

As we forge ahead into quarter number two of the school year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished in the first nine weeks of school as well as what we have to look forward to as we move deeper into the school year. The first quarter brought a lot of change and “newness” as we welcomed in our newest St. Peter School members, our Kindergarteners. We also said hello to many new students and families that we are thankful to add to our school family. Despite the freshness of a new year, we continue to look to revamp and create innovative ways to challenge our students as well as support students who need some additional assistance. This has always been our goal and that mindset stays the same from quarter to quarter and year to year. In order to continue to challenge our students academically and spiritually, we encourage our parents to continue to play an active role in this process. This could mean reading at home, engaging in homework, quizzing your child(ren) on what they learned in school that day, challenging them to complete Accelerated Reading quizzes, and utilizing the wide variety of resources available to you, just to name a few things. We are seeing that growth every day and we are excited to watch it continue to blossom as we really dig deep into the curriculum. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns about anything school-related, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to serve you. Thanks again for all the support you have and continue to show our school. We are grateful and blessed to have you here. God Bless.

In Case You Missed It...

- The 3rd grade class led our traditional All Saints liturgy service last Tuesday 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.
- 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.
- A very special THANK YOU goes out to all those who stopped by the park on Thursday and helped us put up our Fantasy of Lights display. Your help was greatly appreciated. Be sure to check out the White Forest display when you make a trip to the lights this winter.
- 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.
- When sending money to school, please put it in an envelope with the student’s name, the amount, and what the money’s for. (You can use all those junk mail envelopes for this and just write on the back). Please remember to write a separate check for tuition, lunch money, PK tuition, or extended day bills as these are separate accounts. **We are not able to cash one large check and separate the funds.**

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Grade 2 will be leading our next school liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:15 which will also be our first quarter Honors Awards Mass. This special event will recognize our 3-6 grade students who earned all A's (First Honors) or all A's and B's (Second Honors) in the first quarter of school. 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 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 continues. 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 Michelle Houts and she will be stopping by on November 18th from 1:30 to 2:30.
- 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.
- We are still 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.
- Congratulations to our November For the Love of Peter raffle winners. The \$500 winner was Margaret Ann Kin; the \$250 winner was Evan and Courtney Miller; and the \$125 winner was Jill Eyestone. Our next For the Love of Pete raffle drawing will take place on December 1st. 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: Mr. Orians and Mr. England
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." ~ Winston Churchill