

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. While we are still in the never-ending nightmare that is COVID, we also understand that other illnesses such as flu and colds have not been eliminated from the Earth. 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. It is much better to miss a day or two of school than potentially a few weeks. 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...

- We are asking for any unsold discount cards and any money to be returned to the office as soon as possible. Thanks to all who participated in our discount card fundraiser.
- 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 monitor the health of our students.
- 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 November 4th and 5th.
- 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.
- The CLC and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a purse bingo event on Friday, October 29th 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 has been asked to sponsor 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.
- Picture retake day will be November 4th.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- Our annual Holiday wreath sale has begun and ends on October 25th. Order forms were sent home last week and more information is available on our school website. We want to thank Drew and Tricia Rall as well as Emily Beckley for running our wreath sale fundraiser this year. If you have any questions, please let us know.
- 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. If you need additional order forms, please let us know.
- CYO basketball registration forms have been sent out 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 26th**. All players must complete a physical prior to participating. Physical forms will be sent home once we receive your registration.
- Our annual St. Peter School Christmas program will look a little different this year. In order to prevent large gatherings and a late night for our kids, we have made the decision to have the program over two nights. Our PK-2 program will take place on **Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00** and our 3-6 program will take place on **Thursday, December 16th at 7:00**. More information will be shared as we get closer to the dates of the program.
- Our next Scrip order is due today. Please refer to and include the new account number found at the top of the form when making purchases.
- The 1st grade class led our school liturgy service this past Wednesday and our 6th grade class will be leading the liturgy this week starting 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 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