

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. 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...

- Today is the last day to pick up any holiday wreath orders. The trailer will be at the school from 2:30-4:00 today for anyone who still needs to pick up their orders. If you have any questions, please contact the school. There are also a few cash and carry items available for anyone who wishes to purchase one. We have available: 1 - Victorian wreath (\$32); 1 - Wintergreen wreath (\$32); 1 - Wintergreen spray (\$28); 1 - Cranberry spray (\$28); 1 - tabletop tree (\$32); 2 - candlelit centerpiece (\$32).
- 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.
- 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.
- Our 3rd and 4th grade students participated in a Plants for Pollinators program this past Thursday at the Upper Sandusky Reservoir. This program was sponsored by the Wyandot County Soil and Water Conservation District as well as the local Pheasants Forever organization. A special thank you goes out to both organizations for providing our students the opportunity to learn more about nature and the natural resources we have right here in Upper Sandusky.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- There will be no school liturgy this Wednesday due to Thanksgiving break. Grade 1 will be leading our next school liturgy service on December 1 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.
- On Monday, November 29th, students will be drawing their Advent friend at our first Advent Wreath lighting ceremony. Each week we do something special in the classroom for our Advent

friend until the big reveal on December 17th. Information about our Advent friend tradition will be going home soon.

- 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 and enter sponsor code: STPETERSCHOOL. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- 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**. Dress rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, December 15th starting at 12:30. This will include both performances and will be open for anyone who wishes to attend. More information will be shared as we get closer to the dates of the program.
- 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. (2)
- 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