

We are moving closer to the end of the first semester and we wanted to share with you some of the exciting things that we have coming up in the second semester. First, we are putting the finishing touches on the Accelerated Reading program which includes updating our library and implementing an electronic scanning system. We hope to have this unveiled soon and begin to implement the program ASAP. Second, we are excited to introduce Edmentum, a personalized learning program that will allow our students and staff to address the subject areas of concern based on MAP scores. Edmentum was purchased through our EANS funding and will help us “plug the remaining educational gaps” more efficiently and help us better use the MAP data by creating individualized learning paths for all of our students. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact us. Finally, we would like to announce the Diocese of Toledo’s fundraising campaign that will be beginning soon. This campaign is called *Living Christ* and is an initiative that is geared towards raising funds to help provide more education and resources to our community. As a parish, we are being asked to raise approximately \$495,000 and if we reach our goal, we will receive 35% of the total raised. This funding can be used to help our parish in many areas including the school and one of the uses for this money that we are exploring is the potential expansion of our school in the future. A revamped junior high expansion committee has recently resumed meeting again to further explore the possibility of adding a seventh and eighth grade. Please know that this would not be for the coming school year and the soonest we would consider doing this would be the 2023-24 school year, when our current fifth graders will be entering the seventh grade. This continues to be a request of current families as well as prospective families. Since this committee just recently started to meet, there’s not much to share but we will when we have further information. We continue to ask for prayers for wisdom and the Holy Spirit’s guidance as we seek what God would have for St. Peter School. If you have any questions, please reach out to Aaron Korte at 419-310-0868. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this campaign so that we can continue to look at ways to grow and support our school. If you have any questions about this campaign, please contact the church office. Thanks again for all of your support and for being a part of our St. Peter School family. God Bless.

### **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!
- 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.
- 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.
- A reminder that semester tuition payments are due January 30th.

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

- The 4th 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.
- We are sending home raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful king size quilt handcrafted by Pat Smith. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece, 6 for \$5.00, or 13 for \$10.00. We are asking each family to sell 13 tickets and return them to the school so they can be entered into the drawing which will take place at our St. Peter School Benefit Auction on March 19th. Please contact the office with any questions you might have.
- The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 30th in the school gymnasium following the 10:30 Mass. This will serve as the kickoff to our Catholic Schools Week celebrations and we will also be hosting an open house that day so come check out what makes our school so unique. The meal is for a \$5.00 suggested donation and all proceeds will go to support the school.
- 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](https://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.
- Winter MAP testing has begun 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.
- Congratulations to our January For the Love of Pete winners: \$500 winner was Debbie Thiel; \$250 winner was Greg and Stefani Mittermaier; \$125 winner was Rodney Traxler. Our next For the Love of Pete drawing will take place on February 1st. 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: Nora L. (4) and Finn K. (K)
- Congrats to our 3rd/4th grade girls, 4th grade boys, and 3rd grade boys CYO basketball teams for their victories this past weekend. The CYO season continues this weekend with the 5th/6th grade boys team hosting Galion St. Joe's at 9:00; the 3rd/4th grade girls hosting OLC at 10:10; and the 3rd grade boys hosting St. Rose at 11:20. Stop out and see our kids in action!

**Quote of the Week:** “The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.” ~ H. Jackson Brown Jr.