

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 and Google Classroom account. Each classroom teacher has worked hard on creating a Google Classroom that provides families with supplemental resources to assist with academic matters. Please take the time to log in to your child(ren)'s Google Classroom account and check out new information and coursework that teachers have posted. We believe this is an important practice that allows us to provide as many resources as possible. 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...

- Our 4th grade students received their Bibles at our special liturgy last Wednesday. This is an important part of what we do here at St. Pete's and we are so proud of our 4th graders for their efforts in being good Christian citizens.
- 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 health and safety protocols and keep track of the health of our students.
- 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 or library.
- On Friday, St. Peter School students were treated to a virtual NED Kindness Adventure. This show taught our students about the importance of standing up to bullying, being a good friend, and being respectful of other cultures and differences. It was a unique show with a great message that we were excited to offer our students. We will also be selling Kenyan-made trinkets from the show all week and a portion of the proceeds will go to creating clean water systems in Kenya. Let us know if you would like to buy something.
- Please note that due to national food shortages, there may be some slight changes to the upcoming school lunch menus. While we don't anticipate drastic changes, we have been told to expect some changes based on food availability. Any changes that happen to the menu will be communicated with families ASAP. Thanks for your patience and understanding.
- 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.

- Reminder that students will be permitted to wear shorts to school until the end of the first quarter which concludes on November 4th. Please refer to this policy in the family handbook posted on our website.
- Scrip orders are due today.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Midterm grades will be available on Gradelink this Friday, October 1st. Please routinely check your family's Gradelink account to monitor 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.
- Our fall picture day will be **Tuesday, October 5th** and retake day will be November 4th. Order forms were sent home but if you need an additional one, please let us know. 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. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.
- Our September myON and Redbird challenge ends Thursday. The individual student and class who log the most pages read and minutes completed during the month will be rewarded and recognized for their efforts at the end of the month. We encourage you to root your child(ren) on in this competition and play an active role in their education by staying engaged with our available learning resources.
- Our annual St. Peter School discount card fundraiser continues this week 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 8th.
- Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on October 4th and run until October 8th. Information about purchasing books will be available soon so stay tuned for more details.
- The 3rd grade class will be leading our next liturgy service on Wednesday at 8:15. There are no longer any seating restrictions for these services so parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. These services will also be live streamed on our school Facebook page, like last year, for those who are unable to attend.
- Our next For the Love of Pete raffle drawing will take place on October 1st. 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. Ticket price is \$100.
- 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