

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. Yesterday should serve as a warning for all of us.
3. Eggnog is a holiday tradition that should be disbanded.
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 Scrip program.

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

### **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.
- 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 2 will be leading our next school liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:15. 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.
- The application window for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is now open for any family wishing to apply for tuition assistance. Please see the attached flier for more information or call the school office.
- 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 2:30 PM on Wednesday, November 24th in the St. Peter School gymnasium. Fliers for this event were sent home last week. To schedule an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: STPETERSCHOOL. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- Our 3rd and 4th grade students will be participating in a Plants for Pollinators program this Thursday from 9:00-11:00 at the Upper Sandusky Reservoir. This program is sponsored by the Wyandot County Soil and Water Conservation District as well as the local Pheasants Forever organization. This program is a unique, hands-on opportunity for our students to learn more about nature and the natural resources we have right here in Upper Sandusky.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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: McKenna D. (3), Troy S. (3), and Grayden C. (3)
- Please check the school website at [www.stpeterupper.com](http://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