

We have reached the Thanksgiving season of the school year and we here at St. Peter School are so thankful for all of our students, families, parish and community members for everything that you have done and continue to do for our school and our mission. To show our thankfulness for all that God has given us, we will be having a Thanksgiving prayer service at 8:00 tomorrow morning in the gymnasium. We will also be collecting any non-perishable food or self-care items to be donated to the Open Door Resource Center and this service so feel free to donate if you would like. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about how we can continue to support the academic needs of your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact us so we can make your experience a positive one. Please remember that we will not be in session on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday this week in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish you all a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving and may God continue to shine his blessings on you and your family this holiday season.

In Case You Missed It...

- The holiday wreaths are here and can be picked up between 2:45 PM and 6:30 PM on Monday (11/21) and Tuesday (11/22) at 801 Pleasant View St. (Drew and Tricia Rall residence). There are also a limited number of cash and carry items available for sale but these are on a first come first serve basis. Please remember that online direct shipment orders can still be placed until December 9th. Thank you all for your support in this fundraiser and let us know if you have any feedback you would like to share.
- 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.
- 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 was sent home last week. 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.
- We were excited to host visiting author Michelle Houts this past Friday. Michelle is an author from Celina, Ohio who spoke to our students about the qualities it takes to be a writer and encouraged them to find inspiration in everything they do. We thank Ms. Houts for her visit and for her message.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- There will be no school liturgy this Wednesday due to Thanksgiving break. Kindergarten will be leading our next school liturgy service on November 30th 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.
- On Monday, November 28th, students will be drawing their Advent friend at our first Advent Wreath lighting ceremony. Each week students do something special in the classroom for our Advent friend until the big reveal on December 21st. We will also be lighting a candle on our Advent wreath each Monday morning during Advent and parents and families are welcome to join us for this event. Additional information about our Advent friend tradition will be going home soon.
- 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 and enter sponsor code: STPETERSCHOOL. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- 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: Owen K. (3)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." ~ Vince Lombardi