

Welcome to the final week of the first quarter. This week also marks our parent/teacher conferences which we believe is a crucial part of our ongoing collaboration with families about how we can best serve your child(ren). We understand that “grade card season” can be an exciting time but it can also bring some stress and anxiety with it as well. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child(ren)’s grades, please do not hesitate to contact us here at school. We are fully committed to helping your child(ren) continue to grow academically, spiritually, and socially so please let us know how we can continue to provide support. Speaking of conferences, those of you who have elected to have in-person conferences with your child(ren)’s teacher(s), facial coverings are not required but we are encouraging parents to wear them if they feel comfortable. On our end, we will ensure all common surfaces are thoroughly cleaned after every conference and before the start of the next conference. Finally, in an effort to reduce the amount of “close contact” time and to be respectful of your time and that of others, we will be diligent in keeping conference times to a ten minute maximum. If you require more time to speak with your child(ren)’s teacher(s), additional time can be scheduled at a later date. Thanks again for your continued support and we are so grateful and blessed to have you as a part of our St. Peter School family. God Bless.

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 for the first time in quite awhile. 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.
- Our students have sold 800 discount cards and only need to sell 50 more to earn a movie and popcorn day. We are asking for any unsold discount cards and any money to be returned to the office as soon as possible. Thanks to all who participated in our discount card fundraiser.
- Please remember to send an **excuse note to school upon your child’s return after an absence**. Also, please remember that our school policy states that if a student is absent or sent home with an illness, they must be symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. This is especially important as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 health and safety protocols and monitor the health of our students.
- Please don’t forget to return your preferred P/T conference times so we can get you scheduled. If you need a new sign-up sheet, please let us know. Conferences are November 4th and 5th.
- Due to high demand and problems with inventory, we will only be selling ice cream on Fridays during lunch. We can still accommodate whole class birthday treats as long as we are notified in advance to ensure we have enough available. We apologize to the students as this has been devastating news to them.
- Reminder that students will be permitted to wear shorts to school until the end of the first quarter which concludes on November 4th. Please refer to this policy in the family handbook posted on our website.
- 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 has been asked to sponsor 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 date for set-up is this **Saturday, November 6th at 9:00 AM.** Thanks in advance for your willingness to help.
- Picture retake day will be November 4th. Please let us know if you would like to have pictures retaken. Original fall pictures will be sent home soon.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Our Boo Grams orders were a success. Over 900 were sold and distributed to all of the students and staff and the school made a profit of over \$500 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 and Mrs. Leightey for organizing and filling every order.
- Our annual Coats for Christmas drive is now underway. 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 11th.
- St. Peter School is excited to welcome a visiting author to our school! The author's name is Jeffrey Ebbeler and he will be stopping by on November 19th from 1:30 to 2:30.
- Thank you to everyone who donated plastic water bottles. Our supply has been replenished.
- Our annual St. Peter School Christmas program will look a little different this year. In order to prevent large gatherings and a late night for our kids, we have made the decision to have the program over two nights. Our PK-2 program will take place on **Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00** and our 3-6 program will take place on **Thursday, December 16th at 7:00.** More information will be shared as we get closer to the dates of the program.
- The 3rd grade class led our traditional All Saints liturgy service this morning. They did such an amazing job preparing for and learning about their chosen saint. The video of their performances can be found on our school Facebook page. There will be NO school Mass this Wednesday. Grade 4 will be leading our next school Mass on November 10th at 8:15 which will also be our first quarter Honors Awards Mass. There are no longer any seating restrictions for these services so parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. These services will also be live streamed on our school Facebook page, like last year, for those who are unable to attend.
- Our next For the Love of Pete raffle drawing will take place today. 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. (K), Grant R. (3), Atlee R. (3), and Mr. Orians
- 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