

We hope everyone enjoyed yet another extended weekend and were able to get some rest and a recharge of your batteries. Our hope is that we do not miss any more long periods of school so we can roll up our sleeves and get back to uninterrupted teaching and learning. This week is the midterm point of our third quarter already but with so much missed instruction time lately, the gradebook might look a little bare. Please don't worry about this. Our plan is to provide ample grading opportunities in the last half of the quarter so that students will have the chance to earn their final grades. As we move closer to the Lenten season, our students will be participating in reading/listening to the Stations of the Cross every Monday morning until Holy Week. Our first reading will be Monday, March 14th and will be recited by our sixth grade students. We plan on recording this event and streaming it live on our Facebook page for anyone interested in viewing this event. Finally, the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship application window is currently open through the Ohio Department of Education. This scholarship allows qualified families to receive tuition assistance. Please refer to the flier accompanying this newsletter for more information. Thanks again for your continued support and cooperation. We are truly blessed to have you in our St. Peter School family. God bless and stay healthy.

In Case You Missed It...

- We are still in need of 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.
- The February church bulletin board was decorated by our music teacher, Mrs. Bramel. Be sure to check it out!
- Our annual St. Peter School Auction event will take place on Saturday, March 19th in the St. Peter School gymnasium. We are also still looking for help with this event (food and drink committee, raffle ticket sales, and music and video committee) so if you are willing to help or donate auction items, please contact the school office or Kristy Gottfried at WMS. This is our school's largest fundraising event so please help spread the word or volunteer to help.
- ATTENTION: Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year is ongoing. In order to be eligible, a child must be five years old by August 1st. Our screening date is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19th** and we will be reaching out to our registered students soon to sign-up for preferred screening times. 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.
- PK registration is also open for the 2022-2023 school year. Children who will be four years old by August 1st are eligible to register. Classes are Monday-Friday from 8:00-11:00 AM with an extended day option available for families who need it. Please call the school office at 419-294-1395 for more information. Please remember that you **DO NOT** have to be Catholic to join our St. Peter School Family.
- Just a reminder that milk is included with the federal lunch provided by the school. If your child is packing a lunch and needs milk, the cost is \$.50. You may also purchase a milk ticket with five punches for \$2.50. Thank you.

- Rep. Riordan McClain will be visiting our school on Friday to meet our students and discuss the recently passed “Backpack Bill” legislation with our staff and students. We are excited to welcome Rep. McClain and show him what makes us so special.
- A friendly reminder that semester tuition is now due. We also ask that any outstanding expenses such as extended day or other invoices be paid as soon as possible in order to keep our accounts updated and accurate. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns about tuition or outstanding balances.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The 4th grade class will be leading our liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:15. 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 for those who are unable to attend.
- Spring picture day will be March 8th. We will be taking classroom photos during this session so please dress nicely even if you do not plan on purchasing Spring pictures. Order forms were sent home last week but if you need an additional one, please let us know.
- We are still selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful king size quilt handcrafted by Pat Smith. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece, 6 for \$5.00, or 13 for \$10.00. We are asking each family to sell 13 tickets and return them to the school so they can be entered into the drawing which will take place at our St. Peter School Benefit Auction on March 19th. Please contact the office with any questions you might have.
- The 2022 EdChoice Expansion Scholarship application window is now open 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 \$4650 per student in grades K – 8. For more information about the EdChoice Scholarship Expansion Program please visit education.ohio.gov/edchoice. We 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 visit the website <https://nosf.org/> or contact the school office for more information.
- The Knights of Columbus will again be hosting Friday fish fries starting March 4th and running through Lent. Doors open at 6:00 at the K of C Hall.
- As part of our annual Diocesan requirement, we will be conducting our Teaching Safety lessons in the near future. These lessons teach our students about the importance of safe touching, boundaries, and being respectful of others. If you would like to opt-out of these lessons, you may do so. Information and opt-out forms will be sent home soon so please be sure to check for them.
- 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: Breckin K. (1), Bryn K. (1), and Lucas T. (PK)
- The final week of the CYO season is this week with our 4th grade boys playing at OLC on Saturday at 10:00 and our 3rd grade boys playing at Galion at 10:00.

- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: “Nothing makes one feel so strong as a call for help.” ~ Pope Paul VI