

We have reached Holy Week, the most important week of the church year and to cap off our short school week, we celebrated by performing our world famous shadow stations this morning at 8:15 in the school gymnasium. We want to thank anyone who stopped by and watched in person and we hope it had some meaning for you. This event was also live streamed to our school Facebook page so you are encouraged to watch it there if you were unable to attend. Also, a big thank you to our 5th and 6th graders who did such a wonderful job reciting and acting out the stations. We are also on the eve of Spring MAP testing which is the most important time of the school year. 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. Overall, there is a lot to be grateful for this Holy Week and we are blessed to have you with us. It's a great time to be at St. Pete's and we look forward to what the future holds for us. Thanks for all that you do for us. God Bless.

In Case You Missed It...

- Last call to register your Kindergarten child(ren) for the 2023-2024 school year. 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 screening date will be **Monday, April 17th** at the St. Peter School gymnasium. 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. There will be NO PK or Kindergarten class that day.
- PK registration is also still open for the 2023-2024 school year. 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.
- 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 and refrain from dropping students off in the middle of the drop-off loop. 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.
- Reminder that there will be NO SCHOOL this Thursday, Friday, and the following Monday (4/6, 4/7, and 4/10) in observance of Easter Break. We will see everyone on Tuesday, April 11th.
- Our school-wide Easter Egg Scramble will take place on Wednesday following our Mass service. This event is sponsored by our student council. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The 4th grade class will be leading our liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:20. Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. These services will be recorded and posted on our school Facebook page following the service for those who are unable to attend.
- **ATTENTION: Scholarship Opportunity:** The 2023-2024 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 \$5500 per student in grades K-8. For more information about the EdChoice Scholarship Expansion Program please visit 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.
- **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. Our annual St. Peter School Bike Ride will take place on Friday, May 19th. More information will be upcoming so please stay tuned.
- 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: no birthdays this week
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be." ~ Khalil Gibran