

Another full week under our belts and we have started to settle into a “routine” if that word can be used in 2020. The students continue to adjust nicely to the new normal and it has been refreshing to see them interacting with their friends and classmates in a more familiar environment. While things seem to be easing their way back to comfortability, we are still very aware and vigilant of the potential hazards that remain during this ongoing pandemic. We want to again stress to our families that we remain focused and steadfast on continuing to follow all local, state, and Federal health mandates and recommendations concerning health and safety and we are committed to sustaining a safe learning environment. We again thank you all for your support and cooperation and we are so blessed to have you as a part of our St. Peter School family.

In Case You Missed It...

- We are in the process of analyzing all of the MAP testing results and beginning our consultation on what instructional areas need reinforcement and what areas are strengths. Individual student MAP results will be shared with parents during conferences in early November. If you have any questions or concerns about MAP testing, please contact the school.
- Our annual St. Peter School discount card fundraiser is underway and we are asking each family to sell at least ten cards. Additional cards are available if needed so please contact the school office if you need more. If you are unable to sell all ten, we ask that you please return any unsold cards in the envelope they came in. The three families who sell the most cards will be rewarded with pizza gift certificates. The contest ends on October 9th.
- Thank you so much for the feedback on our virtual learning day. This feedback has been taken and we are working hard to critique the areas of our online program that our families have identified through their feedback. If you think of anything else that we can do to continually improve our online program, please feel free to share your thoughts with us.
- The financial report for our annual St. Peter School Festival was released on Sunday. We are excited to announce that we made \$23,182 which is a 9% increase from last year. With so much uncertainty and uneasiness surrounding the festival, it was refreshing to see such a great turnout. We are also ecstatic to see that the overall county COVID cases did not spike as a result of the festival which is important to note. We want to thank all of the festival chairpeople for their hard work and commitment to our school and our families. We also want to thank all of the many volunteers, donors, and community members who supported the festival in many different ways. We are truly blessed.
- We have also added two new picnic tables and one new buddy bench to our St. Peter School scenery. The tables and bench were purchased through a grant provided by the Wyandot County Recycling and Solid Waste Management Center. The tables are made of 99% recycled plastic and were manufactured in Copley, OH. One of the picnic tables is handicap accessible to be more inclusive for our community. We want to thank the Recycling Center for their generosity and our 2019-2020 student council for their suggestion.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- We are still in need of volunteers for lunch and recess. It can be moms, dads, sisters, uncles, grandmas, we accept them all. Any way you can help out goes a long way and we are extremely grateful for all of the help we get. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping during lunch and/or recess.
- Our next School Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 at the rectory.
- Reminder that students will be permitted to wear shorts to school until the end of the first quarter which concludes on November 5th. Please note this policy change in the family handbook posted on our website.
- In May, St. Peter School was selected as one of three recipients of the annual Fantasy of Lights Charitable Grant. This is a big honor and we are beyond blessed to have the opportunity to receive some funding for much needed building upgrades and improvements. Some of these improvements will include new bathroom partitions, toilets, fire escape sidewalk repairs, and new safety doors for the front entranceway. As part of our grant requirement, we have been asked to help unload semi trucks for the Fantasy of Lights display this year and we need some volunteer help. The unload will take place on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00-12:00. If you are interested in helping with this, please let us know and we will add you to our list. Many hands make light work. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help in this.
- With our increased emphasis on technological learning and digital assignments, we want our families to know that all students (2-6) have personal Chromebooks assigned to them this year and if any family would like to use these Chromebooks at home, we can accommodate. If you would like to utilize your child(ren)'s Chromebook at home, please stop by the office and complete a borrowing agreement.
- Our fall picture day will be Friday, October 2nd. Order forms were sent home last week or you can order online. Even if you are not buying school pictures, your child's picture will be taken for the school yearbook so please wear your Sunday best.
- We are still in need of a Scrip order volunteer. This person would be in charge of organizing our Scrip orders and getting them submitted every four to six weeks. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out with this.
- Our next For the Love of Pete raffle drawing will take place on October 13th. There are still tickets available to get entered into this month's drawing. Please contact the school if you would like to purchase a ticket.
- A friendly reminder that we require an excuse note upon your child's return from an absence (excused or unexcused). This is especially important as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 documentation process and keep track of the health of our students.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Cameron H. (1) and Cooper B. (2)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." ~ Oscar Wilde