

Congratulations! We have made it through the first quarter of the year and we are still standing (knock on the nearest wood object). We want to thank everyone who was able to attend conferences and share their feedback with us about the progress of their child(ren). 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...

- 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.
- We are still in need of volunteers for lunch and recess. It can be moms, dads, sisters, uncles, grandmas, we accept them all. Any way you can help out goes a long way and the kids love seeing our volunteers. We are extremely grateful for all of the help we get. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping during lunch and/or recess.
- We are also looking for some extended day help so if you know anyone interested in helping out with this, please let us know.
- 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.
- 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 this past weekend 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.
- Please check out the bulletin board located in the church foyer. This bulletin board is decorated every month by a different St. Peter School classroom and the students work really hard and put a

lot of time into making the board fun and meaningful. This month's bulletin board was decorated by the 5th and 6th grade students.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Grade 4 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. 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 for those who are unable 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 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.
- CYO basketball will be starting soon! Teams have been assigned and coaches will be contacting players shortly. Physical forms and other paperwork are available in the school office for any student needing to complete a sports physical this year. Physicals are required before students are permitted to participate in sports activities. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- Congratulations to our November For the Love of Peter raffle winners. The \$500 winner was Roseanne Randall; the \$250 winner was Ken and Teresa Stark; and the \$125 winner was John and Lindsay Rettig. 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. England, Emma B. (3), Emersyn M. (K), and McKinley M. (K)
- 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