

Congratulations! We have made it through the first quarter of the year and we are still standing (knock on the nearest wood object). We look forward to seeing everyone at parent/teacher conferences this evening and next so we can continue to share feedback and collaborate with you about the progress of your child(ren). Please remember to be punctual with your scheduled time and respectful of time frames so we can prevent excessive waiting and scheduling backlog. Parent/teacher conferences really mean a lot to us here at St. Pete's because it gives us the opportunity to talk candidly about our students and share with parents the positive areas as well as the areas that need improvement. This collaboration and cooperation allows us to develop a solid "game plan" as we head into quarter number two. Using the feedback we received from conferences, we will continue to examine and adjust as necessary, our policies and instructional methods to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students and their families. We do want to express how important it is to continually provide this feedback and input throughout the quarter so we can address potential issues before they become larger. We also encourage you to check your child(ren)'s academic progress on Gradelink weekly and communicate with us if you have concerns. We are always available to communicate via email, phone, in-person (or carrier pigeon if necessary) so please let us know how we can serve you. Thanks again for showing your support and trust in us to serve your family's academic, spiritual, and social needs. Thanks for being a part of our family.

In Case You Missed It...

- Thanks to all who helped or donated to our annual Harvest Party this past Friday. Our students had such a great time and it was so refreshing to see them have some fun. The costumes were creative and fun to see. A special thank you to Miss Smalley and Mrs. Johnson for planning this event. Pictures will be posted on our school website as well our Facebook page.
- Please remember that the school day begins at 7:50 AM and we lock the doors at that time. Any student arriving after that time will be counted as tardy for the day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
- Please note that this week's liturgy will take place on **Tuesday, November 1st** at 8:20 which is All Saints Day. Our 3rd grade students will be leading this service and portraying their selected saints. There will be NO school Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. These services will also be live streamed on our school Facebook page for those who are unable to attend.
- Our annual St. Peter School discount card fundraiser has been postponed until late Fall in order to relieve some of the fundraising burden placed on our wonderful community businesses and organizations. More details about the discount card program will be coming soon so please stay tuned.
- A reminder that students are no longer permitted to wear shorts to school. Please refer to this policy in the family handbook posted on our website.
- Fall picture retakes will take place on **Tuesday, November 1st** for anyone who missed original picture day or are unhappy with their pictures. Order forms are available on the school website or the school office.
- A very special thank you to the CLC and the Knights of Columbus for hosting their purse bingo event last Friday. It was a really fun event and it was great to see so much support for our school.

All proceeds from this event will go to St. Peter School and OLC School in Carey. Thanks to all who showed up.

- St. Peter School will once again be sponsoring a display in the Winter Fantasy of Lights this year. As a recent grant recipient, we believe it is important to show our gratitude by sponsoring a recently orphaned display. Our new display will need to be set-up so we are looking for a group of volunteers to help with this. The setup date for this will be **Thursday, November 3rd at 5:00 at Harrison Smith Park**. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help.
- Our Accelerated Reading program is in full swing so we encourage all of our families to challenge your kids to become avid readers. Read books, take quizzes, score points, win prizes. Books and quizzes can be accessed through the myON or the AR program website. If you have any questions about the AR program, please let us know.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Our Boo Grams orders were a success! Over 1,200 were sold and distributed to all of the students and staff and the school made a profit of approximately \$766 that will be used for future student events. Thanks to everyone who purchased a Boo gram and a very special thank you to Mary Alice Harbour, Mrs. Leightey, and our student council members for organizing, setting up, and running our Boo Store.
- Our St. Peter School Student Council will be hosting an inaugural Veterans Day Dinner on Friday, November 11th at 6:00 PM in the school gymnasium in order to show our appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated service and sacrifice to our country. All veterans and a guest are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Mr. England at bengland@stpeterupper.com by **Monday, November 7th** if you wish to attend.
- Our annual Coats for Christmas drive is ongoing. We are collecting any new or gently used coats to be donated to those in need this Christmas season. All donations can be dropped off in the large box located in the gymnasium lobby. Coats will be distributed on December 10th.
- St. Peter School is excited to welcome a visiting author to our school! The author's name is Michelle Houts and she will be stopping by on November 18th from 1:30 to 2:30. More information to follow.
- St. Peter School will once again be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive this year. The drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23rd in the St. Peter School gymnasium. More information will be sent home soon.
- We are also collecting pop tabs to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Each class has a bucket that they hope to fill with pop tabs so if you have any pop tabs sitting around send them in. This fundraiser is in honor of the Bramel family and all proceeds will go to help other families who utilize the RMH during their stay at Nationwide Children's.
- Our annual St. Peter School Christmas program is quickly approaching. In order to avoid a late night for our kids, we once again will be having the program over two nights. Our PK-2 program will take place on **Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00** and our 3-6 program will take place on **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00**. More information will be shared as we get closer to the dates of the program.

- Our next For the Love of Pete raffle drawing will take place tomorrow. There are still tickets available to get entered into next month's drawing. Please contact the school if you would like to purchase a ticket. Ticket price is \$100.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Myah B. (2)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: “The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.” – Winston Churchill