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We have reached halftime of the current school year and while we are still working hard towards our academic goals, we would like to take time to reflect on the first half of the year and make the necessary adjustments for the second half. The first five months of the year was an adjustment period for both students and staff alike as we introduced new programs, students, staff members, and class structures to our repertoire. While it was quite hectic in the beginning, I am so very proud of everything our students and staff have accomplished and for our ability to get everyone on the same page in a short amount of time. As we head into the second half of the year, we are determined to continue to meet the challenges we face head-on with tenacity and effective collaboration with our most valued asset: you. We want to continue to improve our craft and ensure that we are meeting your family's needs so please continue to communicate with us about how we can best serve you and your family. That is our goal and our purpose. Thanks again for choosing to be a part of our family and here's to a great second half!

In Case You Missed It...

- Mark your calendars. Our annual St. Peter School Auction event will take place on Saturday, March 18th at 6:00 in the St. Peter School gymnasium. This is our school's largest fundraising event so please help spread the word. Auction fliers will be available soon.
- 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.
- 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.
- Catholic Schools Week kicks off on January 29th and we have a lot of fun events planned so please stay tuned for more information and details about our week long celebration.
- The end of our first semester is Friday and grade cards will be available on Gradelink by Monday. There will also be no school this Friday or next Monday due to a staff in-service and observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 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.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The 2nd 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.

- 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 Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 29th 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 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.
- 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.
- Congrats to this month's For the Love of Pete winners. The \$500 winner was Ken and Mary Doseck; \$250 winner was Regina Brinson; and the \$125 winner was Michelle Thiel. 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: Ms. Wetherell and Nora L. (5)
- Good luck to our CYO basketball teams this weekend. The 3rd/4th grade girls host St. Joe's at 10:00 and the 4th/5th grade boys travel to St. Joan of Arc at 2:00 on Saturday. Stop out and see our kids in action!

Quote of the Week: "The secret of your future is hidden in your daily routine" ~ Mike Murdock