

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 Friday, December 17th. 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. 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 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.
- St. Pete's hosted a blood drive this past Wednesday and collected approximately 24 units of blood for the American Red Cross. Thanks to all who donated the gift of life and who helped run the event.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Grade 1 will be leading our 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 call the school office for more information.

- 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.
- 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. 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 drive-thru pancake and sausage breakfast at John Stewart United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 4th from 6:30-12:00. Tickets are available in 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.
- Our last Scrip order before Christmas is due next Monday, December 6.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Zane H. (4), Cade M. (1), and Esme K. (1)
- 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