

As we begin our final full week of school before the Thanksgiving Holiday, we would like to provide everyone with a few helpful reminders as we gear up for the big feast.

1. It is NOT acceptable to decorate your house with Christmas decorations until AFTER Thanksgiving. If that isn't a state law, it should be.
2. It is a scientific fact that listening to Christmas music prior to Thanksgiving results in more snowfall for the winter so if that is you, please stop. This weekend should serve as a warning for all of us.
3. Eggnog is a holiday tradition that should be ended.
4. If you don't serve pumpkin pie as a dessert for Thanksgiving, you aren't really celebrating Thanksgiving.
5. You can avoid all the stress and frustration associated with Black Friday by buying gift cards from our Raise Right program.

Follow the newsletter for more Holiday tips. Thanks and God Bless.

In Case You Missed It...

- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.
- We would like to say thank you to all of our local veterans and guests who joined us for our inaugural Veterans Day Dinner last Friday evening. We were proud to host 29 veterans and guests to show our appreciation and gratitude for the sacrifices they made for our country. A special thank you to Brad Kennedy from The Corner Inn who catered a great meal for the evening. We look forward to hosting this event again next year.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Grade 1 will be leading our next school liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:20. 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.
- As part of our annual requirement by the Diocese of Toledo, our students will be participating in the *Empowering God's Children* program. This program is designed to better equip your child(ren) to know their safety rights, recognize boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves from people who might want to harm them. This program will take place during class

time and will involve two lessons. If you would like to have your child(ren) exempted from this program, please indicate this desire on the information sheet that will be sent home today. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please feel free to contact the school office.

- 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 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. To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: STPETERSCHOOL. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- 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.
- 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: Emma B. (4), Emersyn M. (1), McKinley M. (1), McKenna D. (4), Troy S. (4), and Grayden C. (4)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Luck is what is left over after you give 100%" ~ Langston Coleman