

As we get ready to start another week of school (only 2 full weeks left), I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you our school's MAP scores from this Spring. Since the COVID-19 learning disruption, many schools continue to be plagued by a learning gap that requires time, effort, and a lot of supplemental resources to close. While this gap still exists today almost four years after the disruption of in-person learning, we have worked diligently and tirelessly to bridge this gap through a variety of resources. Through the continued implementation of programs such as Edmentum, Accelerated Reading, myON, and tiered reading groups (K-3), as well as the addition of supplemental teaching resources to better address certain subject areas, we are excited to see that gap continue to narrow even further. It is still a work in progress but we are continuing to look at ways we can further narrow the gap. We are extremely proud of our students' efforts this testing season and we appreciate their continued work towards being the best people they can be. The general Spring MAP statistics will be accompanying this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns about MAP scores or testing, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value your feedback and want to continue to build a strong educational partnership for the sake of your child(ren). If there is anything we can do to strengthen this partnership, we want to know. Thanks again for all you do and for your continued support of our school. God Bless.

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

- 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.
- Our annual St. Peter School Bike Ride will take place on Friday, May 19th and our fourth quarter Honors Mass will be Wednesday, May 24th at 8:20 in the church.
- Our Spring BOGO Book Fair is this week. The fair will be set up for purchase on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings with a family night on Thursday night from 5:00-7:00 in the gym. This fair is buy one get one free so please take advantage of this offer. We also encourage our families to utilize the E-wallet setting for purchasing books. If you have any questions about the book fair, please let us know. A special thank you to Jana Dlubak for volunteering to run our fair again this Spring.

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

- There will be **no extended day services** for the final week of school (May 22-25) in order to finalize billing. Please make arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up after school during this time. PK extended day will be offered until school dismissal time.
- All outstanding balances including tuition, extended day, and other fees are due to the school office by May 25th. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

- The Kindergarten class will be leading our liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:20. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. These services will also be filmed and posted to our school Facebook page 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 May 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.
- **ATTENTION: Scholarship Opportunity:** The application window for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund **WILL BE CLOSING** at the end of May 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 Kindergarten and PK Graduation ceremonies will take place on Thursday, May 25th (time TBD) in the church. All are invited to attend this ceremony and it will also be filmed and posted to our school Facebook page for those unable to attend. This will also be our end of the year awards ceremony for the other classes. If you have any questions, please let us know.
- Our 2nd grade students will participate in Ag Day at the high school this Friday. Senior students will be teaching our students about the importance of agriculture to our community.
- The St. Peter Summerfest will take place on August 26th and 27th this year and will feature a lot of the same events and attractions as last year. The festival committee is accepting volunteers so if you would like to help with the festival, please contact Mr. England, Kristin Stringfellow, or Jeremy Stringfellow. Thanks in advance for your help.
- Our Parent Team will be hosting a Spring Park Fun Day on May 11th. Our students will be walking to the park where they will be eating lunch and enjoying some fun games. Permission slips went home last week so please return them if you have not already done so. We want to thank our Parent Team for organizing this event and the many great events they organized this year.
- Our last order for Raise Right will be submitted on May 15. Since we will not be placing orders again until August, please keep in mind all the ways you can use gift cards during the summer months.
- Congratulations to our May For the Love of Pete winners. \$500 prize winner was Mary Doseck; \$250 prize winner was Stephanie Logsdon; and the \$125 prize winner was Dan Kinley. Our next (and final) drawing will take place on the last day of school, May 25th. There are still tickets available to get entered into this drawing so 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](http://www.stpeterupper.com) for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

**Quote of the Week:** “All great achievements require time.” ~ Maya Angelou