

We made it through our first full month of the school year and we have had a terrific start despite the unusual circumstances. We finished our MAP testing last week and the results were truly awesome! Despite no spring testing and the large “educational layoff” that we experienced at the end of last year, each class scored higher than the normal grade level average and in many cases, higher than the Diocese average. This is a testament to how truly blessed we are to have such quality teachers and staff here at St. Pete’s and how hard our students and families work to ensure their child(ren) maintain a high academic standard. It truly is a team effort and our kids are the beneficiaries of that collaborative effort. Each student will be meeting with his/her classroom teacher in the coming weeks to discuss MAP testing results and to collaboratively develop a plan to improve scores in certain areas and reinforce areas of strength. These student-developed goals and individual test results will be shared at conference time. Thank you again for your continued support and belief in our mission here at St. Pete’s. We are continually humbled and grateful for the support.

In Case You Missed It...

- Our annual St. Peter School discount card fundraiser continues 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. In addition, if school-wide sales reach \$5,000, each class will receive an additional recess. If sales reach \$6,500, each class will be treated to an ice cream party. Finally, if sales reach \$8,500, the students will have a popcorn and movie day (socially distanced of course). The contest ends on October 9th.
- Please remember to send an **excuse note to school upon your child’s return after an absence**. Also, please remember that our school policy states that if a student is absent or sent home with an illness, they must be symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. This is especially important as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 documentation process and keep track of the health of our students.
- Please note the change to the school events calendar. St. Peter School **WILL** be in session on Monday, October 12th. Our original events calendar had this date as a staff development day but that has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Midterm grades will be sent home on Wednesday, October 7th. Please routinely check your family’s Gradelink account to check on the academic status of your child(ren). Please let us know if you need help accessing this site or if you have any questions or concerns about grades.
- 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.

- The 3rd grade class will be leading our liturgy service this Wednesday. Due to seating and capacity restrictions, we will be having grades 3-6 participating in the church while grades K-2 will be doing a smaller celebration in the gymnasium at the same time. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the church liturgy but we are unable to accommodate families for the celebration in the gymnasium at this time. This arrangement is only temporary and we are working to get the entire school together for traditional Wednesday liturgies as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
- In order to reduce the amount of paper being used and to keep potential germ exposure minimal, we have posted all calendars, menus, and important reminders on our school website. School menus and other calendars are posted on the school website under the parent resources tab. Click on the food services tab to locate the school menu. Click on the calendars tab for all other schedules.
- 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 first Scrip order of the school year will be due on October 12th.
- 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.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Trenten A. (1)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Develop an 'attitude of gratitude'. Say thank you to everyone you meet for everything they do for you." – Brian Tracy