

Greetings St. Peter School families and welcome to the second half of quarter number one. We hope everyone was able to log into Gradelink and see your child(ren)'s progress at the midterm mark. If you were unable to do so or if you have questions or concerns about your child(ren)'s grades, please do not hesitate to contact us. This week marks our annual Scholastic Book Fair and we are excited to have the fair in person again this year. Students can browse and purchase books on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday during the school day as well as Thursday evening. We are also getting closer to our annual Boo gram sale where students can purchase their friends a nice Halloween treat to show their appreciation for their friendship. Finally, our Fall picture day will be tomorrow so please have your child dressed in their Sunday best even if they aren't purchasing pictures. These are just a few of the many awesome things we have planned for the month of October and we hope you partake in the excitement as well.

In Case You Missed It...

- St. Peter School Discount Card Cards are still available for purchase in the school office if anyone still needs/wants one. The school-wide contest ends on Friday. 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). We are asking for any unsold cards and any money to be returned to the office as soon as possible.
- 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 the kids love seeing our volunteers. 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 the library.
- 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.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- 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 Scholastic Book Fair starts today and runs until October 8th. We encourage you to check out all of the great selections it has and remember that every item purchased provides our school with some money that we can use to purchase future book fair items.
- Our annual Holiday wreath sale will begin October 11th and end on October 25th. Additional information and order forms will be sent home next Monday. We want to thank Drew and Tricia Rall as well as Emily Beckley for running our wreath sale fundraiser this year.
- St. Peter School will be selling our annual Boo Grams again this year. However, due to COVID-19 precautions and in an effort to maintain a safe and sanitary school environment, Boo Grams will be limited to pre-selected items and delivered to students instead of having our traditional "Boo Store". Money for Boo grams will also be handled differently. Order forms and ordering information will be sent home today.
- The 3rd grade class led our first school-wide liturgy service this past Wednesday and our 2nd grade class will be leading the liturgy this week. 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.
- Congratulations to our October For the Love of Pete drawing winners. \$500 winner was Madison Warren, \$250 winner was Thomas Hogan, and \$125 winner was David Kinley. Our next For the Love of Pete raffle drawing will take place on November 1st. There are still tickets available to get entered into next month's drawing. Please contact the school if you would like to purchase a ticket. Ticket price is \$100.
- Congratulations to our September myON Reading Challenge winners. 1st grade winner was Madeleine J. and runner-up was Crosby D. 2nd grade winner was Kendall E. and runner-up was Aurora C. 3rd grade winner was Asa A. and runner-up was McKenna D. 4th grade winner was Evie B. and runner-up was Reese S. 5th grade winner was Oliver S. and the runner-up was Michael D. 6th grade winner was Emmett K. and the runner-up was Carter T.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Trenten A. (2) and Reagan V. (4)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities." – Robert H. Schuller