

Happy Fall y'all. We here at St. Pete's hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather. Enjoy it now because we all know what is right around the corner. As we approach the halfway mark of the first quarter and dive deeper into the school year, we want to make sure that we are being as transparent as possible with students' grades and schoolwork. We encourage all of you to continue to be vigilant and take an active role in your child(ren)'s education by continuing to communicate and reinforce academics and socialization on the home front in order to maintain an overall consistent education. A key part to this is staying connected via your child(ren)'s Gradelink, Google Classroom, and Edmentum account. Each classroom teacher has worked hard on creating a Google Classroom that provides families with supplemental resources to assist with academic matters. Also, please take the time to log in to your child(ren)'s Edmentum account and check out the personalized learning path he/she is currently working on. We believe this is an important practice that allows us to provide as many resources as possible and to continue to solidify our partnership with our families in the education of the child(ren). If there is anything that we can do to help in this regard, please do not hesitate to ask. We want to give our families the support and collaboration you need to continue to challenge and encourage your students to be the best Christian citizens they can be. 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...

- The first quarter midterm mark is September 30th. Midterm reports will be sent home on Monday, October 3rd. We encourage you to check your child(ren)'s progress on Gradelink often and let their teacher(s) know if you have any questions or concerns.
- Our next liturgy service will be Wednesday at 8:20 with 2nd grade leading. We ask that students please review the dress code policy for church services. Family members are 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 annual St. Peter School discount card fundraiser has been postponed until late Fall in order to relieve some of the fundraising burden placed on our wonderful community businesses and organizations. More details about the discount card program will be coming soon so please stay tuned.
- Our fall picture day will be **Tuesday, October 4th**. Order forms were sent home last week and are available on our website if needed. 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.
- Reminder that students will be permitted to wear shorts to school until the end of the first quarter which concludes on October 28th. Please refer to this policy in the family handbook posted on our website.
- Due to high demand and problems with inventory, we will only be selling ice cream on Fridays during lunch. We can still accommodate whole class birthday treats as long as we are notified in advance to ensure we have enough available. We apologize to the students as this has been devastating news to them.
- Raise Right orders (formerly Scrip) are due today.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Our school's book fair will take place from October 3-7 in the school gymnasium. Book catalogs will be sent home today. Remember that every item sold at our fair will raise money for our school to purchase school supplies and library books. Contact the school for more information.
- Our annual wreath sale will be starting soon. Order forms and information will be sent out next week so be looking for it. This fundraiser is a great opportunity for you to help the school and get some pretty awesome Christmas decorations in return. Thank you John and Emily Beckley and Drew and Tricia Rall for organizing this fundraiser.
- Tickets for next month's For the Love of Pete drawing can be purchased at the school or church office and online. The ticket price is \$100 and one ticket gets you entered into each monthly drawing for cash. The next monthly drawing will take place on October 3rd.
- Our Accelerated Reading program is in full swing so we encourage all of our families to challenge your kids to become avid readers. Read books, take quizzes, score points, win prizes. Books and quizzes can be accessed through the myON or the AR program website. If you have any questions about the AR program, please let us know.
- HELP! Our extended day program is in need of board games or other fun activities. Our current selection is quite old and is well past retirement age. If you have any gently used games that are collecting dust in your house, we will gladly take them off your hands. It goes without saying that all games must be school and age appropriate.
- 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: "Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out." – John Wooden