

AMAZING is the only word that comes to mind to describe our annual auction this past weekend. The turnout, the food, the fellowship, the items, the generosity, all of it was just amazing. We are so humbled and overwhelmed by the support shown for our school throughout the year and especially Saturday night. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring community that helps us continue to serve our mission. The word amazing can be applied to the folks at WMS who spent countless hours collecting, setting up, contacting, and organizing this event. We would especially like to thank Paul and Tonelle Wagner for their efforts in making this event a success. Your generosity and hard work is definitely appreciated. We would also like to send a special thank you to the Weaver family for providing the meal Saturday night. The food was fantastic and your effort is appreciated as well. Again, there is so much to be thankful for and so many people to thank for making our school such a special place. Switching gears, Friday was the final day of our third quarter already! Final grades will be posted in Gradelink by 3:00 today, March 20th and hard copies will be sent home on Monday as well. Our third quarter Honors Mass will take place on Wednesday, March 29th at 8:20. As we head into the fourth quarter, we want to remind everyone that shorts are allowed to be worn again starting today, with the exception of students who have parts in the Wednesday liturgies. While shorts are nice, the fourth quarter also brings with it some less-than savory aspects including Spring MAP testing and ARK testing. We will begin conducting this mandatory testing in the coming weeks. Like all MAP testing, the results and data collected will allow us to direct instruction towards areas of need, plan for future instruction, and monitor student progress. Spring MAP testing is the most meaningful of all of our testing due to its cumulative nature and serving as an end point for our students. Although Spring MAP testing is an important part of our curriculum and instructional review, we also use it as a motivational tool for our students with incentives for students for surpassing their past scores and/or meeting their personal academic goals. If you have any questions or concerns about our MAP testing, please do not hesitate to ask. But don't let MAP testing ruin our final quarter together, we have a lot of fun spring activities planned as well. Plenty of fun mixed with some necessary but not so fun events coming up. Thank you again for your continued support and cooperation. God bless.

### **In Case You Missed It...**

- **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.
- Our 4th grade students led our second Stations of the Cross readings this morning and they did a great job. We will be reading the Stations of the Cross every Monday morning at 8:15 in the

church for the duration of Lent if anyone wishes to join us. These will also be recorded and posted on our Facebook page for anyone who wishes to watch remotely. The 3rd grade students will be reciting next week.

- The Knights of Columbus will again be hosting Friday night fish fries every week through Lent. Doors open at 6:00 at the K of C Hall.

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

- The 6th 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.
- Our students will be participating in the Bubbles for Autism celebration on April 1st at 2:00. We will be joining other elementary schools in the area and blowing bubbles to raise awareness and show support for autism. Parents are welcome to join us for this fun event. A reminder will be sent home as we get closer to the event.
- **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](https://education.ohio.gov/edchoice) 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 visit the website <https://nosf.org/> or contact the school office for more information.
- Mark your calendars. Our annual St. Peter School Bike Ride will take place on Friday, May 19th. More information will be upcoming so please stay tuned.
- Our next For the Love of Pete drawing will take place on April 3rd. 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: Nora V. (1), Asa A. (4), Henry K. (1), Nicolette N. (K), George W. (6), and Miss Dee
- Please check the school website at [www.stpeterupper.com](http://www.stpeterupper.com) for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

**Quote of the Week:** "Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone." ~ Anthony Burgess