

I hope everyone enjoyed their extended holiday hiatus. We are so excited to see our students back in the building and we are looking forward to trying to re-establish some type of normalcy for as long as we can. We also understand that this continues to be a difficult situation for our families when trying to decide what educational path to go down. Please know that we are fully supporting ANY decision that families make during this time and that we are committed to helping all of our families with their educational needs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our current plans or policies, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here for you.

In Case You Missed It...

- GREAT NEWS! The free school lunch program has been extended until the end of the school year. This allows free school lunches for all St. Peter School students who choose to receive a lunch.
- 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. The January bulletin board was decorated by the students to celebrate Catholic Schools.
- St. Peter School is still selling yo-yos this week as part of our NED Mindset Mission show that the students were treated to prior to Christmas break. Please see the attached flier for ordering information or call the school office if you would like to order one.
- St. Peter School is teaming up with Shutterfly to create a Storefront that allows our school to receive a percentage of the profit for any item(s) created on the Shutterfly site. All the information about how to take advantage of this opportunity is in the attached flier. If you have any questions, please contact the school.
- The students have reached their goal of selling 850 discount cards. This means that they have earned a popcorn and movie day at school! This movie day will take place during Catholic Schools Week in February. Thanks to everyone who bought and/or sold discount cards.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- As a conclusion to our Fantasy of Lights grant, we have been asked to help put the displays back into storage. This will take place on **Monday, January 18th at 9:00**. Any volunteer help would be greatly appreciated and would make the job much quicker. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the school office.
- The EdChoice Scholarship Expansion enrollment period will begin on February 1st for any family that is interested in tuition assistance. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship provides vouchers for students with household income levels at 200% or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship amount is typically around \$4650 per student in grades K – 8. For more information about the EdChoice Scholarship Expansion Program please visit education.ohio.gov/edchoice
- The 1st grade will be leading our Wednesday morning liturgy this week. Reminder that due to seating and capacity restrictions, we will only be allowing students and staff in the church for this Mass. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- **ATTENTION:** Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. In order to be eligible, a child must be five years old by August 1st. Please remember that you **DO NOT** need to be Catholic to join our family. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our St. Peter School family, please call our office to request information or share on Facebook and other social media outlets.
- We are also still gauging interest in a potential 3 year old PK program so please let us know if you are interested in this program for the 2021-2022 school year. Please remember that you **DO NOT** need to be Catholic to join our family. Please help us spread the word.
- Winter MAP testing will begin on Wednesday, January 13th. The purpose of winter MAP testing is to monitor our students' progress towards their academic goals as well as to help our staff identify curricular areas of strength and areas that require improvement. Many of our students have also developed MAP goals that they are working hard to accomplish and winter MAP testing will allow them to check their progress. If you have any questions or concerns about MAP testing please contact your child(ren)'s teacher or the school office for more details.
- Reminder that monthly tuition is due January 15th. Semester tuition is due January 30th. We also ask that any outstanding expenses such as extended day or other invoices be paid by the end of this month in order to keep our account updated and accurate. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns about tuition.
- Our next For the Love of Pete raffle drawing will take place on January 12th. There are still tickets available to get entered into this month's drawing. Please contact the school or church rectory if you would like to purchase a ticket.
- Our Advent friend gift exchange will take place this week. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the school office.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Nora L. (3) and Ms. Wetherell
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish." ~ Michelangelo