



ST. JOHN PAUL II POLISH SCHOOL

together with **POLISH CLUB** and **DANCE GROUP "POLANIE"**

Cordially invites you

*to the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Polish School,
Polish Club and the 20th Anniversary of "Polanie"*

Saturday, February 22, 2020

the celebration will begin at 6:00PM

**At Crystal Grand Banquet,
124163 W. Archer Ave., Lemont Il 60439**

Please RSVP by January 31, 2020.

Anniversary Mass will be held on February 16, 2020 at 1:30PM at SSCM Church, 608 Sobieski, Lemont Il 60439



POLSKA SZKOŁA IM. ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II

razem z **KLUBEM POLSKIM** oraz z **ZESPOŁEM "POLANIE"**

*mają zaszczyt Państwa zaprosić na uroczysty bankiet
z okazji 40-lecia założenia Polskiej Szkoły,*

*Klubu Polskiego oraz 20-lecia Zespołu Tanecznego "Polanie",
który odbędzie się*

w sobotę, 22 lutego 2020r.

Początek o godzinie 6-tej wieczorem

**w Sali Bankietowej Crytal Grand Banquet,
124163 W. Archer Ave. Lemont Il 60439**

Rezerwacje biletów przyjmujemy do 31 stycznia 2020r.

Jubileuszowa Msza Święta odbędzie się w niedzielę, 16 lutego 2020r. w Kościele SSCM o godzinie 1:30 PM

**Jubileusz 40-lecia Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II,
Klubu Polskiego oraz 20-lecia Zespołu Tanecznego "Polanie"**
**40th Jubilee banquet of St. John Paul II Polish School,
Polish Club, and the 20th Jubilee of dance group "Polanie"**

\$85.00 - od osoby / per person

Imię/First Name: _____

Nazwisko/Last Name: _____

Adres/Address: _____

Telefon/Phone Number: _____

- W załączniku czek w wysokości \$/Encosed is my check \$ _____
- Rezerwuję (ilość miejsc)/Reserving (number of seats?) _____
- I am unable to attend, please accept my donation of \$ _____

Prosimy o wypisanie czeka na: / Please make check payable to:

Polska Szkoła im. sw. Jana Pawła II - Jubileusz

R.S.V.P. do 31 Stycznia 2020/ by January 31, 2020

Telefon/Phone #: 630-669-9700 lub/or e-mail: jubileusz@polschool.com

Imiona i nazwiska gości / Guest's name:

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JESZCIE POLSKA NIE ZGINĘŁA

**Jubileusz 40-lecia Klubu Polskiego
40-lecia Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II
oraz 20-lecia Zespołu Tanecznego "POLANIE" w Lemont**

40 lat minęło jak jeden dzień...
20 lat, a może mniej, uczyłem się dopiero żyć...



Szanowni Państwo,

W roku szkolnym 2019/2020 Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II i Klub Polski świętują 40-lecie swojej działalności, a Zespół „Polanie” 20-lecie. W związku z tym organizujemy wspólny bankiet i wydajemy pamiątkową książkę. Zapraszamy Państwa do umieszczenia reklamy swojego biznesu, złożenia życzeń, gratulacji na stronach naszego pamiątnika jubileuszowego lub dowolnej donacji finansowej.

Zapraszamy na Bankiet Jubileuszowy, który odbędzie się
22 lutego 2020 w Crystal Grand Banquet, 12416 S. Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439

FORMULARZ REKLAMY I DONACJI / OPŁATY ZA REKLAMĘ I ŻYCZENIA

1. RUBINOWA STRONA: \$400.00
2. CAŁA STRONA: \$200.00
3. 1/2 STRONY: \$100.00
4. 1/4 STRONY: \$50.00
5. INNE: _____

Imię i Nazwisko: _____
Nazwa Firmy: _____
Adres: _____
Telefon: _____
Opłata za reklamę: _____
Dowolna Donacja: _____
Suma: _____

Reklamę / życzenia prosimy wysłać do 30 listopada 2019 w formie PDF lub w innej na adres e-maila:
Jubileusz@polschool.com

Proszę wystawić czek na Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II i wysłać razem z formą na adres:

Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II - Jubileusz
608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL 60439

Podpis: _____

Data: _____

Po więcej informacji proszę dzwonić na numer tel. 630-669-9700

Numer podatkowy: EIN# 36-1075000

**Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary of Polish Club,
40th Anniversary St. John Paul II Polish School,
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Save the Date: 02/22/2020. Look for our invitation for the Jubilee
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Lemont, November 14, 2019

The Polish American Congress
Illinois Division
110 W. Higgins Rd. Unit 2
Park Ridge, IL 60068

We are filled with gratitude and honor to present to you the history and mission of the Polish Club of Lemont, John Paul II Polish School, as well as our Dance Group “Polanie”.

It all started when Fr. Edward Witusik, influenced by Pope John Paul II, wanted to come up with a way to unite Polish immigrants living in Lemont, IL. The community was growing, but the Polish people did not have a place to cultivate their traditions. None of the local churches had Holy Mass in the Polish language. Father Witusik wanted to change this. He invited all the local Polish people to work together as a group, and after long conversations and deliberations, Saint Cyril and Methodius Parish Church Pastor, Father Jozwiak, gave permission to start the Polish Club of Lemont in the Parish. The Polish people were very happy; finally, someone had listened to them and they could pray at their church in Polish. The first meeting took place on November 20th, 1979. Nearly a hundred-people attended. The committee was elected, and the main goals were established.

The Polish people of Lemont wanted their children to speak Polish, so they opened a Saturday school where students could learn the Polish language and learn about the history, geography, and traditions of Poland. This soon became the main concern of the Polish Club of Lemont. On January 24th, 1980, school bylaws were created, as well as the official declarations of curriculum. The first classes took place in the Saint Cyril and Methodius parish building. There were only 41 students at the time. Since then our enrollment has grown tremendously, increasing to 800 students in the 2009/2010 school year. There was a need to add more grades, expand the hours, and start to offer classes on Friday evenings as well as Saturday mornings. We are very happy with all the growth we had achieved.

Our St John Paul II Polish School is also a part of the Association of Polish Teachers in America and the Illinois Board of Education. Our classes are credited by colleges and universities in the United States. The Polish School, along with the Polish Club soon became an integral part of major events and celebrations such as Christmas Eve, Caroling, Nativity Scene Plays, Carnival Balls, skiing trips, campfires, Easter Egg painting, Palm Competitions, Polish Constitution Day, and family picnics. Events providing information for immigrants, lectures by politicians, artists, and professors, as well as a variety of other kinds are organized by the Club. There are also events to raise money and resources to help Polish people living in Ukraine, Belarus, and even Kenya. Every year we also celebrate our patron’s day, John Paul II Day, to preserve his legacy and the values that he preached. This is a very important day for our community.

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WSPÓLNE POLSKA NASZĄ PRZYSZŁOŚĆ



In 1997, for the first time, our 8th grade students had a chance to go to Poland and explore its beauty as part of their curriculum. Since then, every year our school organizes two trips to Poland: one during spring break to visit the northern parts of Poland, and one during fall break to explore the southern parts of Poland. It is a great chance to practice the language and to learn more about the history and geography of Poland.

In the year 2000, we decided to give our students a great opportunity to enjoy Polish culture even more. The Polish Dance Group “Polanie” was established. Our dancers, dressed in traditional Polish costumes dance traditional Polish dances for a variety of events and shows. They greatly represent our school and community not only in United States, but also in Europe and various Polish Dance Group festivals.

Over the past 15 years, the Polish Club of Lemont collaborated with the community to organize Polish Heritage Day in Lemont. At this event, the Polish Club proudly provides information about Poland, its beautiful landmarks, and interesting history. During this day, the Polish Person of the Year is announced. This is an award that recognizes individuals who have made a great contribution to our Polish community in Lemont. Thanks to the Polish Club, Lemont had also gained an honorary street named in honor of John Paul II which is located by the parish.

Throughout the subsequent years, we have continued to grow and prosper successfully. After 40 years, our mission still stands to uphold the traditions, customs and language of our Polish heritage, and to unite Polish community through our Catholic roots. Even though our society and surroundings are changing, the goal of the Polish Club of Lemont along with the St John Paul II Polish School remains as the preservation and cultivation of our Polish heritage. We have high hopes that the generations to come will continue this Legacy of the Polish Club of Lemont, St John Paul II Polish School, as well as the Polish Dance Group “Polanie”.

So, as we celebrate this 40th Anniversary, we would like to invite you to our celebrations. A celebratory Holy Mass will be taking place in ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lemont on February 16, 2020 at 1:30pm as well as a reception to follow on February 22, 2020 at Crystal Grand Banquets in Lemont. We ask for you to grace us with your presence. We would also like to ask for a letter that we would be placing in our commemorative album.

We thank you for all your help and support throughout the years and would like to ask if you would once again be a main guest in this great celebration of ours.

Sincerely,

Anniversary Event Committee:

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