

In honor of the fall season and football, I would like to announce that we have reached the two-week warning of the first quarter. And like football, a lot can happen in the final two minutes (weeks in our case) of the quarter that can either help or hinder a student's performance. These final two weeks are important because this is the time when students have the opportunity to bolster their academic standing. Please make sure you are staying in contact with your child(ren)'s teachers to check on grade and schoolwork status in order to avoid any surprises or confusion as we approach the end of the quarter. Our teachers are working hard to communicate and ensure that their students have all their work completed and graded accordingly so we are asking for your cooperation in helping us in this endeavour. Although the end of the quarter can be a stressful time, we want to have some fun as well. Our annual Fall Harvest Party will be this Friday at 1:00. Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes (as long as the costume follows the guidelines sent home) and parents are welcome to come and help pass out candy or help with games. We are carefully planning this party to make sure we are being safe and to ensure proper social distancing. If you would like to help us with this party, please let us know. Thanks again for all of your continued help and support. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our family. God Bless.

In Case You Missed It...

- Our students have sold 800 discount cards and only need to sell 50 more to earn a movie and popcorn day. 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 orders are due today. This is a firm deadline to ensure delivery before the holidays. 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.
- Boo Grams orders are due Wednesday. A reminder that 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". If you need additional order forms, please let us know.
- The CYO basketball registration deadline is tomorrow for any 3-6 grade student interested in playing this winter. 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. All players must complete a physical prior to participating. Physical forms will be sent home once we receive your registration.
- 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 11th.
- St. Peter School is excited to welcome a visiting author to our school! The author's name is Jeffrey Ebbeler and he will be stopping by on November 19th from 1:30 to 2:30. He will also be autographing some of his books if students are interested. Please see the attached fliers for more information.
- We are in need of plastic water bottles as our supply has been depleted. While we encourage everyone to bring their own refillable water bottles from home, we understand that students forget and we want to make sure they have water so plastic bottles have been very helpful. If you would like to donate some water bottles, we would greatly appreciate it.
- 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.
- 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: Dawson S. (1), Ava S. (1), Ambrose C. (1), Madeleine J. (1), Quinn M. (1), and Joshua C. (5)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: "Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see farther." ~ Thomas Carlyle