

Hello wonderful St. Peter School families and welcome to the first full week of April. Even though the weather still does not want to cooperate, we are pretty positive that spring is out there somewhere. While we patiently await the warmer weather and the full experience of spring, we are making our final preparations for our biggest testing time of the school year. Next week starts our Spring MAP testing period for all students grades K-6. MAP testing is our version of standardized testing used to gauge student comprehension and growth in the core subjects from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year. The results of these tests will help us determine where our students stand academically as well as allow us to understand what areas of the curriculum require additional resources and how we can further improve our instruction. While we try not to put too much stress on our students by overly emphasizing MAP testing, we do encourage them to try their best because we want their scores to be the best they can be so we can get a more accurate measure of where we are as a school. There are several ways you can help prepare your child(ren) at home for testing as well. We encourage you these next few weeks to ensure your child(ren) is eating nutritious meals and getting adequate sleep so they can be as engaged as possible when taking these tests. We also ask that you continue to encourage your child(ren) to try their best when taking these tests. If there is any way we can assist you in this process or if you have any questions or concerns about MAP testing, please feel free to contact us. Again, we want to sincerely thank you all for your continued support and may God continue to bless our community and our school.

In Case You Missed It...

- There is still time to register your Kindergarten child(ren) for the 2022-2023 school year. 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 our registered students should have been contacted 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 still 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.
- Our 3rd grade students led our fourth Stations of the Cross readings this morning and they did a great job. Our final recitation of the stations will be next Wednesday, April 13th at 12:15 in the school gymnasium by our 6th grade students who will be performing their famous shadow stations. This is truly an awesome experience and we encourage everyone to attend if you are able. This performance will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who cannot attend.
- A friendly reminder that during the morning student drop-off hours, cars may not drop off students on the street by the school or in the bus zone. This request comes from

Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools in order to allow school buses to safely drop off St. Peter School students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The 5th grade class will be leading our liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:15. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. These services will also be live streamed on our school Facebook page for those who are unable to attend.
- Our students participated in the Bubbles for Autism celebration last Friday. We are proud to support and help raise awareness for autism. Pictures and videos from this event can be found on our school's website and Facebook page.
- **ATTENTION: Scholarship Opportunity:** The 2022 EdChoice Expansion Scholarship application window **WILL BE CLOSING** at the end of April 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.
- **ATTENTION: Scholarship Opportunity:** The application window for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund **WILL BE CLOSING** at the end of April 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. We will be hosting a "Circus Day" on Friday, April 29th in the gymnasium. Our annual St. Peter School Bike Ride will take place on Friday, May 13th and 6th grade graduation will be Saturday, May 21st at 4:30 in the church. More information will be upcoming so please stay tuned.
- Our 5th grade students are selling Little Ceasar's pizza kits for the next few weeks. They are raising money for their Camp Y-Noah trip in the fall of their 6th grade year. Please consider helping them reach their goal.
- We have summer youth sports camp registrations available in the office for anyone who might be interested in attending this summer. These camps are sponsored by our local varsity sports coaches and are available for most ages. Please let us know if you would like a registration form and what sport you are interested in.
- Our next For the Love of Pete drawing will take place today. 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: Tavryn G. (PK) and Mrs. Vollmar
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure" - Unknown