

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and got to spend some quality time with family and enjoy some much needed rejuvenation. We have reached the final week of November already and the Advent season is upon us. Each Monday until we leave for break we will light a candle on our school Advent wreath and join together to say a special prayer for that week as part of our celebration of Advent. The students and staff have also drawn their special Advent friend today so please be looking for this name to come home. Our Advent friends are a great way for our students to show their compassion and pray for their fellow schoolmates. Each week the students will be saying a prayer and gifting a small item to their Advent friend which will culminate in a big reveal on Wednesday, December 21st. We encourage you to share in this event with your child and help them pray for their Advent friend. Thanks again for your dedication and support. May God continue to shine His blessings on us and lead us through the Christmas season.

In Case You Missed It...

- Thank you to all who purchased or sold holiday wreaths this year. This is always a very nice fundraiser for us and provides some quality Christmas decor. There are still a few cash and carry items available for purchase if anyone still needs something. They include: 5 classic wreaths (\$30); 1 Victorian wreath (\$37); 3 Wintergreen wreaths (\$37); 3 classic spray (\$28); 1 Victorian spray (\$30); 2 cranberry splash spray (\$30). Online orders can still be made until December 9th. If you have any questions or concerns about your order, please let us know. A very special thank you goes out to John and Emily Beckley and Drew and Tricia Rall for organizing this 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 enter the cold and flu season.
- 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. Our book vending machine is also up and operating for any student(s) who earn enough points to pick out a free book. 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.

- St. Pete's hosted a blood drive this past Wednesday and collected approximately 20 units of blood for the American Red Cross. Thanks to all who donated the gift of life and who volunteered to help with the event.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The St. Peter School Parent Team will be hosting Breakfast with Santa this Sunday, December 4th in the school gymnasium following the 10:30 Mass service. There will be breakfast items, crafts, and other activities including a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus themselves. We hope you can join us for this free and fun event.
- Kindergarten will be leading our 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.
- 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. We still have many coats and sweatshirts available in our lost and found. If you think your child(ren) has left something here, please stop by and check it out. If these coats continue to go unclaimed, we will donate them to the Coats for Christmas drive.
- 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. Dress rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, December 13th 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. We will also be live streaming both performances for anyone unable to attend in person.
- The Rotary Club of Upper Sandusky will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast at John Stewart United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 3rd from 6:30-12:00. Tickets are available in the school office.
- The second quarter midterm mark is this Friday, December 2nd. Midterm reports will be available on Monday, December 5th. If you have any questions or concerns about grades, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher(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.
- Our last Raise Right (formerly Scrip) order before Christmas is due next Monday, December 5th.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Zane H. (5), Cade M. (2), Esme K. (2), and Murphy W. (K)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around." - Henry David Thoreau