholic community that joyfully upholds “all things in Christ” by promoting academic excellence, personal responsibility, and diversity.** We are glad you’re joining our community!

This guide is organized by topics in alphabetical order. Another place you’ll find lots of handy information is the school website, **spxtulsa.org**. Note especially, the **PARENTS** tab on the homepage where many often-used pages and forms are found, along with **QUICK LINKS** as you scroll down the homepage.

This guide does not replace or duplicate the School Handbook, so if you have additional questions, please always refer to the Handbook available at **school.spxtulsa.org** under the **PARENTS** link.

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

- School Office, 918-627-5367
- Parish Office, 918-622-4488
- **To report absences**, 918-627-5367 or attendance@spxtulsa.org
- Fax number, 918-627-6179

Before & After Care: Free supervised care is available in the cafeteria from 7:30-7:45am. Students should not be on campus unsupervised before 7:30am. Students are invited into the classroom to prepare for the day from 7:45-8:00am. Classes begin at 8am. If your student is late, he/she must check in and get a tardy slip from the office before proceeding to class.

After Care is available from 3-5:30pm for a fee. For registration and fees associated with After Care, contact the main office or go to school.spxtulsa.org under the **ADMISSIONS** tab.

Book Fairs: The SPX Library hosts two Book Fairs each year—one fall and one spring. Watch the Wednesday Packet for more information, or to volunteer.

Cafeteria & Lunch Balance:

Hot lunch menus are distributed through the Weekly Bulletin at the beginning of the month. You'll also find the menu under **QUICK LINKS** at school.spxtulsa.org.

Hot lunches are paid for through your account managed in the Business Office. You can pay directly via Renweb.com. (Learn how in the "Renweb" section of this guide). When the balance is running low, you'll get an email from the office asking to send more funds.

You are welcome to bring and/or eat with your children any time. Just be sure to check-in with the office when you arrive on campus. You may also want to email your teacher to confirm you have the lunch period time correct.

Care & Share:

Care & Share is the required service hours standard for SPX families. For each school year, a two-parent family is expected to give 20 hours total of service to the school, or campus. Examples include driving on field trips, volunteering at events, coaching, participating in campus beautification "Days of Caring," etc. A single-parent family is expected to give 10 hours. If you choose not to volunteer, you can pay \$10 per hour instead.

Volunteer opportunities can be found in the Weekly Bulletin. You can also contact the office, or your child's teacher for opportunities.

You are required to track these hours yourself, and turn in a paper form to the office, or log them through Renweb by the last day of the school year. You can find more information on this program, as well as how to log your hours, at school.spxtulsa.org under the **PARENTS** tab.

Communication:

Website: school.spxtulsa.org is the primary resource for parent information. The channels below convey immediate news, but you can always find most of what you're looking for on our school website. The **CALENDAR** includes dates and information for all the activities going on at school.

Weekly Bulletin: Each week, a link to an informational newsletter called the Weekly Bulletin will be emailed and texted to all parents. PLEASE READ THIS EVERY WEEK as this is the main way the school communicates important information to parents.

School Flash: Emails with reminders or important information may also be sent out as needed.

Social Media: Follow and like our social media channels for reminders, student activity photos, videos, news stories and more:

- [Facebook.com/spxtulsa](https://www.facebook.com/spxtulsa)
- [Twitter @spxtulsa](https://twitter.com/spxtulsa)
- [Instagram.com/spxtulsa](https://www.instagram.com/spxtulsa)
- [Youtube.com/StPiusXTulsa](https://www.youtube.com/StPiusXTulsa)

Text Messages: Important information regarding inclement weather, traffic or other timely information will be sent out via text message to the cell phone listed in your registration paperwork. If you'd prefer to opt out of this list, just follow the instructions to do so on your phone after the first message appears.

Renweb: Each week you'll receive a progress report email for each of your students from Renweb. If your student does very well, or does poorly on an assignment, you'll also get a notification.

Directory: A student directory is sent home with the oldest child in each family in September. If you do not want your information included, please contact the office.

Dress Code: A full description of the Dress Code, by grade, is listed in the Handbook found at school.spxtulsa.org under the **PARENTS** tab, **DRESS CODE**. There you can also find photos of students in proper dress code for your reference.

You can shop for new uniforms at C&J Uniforms 4984 S Memorial Dr., Tulsa, OK 74145, (918) 610-7470.

You can also shop for uniforms for FREE at our Home & School Uniform Exchange located off the gym in the Activity Center. We host a back-to-school Uniform Exchange event in late July, but you can also go pick out, or drop off, laundered items throughout the year whenever you need.

Events: Learn more about school activities at school.spxtulsa.org under the **ACTIVITIES** tab. Here are highlights on a few events you don't want to miss.

New Family Events:

Uniform Exchange: We host a back-to-school Uniform Exchange event in late July where families can come pick out uniform items for free (limited to what's available). You can also go pick out, or drop off, laundered items throughout the year whenever you need in the Uniform Exchange room located to the right of the stage in the Gym. Please read the instructions for dropping off items posted on the wall.

New Family Orientation: Over the summer, new families will be paired with "mentor" families already familiar with SPX. Mentor families are available to answer questions, show you around, etc. The New Family Orientation event welcomes new and mentor families to come together the weekend before school starts to meet the teachers, order Spirit Dress items, see a uniform fashion show, ask questions and enjoy fellowship together. Look for an invitation to this event in early August.

Meet & Greet: This event happens the day before school begins from 9:00-11:00am. Parents and students are invited to come meet their teachers, see their classrooms and drop off school supplies a day ahead of the first day of school.

Back-to-School Night: This event happens within the first few weeks of school when parents only are invited to meet in their student's classroom to hear about curriculum, class rules, schedules, field trips and other important info.

Spirit Nights: These are community-building events hosted by Home & School. The first one is typically a pool party the week before school begins. Watch for information over the summer that will give details on this and other Back-to-School activities. Additional Spirit Nights are planned throughout the year and advertised in the Weekly Bulletin. Students are often allowed to wear Spirit Dress to school on days when Spirit Nights occur. This information will also be communicated via text message and likely also through your teacher.

Grandparents' Day: Typically held the Friday before Grandparents' Day is celebrated in early September, Grandparents' Day welcomes grandparents and special guests to campus in the morning to attend Mass, enjoy a morning snack and spend time with students in the classroom. Watch the Weekly Bulletin for information on how to submit your grandparent and/or special guest addresses so they'll get an invitation from H&S.

Fun Day: This annual fall festival is a free family event typically held the weekend before Halloween. Kids entertainment includes carnival games, inflatables, contests, concessions (for sale), Cake Walk, Trunk-or-Treat, etc. Each family is asked to contribute one bag of candy in advance, as well as sign up to work a shift at one of the games.

Auction: This annual fundraising event brings adults of our community together to bid on Silent and Live Auction items, play raffle games, eat dinner and enjoy adult beverages. Parents are asked to get involved by joining the committee, donating an auction item, hosting a party (tickets sold at the auction) or helping with the class auction project (a craft or gift basket assembled by each class to be auctioned). Contact the office if you'd like to get involved.

Extracurricular Activities/Athletics: There are lots of activities to enhance body and mind after school at St. Pius X. Some include sports, Scouts, Math Counts, Academic Bowl, Robotics, Journalism Club, Running Club, STEM, music and theater lessons and more. Learn more about these opportunities and how to sign up at school.spxtulsa.org under the **ACTIVITIES** tab.

Fundraising: Since families pay Home & School fees, we don't ask you to sell anything else. But we can use your help with easy programs that give benefits back to our school for regular shopping you're already doing. Some include:

- Target Red Card Program
- Office Depot
- Staples
- Box Tops for Education: Save up year-round, as we have class competitions to see who can bring in the most for a class party prize.
- SCRIP

Home & School: Each parent at SPX is automatically a member of our Home & School Association. Each family is charged a fee at registration that funds the activities of Home & School, including events, teacher & staff appreciation, projects that enhance the school and more. Home & School meetings are open to all parents, and the Committee welcomes your involvement and feedback! Learn more at school.spxtulsa.org under the **ABOUT US** tab.

Mass: Students in 1st through 8th grades attend Mass every Friday morning at 8:30am. Starting in second semester, Kindergarten students being attending Mass. Parents are welcome, and encouraged, to come and sit with their students at Mass, but please drop them off as usual at 8am for attendance and morning work. Each week, the students of one class will be responsible for the readings and gifts. Watch for information from your teacher(s) about your week.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are scheduled the fifth week of the both the first and third quarter. Your scheduled conference time will be sent home with your child in advance, and can be rearranged as needed. Conferences may also be called by teachers or requested by parents at other times as needed. Contact your teacher for more information.

Pick-up & Drop-off: See the Handbook at school.spxtulsa.org under the **PARENTS** tab for details on these options.

Physicals: Physicals are required for all new students and for students entering grades 1, 3, 5 & 7. If your child will be entering 7th grade in the fall, a tetanus update that also contains diphtheria and a cellular pertussis (Tdap) is required. Please check with your regular healthcare provider to see if your child is current. Students **will not** be permitted to begin the school year until all physicals and immunizations are up-to-date and in the school office by August 1st. Physical forms can be downloaded at school.spxtulsa.org under the **PARENTS** tab at **PARENT RESOURCES**.

School Supplies: Find the most recent class lists at school.spxtulsa.org under **PARENTS** tab, **SUPPLY LISTS**.

Spirit Dress: Spirit Dress is a SPX shirt with uniform-length shorts, pants or jeans. Spirit Dress days are announced throughout the year, most often to coincide with Spirit Nights (see Events). If you don't order Spirit T-shirts with your registration packet, the last date to order is September 1st. Additional SPX gear (hoodies, sweatshirts, etc.) are available throughout the year through the Spirit Store at school.spxtulsa.org under **PARENTS** tab, **DRESS CODE**.

Spirit Dress is different than Free Dress. See your Handbook for more details.

Spirit Store: Uniform-approved logo items, sweatshirts and additional SPX gear are available throughout the year through the online Spirit Store at school.spxtulsa.org under **PARENTS** tab, **DRESS CODE**.

Renweb: Renweb.com is a web-based grade book communication software that allows teachers to simplify grades and communicate with parents. You'll find all kinds of

important information there—from your student’s daily assignment grades to your lunch account balance.

Login to Renweb using the District Code **SP-OK** and your **email address** the office has on file. If you have trouble logging in, contact the school office.

Renweb also offers a mobile app for accessing this information from your phone or tablet. The cost is approximately \$5 per year for the app. Download it from your App Store.

SPX Renweb Parent User Guide is available for download at **school.spxtulsa.org** under the **PARENTS** tab, **RENWEB USER GUIDE**.