

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2022! We celebrated our third week of the Advent season last week and the students and staff received a small gift and card from their Advent friends as we moved closer to knowing our Advent friend's identity. We encourage all of you to continue to pray with your child(ren) at home and share in the spirit of Advent. We will be revealing our Advent friends on Wednesday so we ask that you bring your child(ren)'s gift for their Advent friend to school prior to that day. This week is also Christmas Spirit Week with today being Christmas pajama day. Please refer to the school website for the other spirit day themes. We would also like to send our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Kin and Kitzler families during this tragic time. We pray that God brings them comfort and peace. As always, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, parishioners, community members, and other stakeholders for everything you have done and continue to do for our school. Without your support and trust in our mission, we wouldn't be able to teach the way Jesus did and help instill that mindset in our students. We hope that you all have a great and joyous Christmas and New Year season and may God continue to shine His blessings on our school family and community. We will see everyone back on January 4!

In Case You Missed It...

- Great job to all of our students who put on two fantastic nights of Christmas programs. We are so impressed with how hard they all worked to make this year's program a fun event and how talented they are. A special thank you goes out to the staff as well for their flexibility and cooperation over the past few weeks. We hope you all enjoyed them.
- Our Accelerated Reading program is in full swing so we encourage all of our families to continue 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.
- Remember that monthly tuition payments were due by December 15th and semester payments will be due on January 30th. If you have any questions about tuition payments or other invoices, please let us know.
- Due to a staffing issue, there will be **no extended day on Wednesday, December 21st**. PK extended day will be available until K-6 dismissal at 2:40. If you have any questions, please let us know.
- The St. Peter School Student Council will be sponsoring a Christmas Spirit Week this week. Please see the attached flier for more details. Also, please remember that Wednesday is church day so please make sure your child(ren)'s outfits are appropriate for church.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Winter MAP testing will begin in January for select students. 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.

- Great job 5th leading our school liturgy service last Wednesday. The 4th grade class will be leading our next service this Wednesday at 8:20. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Due to cost constraints, we will no longer be live streaming these services but we will be recording them and posting them on our school Facebook page following the service for those who are unable to attend. If you have any questions about this change please let us know.
- We conducted a full-scale lockdown drill last Friday and our staff and students did a great job of executing our safety plans successfully. 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. If you have any questions or concerns about our safety procedures, please let us know.
- The application window for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund will open in January for any family wishing to apply for tuition assistance. We strongly encourage any family who is interested in tuition assistance, to please apply. Please review the attached flier or contact the school office for more information.
- Our next For the Love of Pete 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.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Nola P. (1), Caleb A. (5), Noah B. (K), Luke H. (5), Noah O. (4), Colten B. (2), Cohen E. (5), Sawyer S. (3), and Evelyn W. (1)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "If you ever want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else." ~ Ann Landers

St. Peter School Expansion FAQs:

This week, we will highlight two more FAQs about our school expansion project set to begin next school year. We again want to remind everyone that we have compiled an expansion FAQ document that is available on our school website. This is a working document that we update regularly as we get more questions and subsequent answers concerning our junior high plans. We also have an email address that you can send any questions you might have concerning expansion. Your questions will be answered and added to the FAQ document so we can continue to be transparent and open with our communication. The email address is expansion@stpeterupper.com. Here are this week's most frequently asked question:

Q: What curriculum opportunities are there for high school placement? We plan to offer high school credit placement opportunities by working with the USHS administration and the USEVS to ensure we are able to meet those requirements. Our goal is to offer high school placement in a variety of subjects including Algebra, Spanish (or another foreign language), and English.