

Well, the last vestiges of summer have left us and much cooler temperatures have stepped in to fill the void. While this was nothing new to anyone who has spent any time in Ohio, it is always tough to say goodbye to summer and brace for winter. As we brace ourselves for the approaching winter, we want to also be prepared for the sickness that winter brings as well. It is cold and flu season and with that said, we continue to ask for your help in combating sickness by monitoring your child(ren)'s health daily. If you notice anything unusual or any signs or symptoms of sickness, please keep them home. I must commend all of you on doing such a fantastic job in this department all year and I hope this continues moving forward. With that being said, we will continue our practice of taking any symptom that a student reports seriously and we will always err on the side of caution when a student reports not feeling well by calling home. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please let us know. Here are the latest news and notes for this week at St. Pete's.

In Case You Missed It...

- There will be **NO SCHOOL** this **Friday, October 21st** for a staff PD day.
- Our next liturgy service will be Wednesday at 8:20 with the 5th 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.
- Please don't forget to return your preferred P/T conference times so we can get you scheduled. If you need a new sign-up sheet, please let us know. Conferences are October 31st and November 1st from 3:00-7:00 and 3:00-6:00 respectively.
- 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.
- Fall picture retakes will take place on **Tuesday, November 1st** for anyone who missed original picture day or are unhappy with their pictures. Order forms are available on the school website or the school office.
- The CLC and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a purse bingo event on Friday, October 28th at 7:00 at the K of C Hall. All proceeds from this event will go to St. Peter School and OLC School in Carey. More information about this event can be found on our school website.
- St. Peter School will once again be sponsoring a display in the Winter Fantasy of Lights this year. As a recent grant recipient, we believe it is important to show our gratitude by sponsoring a recently orphaned display. Our new display will need to be set-up so we are looking for a group of volunteers to help with this. Once a date and time have been set, we will let you know. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help.
- 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.
- Our next Raise Right (formerly Scrip) order is due today. Please refer to and include the new account number found at the top of the form when making purchases.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Our St. Peter School Student Council will be hosting an inaugural Veterans Day Dinner on Friday, November 11th at 6:00 PM in the school gymnasium in order to show our appreciation and gratitude for their dedicated service and sacrifice to our country. All veterans and a guest are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Mr. England at bengland@stpeterupper.com by **Monday, November 7th** if you wish to attend. Please see attached flier for more details.
- St. Peter School will once again be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive this year. The drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 23rd in the St. Peter School gymnasium. More information will be sent home soon.
- We are also collecting pop tabs to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Each class has a bucket that they hope to fill with pop tabs so if you have any pop tabs sitting around send them in. This fundraiser is in honor of the Bramel family and all proceeds will go to help other families who utilize the RMH during their stay at Nationwide Children's.
- Our annual Holiday wreath sale has begun. Order forms were sent home last week with each family but if you need additional forms, please contact the office. This fundraiser is a great opportunity for you to help the school and get some pretty awesome Christmas decorations in return. We want to thank Drew and Tricia Rall as well as John and Emily Beckley for running our wreath sale fundraiser again this year. If you have any questions, please let us know. Order deadline is **October 24th**.
- 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.
- Our annual Coats for Christmas drive is now underway. We are collecting any new or gently used coats to be donated to those in need this Christmas season. All donations can be dropped off in the large box located in the gymnasium lobby. Coats will be distributed on December 10th.
- St. Peter School is excited to welcome a visiting author to our school! The author's name is Michelle Houts and she will be stopping by on November 18th from 1:30 to 2:30. More information to follow.
- CYO basketball and cheerleading registration forms are going home today for any 3-6 grade student interested in participating this year. Students enrolled at St. Peter School or students who are members of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish are eligible to participate in CYO basketball. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let us know and we can provide them with information. Registration deadline is **October 28th**. All players must complete a physical prior to participating unless you completed a physical in the fall. Physical forms will be sent home once we receive your registration.
- Our annual St. Peter School Christmas program is quickly approaching. In order to avoid a late night for our kids, we once again will be having the program over two nights. Our PK-2 program will take place on **Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00** and our 3-6 program will take place on **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00**. More information will be shared as we get closer to the dates of the program.
- St. Peter School will be selling our annual Boo Grams again this year. Order forms will be sent home today so students can begin planning who they want to give a Boo Gram to. Each Boo

Gram is \$1 and can be purchased until October 25th. All proceeds from this go into the student council fund to be used for future school events. The Student Council will have the Boo Store available on October 27th and 28th during school hours where students can trade in their Boo Grams for goodies. If you have any questions about our Boo Gram sales, please let us know.

- We are looking for donations and volunteers for our school's Harvest party as well. We need the following items: gummy worms, shaving cream, candy, sprinkles, face paint, acrylic paint, old brooms, and old basketballs. Our Harvest Party will be October 28th at school so we are looking forward to having some fun with our kiddos. Please let us know if you can help in any capacity. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help.
- The St. Peter School Parent Team will be hosting a Fall Harvest Party on Sunday, October 30th in the school gymnasium following the 10:30 Mass service. Families are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities.
- 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.
- 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: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." - Bill Keane