

Hello St. Peter School families and welcome to 2023! We hope that your family had a wonderful (and extended) Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's pray 2023 continues to bring prosperity and good things for our school, our families, and our community. 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 accepting 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.
- 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.
- A reminder that semester tuition payments are due January 30th. If you have any questions about tuition payments or other invoices, please let us know.

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.
- The 3rd 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.
- The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 29th following the 10:30 AM Mass service. This event also kicks off our Catholic Schools Week celebration. More details will be provided soon.
- 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 review the attached flier, visit the website <https://nosf.org/> or contact the school office for more information.

- The 2023-2024 EdChoice Expansion Scholarship application window will open on February 1st 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 \$5500 per student in grades K – 8. For more information about the EdChoice Scholarship Expansion Program please visit education.ohio.gov/edchoice or view the attached flier for more details. We strongly 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 2023-2024 school year is underway. In order to be eligible, a child must be five years old by September 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.
- 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: Hope K. (6)
- Our 4th/5th grade CYO boys basketball team will host Christ the King on Saturday at 10:00 AM. Our 3rd/4th CYO girls basketball team get their season started on Saturday as well when they travel to Carey OLC for a 9:00 AM tip-off. Stop out and see our kids in action!
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

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