

Parent Newsletter #2 (9/21/20)

Well, we've finished another week and we are extremely impressed with how well your child(ren) have handled all of the changes and inconveniences they have faced these past two weeks. Kids are resilient and can overcome most obstacles put in their way and your kids are shining examples of that resiliency. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for being patient, understanding, and cooperative with all of the changes, hardships, and uncertainties that have been thrown in your way. This includes remaining proactive and prudent when it comes to determining whether or not your child should come to school if they aren't feeling well. Thank you for using good judgement because it is the best way for us to ensure that we continue to have the opportunity to come to school for the remainder of the year. We are grateful for you and are here to help you navigate these treacherous times so please let us know how we can help.

In Case You Missed It...

- MAP testing has concluded for the fall season. The students did extremely well and we are proud of their efforts. We will now analyze all of the results and begin our consultation on what direction instruction should go and what curricular areas need the most attention. Individual student MAP results will also be shared with parents during conferences in early November. If you have any questions or concerns about MAP testing, please contact the school.
- Reminder to please return all required forms that were sent home at the beginning of the school year if you have not done so already. This includes emergency medical forms, acceptable use policies, COVID-19 assumption of risk, and others. If you need extra copies, please let us know.
- Our annual St. Peter School discount card fundraiser is underway 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. The contest ends on October 9th.
- Our first student-led liturgy took place on Wednesday with the 6th grade students leading the celebration. The younger students (K-2) participated in a teacher-led prayer service at the school as well. It was great to see students back in the church and participating in the most important part of our school year. Our next liturgy service will be Wednesday at 8:45 with 5th grade leading. Please note that the student-led liturgies at the church are open to families who wish to see their students participate. Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to accommodate families during the prayer service in the gymnasium. We are anxiously awaiting permission to resume school-wide liturgies at the church and will let you know when that time comes. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.
- Our virtual learning day was a success but we want to hear your thoughts about it. Our goal is to be proactive and allow our families to become more comfortable with our online learning platform in the event we are forced to switch to remote learning in the future. The general trend of education right now is to integrate more technology and the Diocese of Toledo has encouraged all schools to become "technology oriented" when it comes to instruction and curriculum integration. While we still strongly believe in the traditional method of educating our students, we understand

the value and importance of technology in the classroom setting and we want our students to grow in this aspect as well.

- Our School Advisory Council conducted its monthly meeting this past Wednesday. New officers were initiated and the council welcomed a new member, Mr. Scott Gelbaugh. We thank Mr. Gelbaugh for his willingness to help our school and offer insights about our future direction. We also want to thank outgoing member Lisa Hoffbauer for her many years of service.
- Congratulations to our September For the Love of Peter winners. The \$1,000 winner was James Reiter, \$500 winner was Charlene Beeler, and the \$250 winner was Lu Lehman. There are still plenty of tickets available for purchase in the school office. The next drawing will be on October 13th.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- 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.
- In May, St. Peter School was selected as one of three recipients of the annual Fantasy of Lights Charitable Grant. This is a big honor and we are beyond blessed to have the opportunity to receive some funding for much needed building upgrades and improvements. Some of these improvements will include new bathroom partitions, toilets, fire escape sidewalk repairs, and new safety doors for the front entranceway. As part of our grant requirement, we have been asked to help unload semi trucks for the Fantasy of Lights display this year and we need some volunteer help. The unload will take place on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00-12:00. If you are interested in helping with this, please let us know and we will add you to our list. Many hands make light work. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help in this.
- With our increased emphasis on technological learning and digital assignments, we want our families to know that all students (2-6) have personal Chromebooks assigned to them this year and if any family would like to use these Chromebooks at home, we can accommodate. If you would like to utilize your child(ren)'s Chromebook at home, please stop by the office and complete a borrowing agreement.
- Our fall picture day will be Friday, October 2nd. Order forms will be going home soon. 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.
- We are in need of a Scrip order volunteer. This person would be in charge of organizing our Scrip orders and getting them submitted every four to six weeks. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out with this.
- A friendly reminder that we require an excuse note upon your child's return from an absence (excused or unexcused). This is especially important as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 documentation process and keep track of the health of our students.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Jenna I. (3) and Alexis T. (K)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: “The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.” ~ Kobe Bryant