

Annnndddd we're off for what will certainly be a productive and enthusiastic 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 about the new programs we have this year that we believe will help our students continue to grow in unique and innovative ways. Our new STEM, enrichment, 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 new 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, September 1st at 8:15** at the church. 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, like last year, 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, recess, and library. It can be moms, dads, sisters, uncles, grandmas, we accept 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 the extended day time change from **5:30 to 5:00**. Morning extended day begins at 7:00 for families who need it. We ask that students not be dropped off prior to 7:00.
- Congratulations to our early bird For the Love of Pete winners. Aubrey Jaqueth, Carolyn Thiel, and Mary Boes all received an extra ticket into the drawing. The first

drawing will take place on September 7th. 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...

- 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 6th in observance of Labor Day and Wednesday, September 15th due to the Wyandot County Fair.
- Our annual St. Peter School discount card fundraiser will begin soon. Each family will be getting ten cards to sell so we encourage you to sell as many as you can. If you need additional cards, please contact the school office. The families who sell the most cards will be rewarded with pizza gift certificates. The contest ends on October 8th.
- Our students will be treated to a virtual NED Show on Friday, September 24th at 1:30. The NED show teaches children about the importance of standing up to bullying, being a good friend, and being respectful. It is a unique show with a great message that we are excited to offer our students. If you have any questions, please let us know.
- Our fall picture day will be **Tuesday, October 5th** and retake day will be November 4th. Order forms will be going home soon. 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.
- Thank you to all our church bulletin advertisers. Advertisers support completely defrays our publishing costs. Please consider advertising in the bulletin. It's great for your business and great for the church! Please contact Adam West at (614) 867-1396 or awest@diocesan.com to advertise. Thank you for your support!
- Please check the school website at 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