



St. Peter Catholic School
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Parent Newsletter #15

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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 fifth 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 on Friday afternoon by 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or concerns about grades or if you would like to request a paper copy of the midterm report, please contact the 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...

- 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.
- The December church bulletin board was decorated by our 4th grade class. Be sure to check it out!
- Mark your calendars. Our annual St. Peter School Auction event will take place on Saturday, March 19th in the St. Peter School gymnasium. This is our school's largest fundraising event so please help spread the word.
- Reminder that monthly tuition payments are due by December 17th.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Kindergarten will be making their debut 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.

- We will be conducting a full-scale lockdown and evacuation drill in the coming weeks. As required by the Ohio Department of Education, every three years, we must conduct a full-scale evacuation which includes a secondary evacuation site and parent reunification 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.
- St. Peter School is excited to announce that we have a new counselor to help our students and staff cope with any stress or anxieties they may be experiencing. Our new counselor is Miss Kaitlyn Bilsing and she is contracted through the Wyandot County Counseling Association. She will be starting semi-regular office hours at St. Pete's after Christmas break and will be available Wednesday afternoons from 12:00-2:00 for individual counseling and whole class discussions. We are excited to 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.
- The application window for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is now open for any family wishing to apply for tuition assistance. We strongly encourage any family who is interested in tuition assistance, to please apply. Please contact the school office for more information.
- 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 11th from 9:00-11:00 in the school gymnasium.
- The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas party on Friday, December 10th starting at 6:00 at the K of C Hall. Santa and his reindeer will be coming at 7:00 for the kids. All families are welcome to attend.
- 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 prevent large gatherings and a late night for our kids, we will be having 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.
- Congratulations to our December For the Love of Pete raffle drawing winners. The first prize winner was Ken and Teresa Stark (\$500); the second prize winner was James Schroeder (\$250); and the third prize winner was Danielle Brodman (\$125). Our next drawing will take place on January 3rd. 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.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Sam T. (4)
- Our CYO basketball season kicked off this past weekend with our 5th/6th grade boys team falling to Galion St. Joseph on Saturday. The boys will be back in action this Saturday at Carey OLC at 9:00 AM.
- Please check the school website at 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