

It's the season of Lent and we are eager to reflect on God's many blessings and acknowledge our shortcomings. We began our celebration last week with an Ash Wednesday service led by our sixth grade students. To help us be mindful of Christ's love for us, we will also be performing the stations of the cross over four weeks during Lent and we invite all of you to join us in this reflection. Stations will take place every Monday morning at 8:15 at the church starting on Monday, March 6th with each week being performed by a different class from St. Peter School. Our Lenten reflection will conclude with our 5th and 6th grade students performing our famous shadow stations during Holy Week at a time to be determined. Also during the season of Lent, we will be holding our annual benefit auction which helps support our families and students with tuition assistance. In the spirit of giving, we encourage all of our families, parishioners, and supporters to consider giving to this great event. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the school office or Paul Wagner at WMS. As always, we want to express our gratitude for all of the support you have shown for our school and our parish mission. We pray that you all take time during the Lenten season to reflect and remember God's love for all of us. May God continue to shine his blessings on our community and light our path.

In Case You Missed It...

- A very special thank you goes out to our St. Peter School Parent Team for organizing the Kids Choice Valentines Dance on Friday. This gym was decorated so nicely and packed with kids and parents who danced the night away in their best formal wear. The food was great, the music was fun, and the laughter was at a maximum. We would also like to thank Ben Buckland for providing the music for this event.
- 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.
- 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 school 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.
- ATTENTION: Pre-K registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. In order to be eligible, a child must be four years old by September 1st. This year, we will be offering full-day services (8:00-2:30) five days a week. Please remember that you **DO NOT** need to be Catholic to join our school 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.
- The students have now reached the \$8,500 sale mark for discount cards which has earned them a movie and popcorn day. This year's top seller was Sam Traxler and the runners-up were Easton Thiel and Jenna Irwin. Thanks for your support.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The 2nd grade class will be leading our liturgy 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.
- Spring picture day will be March 7th. 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 will be sent this week and posted on the website.
- **Scholarship Opportunity:** The 2023-2024 EdChoice Expansion Scholarship application window is currently 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 \$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.
- **Scholarship Opportunity:** 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.
- 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: Sophia C. (6) and Aniston V. (2)
- Congratulations to our 4th/5th grade boys CYO basketball team for their runner-up finish in this past weekend's CYO tournament! We are so proud of their effort and the sportsmanship they showed each and every week. Thanks for representing our school with courtesy, respect, and kindness.
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." ~ Robert Louis Stevenson