

Annnndddd we're off for what will certainly be a productive and meaningful school year. I cannot express how excited I am for our school and students about the fantastic staff we have assembled this year. This group has worked so hard this summer to create an optimal learning environment that is positive, collaborative, challenging, fun, and safe for all. We are also extremely proud and excited to continue to offer our unique educational programs that we believe will help our students continue to grow in unique and innovative ways. Our STEM, Edmentum, Accelerated Reading, and tiered reading programs are designed to address learning deficits as well as challenge our students to flourish outside of the traditional curriculum. With all of these programs, please know that we are here to serve you so please let us know if there is anything we can do to enhance your educational experience. Thanks again for your continued support and faith in our mission at St. Peter School. May God continue to shine His blessings on our school, our families, and our community.

### In Case You Missed It...

- A huge thank you to anyone and everyone who either donated, volunteered, organized, or attended anything for our St. Peter School Summerfest this past weekend. We are so blessed to have such a supportive and generous community. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we couldn't have done it without your help. Thank you again.
- Please note the change to the weekly liturgy schedule posted on our school website. Our first student-led liturgy will be this Wednesday, August 31st at 8:20 in the church. We ask that students please review the dress code policy for church services. Family members 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.
- Please try to return all required forms that were sent home this past week by the end of this week. This includes emergency medical forms, tuition options, acceptable use policies, handbook acknowledgement and others.
- We are still in need of volunteers for lunch and recess. It can be moms, dads, sisters, uncles, grandmas, grandpas, third cousins twice removed, we welcome them all. Any way you can help out goes a long way and we are extremely grateful for all of the help we get. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping during lunch, recess, and/or library.
- Our St. Peter School Parent Team is looking for some new recruits. The parent team organizes various activities throughout the school year for our students and their families. It is a great opportunity for you to get involved with the school. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Mrs. Kristin Stringfellow at 740-341-4227.
- Please note that extended day runs until 5:00 everyday for those needing to utilize this service. Morning extended day begins at 7:00 for families who need it but you will be charged a fee for using it. We ask that students not be dropped off prior to 7:00.

- Congratulations to our early bird For the Love of Pete winners. Gene and Laura Brodman, Dan Kinley, and Leslie Conigly all received an extra ticket into the drawing. The first drawing will take place on September 1st. If you haven't purchased tickets yet, you still have time to do so. Stop by the school or church office or buy them online at our Give Smart page.

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

- This is a general reminder that there can be NO PARKING in the designated bus unloading zone from 7:00-8:00 AM and again from 2:30-3:00 PM. Buses will be unloading students during these times and they need these areas cleared. Also, when dropping students off in the morning using the "U" drive through in the parking lot beside the school, please refrain from allowing students to exit the vehicle until you have reached the sidewalk outside the gym doors. There is a lot of morning traffic and we don't want our students having to cross in front of vehicles. If you have any questions about this process, please let us know.
- We will begin our Fall MAP testing this week with our upper classes. MAP testing is our school's version of state standardized testing and is a certified alternate assessment for those tests. Grades 3-6 take Reading, Math, Language Arts, and Science while grades K-2 take Reading and Math. The scores from these tests will help us determine where our students are academically as well as what content areas we need to focus on as a staff. If you have any questions about MAP testing, please feel free to contact us.
- Reminder, there will be no school on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day as well as Thursday and Friday, September 15th and 16th due to the Wyandot County Fair. This is a change from the earlier schedule so please make a note.
- Our fall picture day will be Tuesday, October 4th. Order forms will be going home soon so please be on the lookout for them. Even if you are not buying school pictures, your child's picture will be taken for the school yearbook so please wear your Sunday best.
- When sending money to school, please put it in an envelope with the student's name, the amount, and what the money is for. (You can use all those junk mail envelopes for this and just write on the back). Please write a separate check for tuition, lunch money, or extended day bills as these are all separate accounts. We are not able to cash one large check and separate the funds.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Carington W. (3), Evelyn B. (5), Flo L. (4), Madyson F. (K), Evan O. (2), and Jameson S. (2)
- Please check the school website at [www.stpeterupper.com](http://www.stpeterupper.com) for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

**Quote of the Week:** "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." - Jimmy Dean