

We had a great first week of the Advent season and the students and staff drew their Advent friends and are busy praying and making their friend something special. We lit the second candle on the Advent wreath this morning and were treated to a nice prayer and story from our sixth grade class. This week, we will be decorating a candy cane treat for our Advent friends and will provide another clue to their identity. We encourage all of you to pray with your child(ren) at home and share in the spirit of Advent. This week also marks the midterm point of quarter number two already. Midterm grades will be posted to Gradelink this afternoon by 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or concerns about grades, please contact your child(ren)'s classroom teacher or the school office. As always, we want to genuinely thank all of you for your support and trust in our mission. May God continue to shine His blessings on our school family and community.

### **In Case You Missed It...**

- A very special thank you goes out to our school parent team who organized our Breakfast with Santa event yesterday. The food was great, the fellowship was jolly, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus were merry. All proceeds from this event go back into the parent team fund so we can continue to organize school and community events like this one. If you would like to be a part of the parent team, please let us know and we can get you hooked up. Thanks to all who attended this event as well.
- 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.
- 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.**
- Remember that monthly tuition payments are due by December 15th and semester payments will be due in January. If you have any questions about tuition payments or other invoices, please let us know.

### **Just Thought You Should Know...**

- Great job Kindergarten leading our school liturgy service last Wednesday. A friendly reminder that this week's liturgy service will take place on **Thursday, December 8th at 8:20 AM** in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The 6th grade class will be leading this service. 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.

- We will be conducting a full-scale lockdown drill in the coming weeks. As required by the Ohio Department of Education, every year we must conduct a full-scale emergency drill in order to test our school's emergency preparedness. The details of this drill will be shared with everyone prior to it being conducted and if you have any questions, please let us know.
- We also want to remind our families that we have a counselor on staff on Thursdays to help our students and staff cope with any stress or anxieties they may be experiencing. We are pleased to partner with Mrs. Jodi Courtad-Holman again this year for individual counseling and whole class discussions. We are excited to again offer this resource for our students, staff, and families so if you would like to schedule an individual appointment, please contact Mr. England directly and we can get you connected. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let us know.
- Our annual Coats for Christmas drive has concluded. We want to sincerely thank everyone who donated an item for needy families this Christmas. Coats will be distributed on December 10th from 9:00-11:00 in the school gymnasium.
- Our annual St. Peter School Christmas program is only a week away and your child(ren) are anxiously preparing to put on a good show. 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.
- Congratulations to our December For the Love of Pete raffle drawing winners. The first prize winner was Denise Traxler (\$500); the second prize winner was Debrah Thiel (\$250); and the third prize winner was Kevin and Diane Wintersteller (\$125). Our next drawing will take place on January 4th, 2023. 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. Thanks so much to all who have participated so far.
- Our last Raise Right (formerly Scrip) order before Christmas is due today.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Sam T. (4)
- Our CYO basketball season will kick off this coming weekend with our 4th/5th grade boys team hosting Cardinal Stritch on Sunday at 2:00. Good luck Colts!
- Please check the school website at [www.stpeterupper.com](http://www.stpeterupper.com) for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

**Quote of the Week:** "A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." ~ Francis of Assisi