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Welcome back everyone! We hope you all enjoyed a nice relaxing Christmas Break with family, good food, fellowship, and of course Christmas gifts. As we ring in the new year, we want to take a moment to say how truly thankful we are for all of our families and parishioners. Without your continued support, we would not be able to continue offering a quality, Christ-centered education. We look forward to continuing our great partnership with all of you this coming calendar year and we are excited to see what the future holds for our school and our community. God Bless you all.

In Case You Missed It...

- 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.
- The January church bulletin board will be decorated by the school students to celebrate Catholic Schools Week which begins on January 30th. Be sure to check it out!
- 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 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.
- 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.
- Our whole-school, full-scale evacuation drill, conducted prior to Christmas Break was a success. We have completed our requirement for the year and will be looking at our other emergency policies as the school year continues. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this drill.
- A reminder that semester tuition payments are due January 30th.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The 5th grade will be leading our 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 2022 EdChoice Expansion Scholarship application window is now open for any family that is interested in tuition assistance. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship provides vouchers for

students with household income levels at 250% 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. We encourage any family who might qualify for this scholarship to apply. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

- ATTENTION: Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 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.
- St. Peter School is excited to announce the implementation of our new Accelerated Reading program! This program will allow us to continue to challenge and incentivize our students with their reading comprehension and provides us with another resource that can be utilized both at home and at school. The AR program also makes better use of our school library and allows us to remove ourselves from an over reliance on technology. Information about how this program works will be sent home soon. We would also like to say a special thank you to Tanielle Gelbaugh and Gwen Adams who have spent a lot of time organizing and categorizing our school library so our students can have greater access to the program. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please let us know.
- Our Fantasy of Lights display take-down will be Wednesday, January 5th at 5:00 for anyone who is available to help.
- Winter MAP testing will begin on January 10th 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.
- 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 visit the website <https://nosf.org/> or contact the school office for more information.
- Our next For the Love of Pete drawing will take place today. 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: Hope K. (5)
- Our 5th/6th grade boys basketball team picked up their first win of the CYO season two Saturdays ago defeating Shelby MPHM. The rest of the CYO teams get their season started this coming weekend with the 5th/6th grade boys team hosting Sylvania St. Joe's at 11:00; the 3rd/4th grade girls hosting Shelby MPHM at 10:00; the 3rd grade boys at Tiffin Calvert at 10:00; and the 4th grade boys traveling to Bellevue Immaculate Conception at 9:30. Stop out and see our kids in action!

Quote of the Week: "The bird is powered by its own life and by its motivation." ~ A. P. J. Abdul Kalam