

For the first time in quite some time, we managed to get through an entire Catholic Schools Week without missing a day. We had such a great week celebrating our Catholic school with festivities and fun spotlighting the many things that make us unique and proud to do what we do. Some of the highlights from this week included mismatching clothes, crazy socks, games, writing contests, popcorn, and PJs. Our students showed their appreciation to our community members by creating appreciation cards and praying for the many great things our community continues to do for us. Our students also got to show off their smarts by challenging Sheriff Frey to a round of trivia. Finally, our students got to hear from some of our parents who graciously shared their vocations with us and Mayor McColly who talked to us about the importance of being active members of the community. All of the weekly highlights can be found on our school website as well as our school Facebook page so we encourage all of you to check out the pictures and smiles from this past week. We again want to send out a huge thank you for anyone who helped participate in our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. God bless you all.

In Case You Missed It...

- Our annual St. Peter School Auction event will take place on Saturday, March 18th at 6:00 PM in the St. Peter School gymnasium. We are also looking for help with this event so if you are willing to help, please contact the school office or Paul Wagner at WMS. This is our school's largest fundraising event so please help spread the word or volunteer to help.
- Our St. Peter School Parent Team is sponsoring a Kid's Choice Valentines Dance on Friday, February 24th from 6:00-8:00 in the school gym. This will be a fun event with music, food, and pictures. Tickets are \$10 per person with a \$30 family cap. All St. Peter School students and a guest are invited to attend. Please visit the school website for more details.
- 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. Our tentative screening date will be **Monday, April 17th** at the St. Peter School gymnasium. We will be reaching out to our registered students soon to sign-up for preferred screening times. 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. We also ask that any outstanding expenses such as extended day or other invoices be paid by the end of this month in order to keep our account updated and accurate. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns about tuition.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Our students raised \$1,214 during our Penny Drive last week for Catholic Schools Week. This money will be sent to the McMillan family to help pay for their son's medical expenses. We can't express how blessed we are to have such caring students who are committed to helping our community and the families that make it up. Congrats to our 6th grade class for raising the most money.

- The Student Council will be selling Valentine Grams this week for any students who would like to purchase one. They will be \$1.00 and they can order as many as they would like. Order forms will be going home tomorrow. Please let us know if you have any questions.
- We wanted to send a very special THANK YOU to the Schroeder family for graciously donating the funds to purchase a new scoreboard in the gymnasium. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- The 4th 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.
- Winter MAP testing continues in February 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 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 our February For the Love of Pete winners. The \$500 winner was Jane Rieser; the \$250 winner was Mike Courtad; and our \$150 winner was Leslie Conigy. Our next For the Love of Pete drawing will take place on March 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: Graham M. (4)
- Good luck this weekend to our CYO basketball teams. The 4th/5th grade boys teams will be home at 11:10 against St. Benedict. The 3rd/4th grade girls team will be home at 10:00 against Gesu.
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "The elevator to success is out of order so you'll have to use the stairs one step at a time" ~ Joe Girard