



# St. Peter Catholic School

(A Mission of the Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church)

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. We are so glad you are a part of the St. Peter School Family. This is a long newsletter, but it has all the information you need to know to start the year. I promise the newsletters will be much shorter the rest of the year.

\*In your folder you will find all the necessary paper work for the beginning of the year. Please fill out the required Emergency Medical Forms and sign the important papers and return them by the end of the week. Also enclosed is the Tuition Option Plan. Please choose the one that is best for your family. You may opt out of the Parish Scholarship if you applied for other need based assistance like Ed Choice.

\*Our day starts at 7:55 and all students should be in their rooms ready to learn by then. ***We lock the doors at 7:55 for security purposes.*** If your student is late you will have to ring the bell for entrance.

\*When your child has to leave school for an appointment, the parent/guardian is required to sign them out. If they return that day you must sign them back in also.

\*Dismissal time is 2:35. Walkers and car riders will be dismissed at the corner of Finley and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. They are to stay with the class line until they reach the corner. They are not allowed to cross in the middle of the street or to get into a car parked in the street. Our students' safety is number one. The best way to teach safety rules is by being a good role model for safety.

\*Bus students must ride the shuttle bus from St Peter's to Union School. They are not allowed to walk to their bus from St Peter's. This is for their safety because of the congestion and bus traffic at Union.

\*For morning drop offs please enter the playground and form a line that makes a U along the west side of the building. Students can only be let out once the car

reaches the sidewalk near the front gym doors. They will walk to the main doors. There is a lot of traffic on Finley in the morning so turning right when you leave the playground is recommended.

\*The bus zone in front of the building is a city enforced no parking zone from 7:00 to 8:00 every morning.

\*Non-bus students arriving before 7:40 will be sent to Extended Day and the parents will be charged a fee.

\*Morning Extended Day is from 7:00 to 7:40. It is available on delay days beginning at 8:00. There is no Extended Day when school is canceled. If your child is at Extended Day and then school is canceled we will call you.

\*After School Extended Day is from 2:35 to 5:30. You must come in and sign your student out when picking them up. We will not release your child to anyone who is not on your official sign out list. Fees for extended Day are \$2.00 an hour per child and bills will be sent home every other week.

\*The lunch price for a hot meal has been increased to \$2.55 and this includes milk. Packers may purchase milk for \$.50 You may buy a 5 day lunch ticket for \$12.75 or a 10 day ticket for \$25.50 A 5 day milk ticket is \$2.50 Tickets are so much easier for the student as they won't have to carry money daily

\*Enclosed are forms for the Federal Lunch Program. We encourage you to fill the form out if your family qualifies, even if the situation is temporary.

\*If your student is absent you are required to call the school and let us know. The office opens at 7:00 and we have an answering machine for earlier calls. You may also send a written note with a sibling. The Ohio Missing Children's Act does not allow us to accept verbal messages from other siblings. If your student is absent and we have not heard from you, we must call you to confirm the absence even if that means we call you at work. Also, a written note is to be sent with the student when they return. We do keep the excuses on file.

\*Our school Liturgies are on Wednesday at 8:45. In case of a delay, the Mass will be at 1:00. A Liturgy schedule is enclosed. Your student is also receiving church

envelopes to share the use of their time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is a life skill. The amount of the gift is not important, it is the fact that it comes from them. It is a chance to share money they have earned.

\*We have purchased additional new chrome books. That gives us 65 chrome books, 45 laptops and 30 I-pads for student use. That makes a better than one to one ratio of devices to students. Therefore, students may not bring their own devices to school. That includes laptops, chrome books iPads and iPods. With all of the cyber bullying out there and the hacking of accounts, this will help us keep our students safe. We will be using Google Classrooms and G-suites which have built in filters. This policy also keeps your devices from accidental damage being transported to and from school. Goggle Classroom permission slips are enclosed.

\*Cell phones will be permitted with a parent permission slip. Phones must be checked in at the office (Grades 5 and 6 will check them in with their teachers). Phones must be turned off all day and cannot be turned on until the students have left the building at dismissal. Again, this helps us keep your student safe from un-wanted calls and contacts.

When sending money to school, please put it in an envelope with the student's name, the amount and what the money is for. (You can use all those junk mail envelopes for this and just write on the back.) Please write a separate check for tuition, lunch money or Extended Day bills as these are all separate accounts. We are not able to cash one large check and separate the funds.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and friends... we need you! Volunteers are important to us and absolutely needed. We need cafeteria helpers from 10:30 to 12:00. Library workers are needed Tuesdays from 7:45 to 9:15. Playground supervisors are needed from 11:00 to 12:00. You can work one day a month, or one day a week. We appreciate any time you can help us and the kids love seeing you in the building.

If you did not receive the Honeywell Alert about the Open House be sure and let us know.

The first “For the Love of Pete Raffle” will be after the Children’s Liturgy on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Purchase your ticket soon.

We will once again be writing letters to our military and shut-in friends as part of our community service. If you know a military person or shut-in who would enjoy hearing from the students please send us their name and address. Even if they were on the list last year we need updated information.

Fall pictures are August 30<sup>th</sup>. Your picture form is enclosed. All students will have their picture taken for the yearbook, even if you do not purchase pictures.

Please sign and return all Parent Newsletter slips. That way we know you have received all the information.

Remember to check the website at [www.stpeterupper.com](http://www.stpeterupper.com). You can find school information such as newsletters, reminders of events, menus, calendars and pictures of our students in action. You can also like us on Facebook.

Wow! That was a lot of information. This is the longest newsletter of the year. Thanks for reading it!

We are so happy you are part of our St. Peter School Family. The staff is excited to partner with you in the academic and spiritual formation of your children. Thank you for all of your support in helping us to....teach as Jesus did.

Parent Newsletter # 1 Check List: Return needed forms by August 24<sup>th</sup>:

Emergency Medical Forms (one per students)

Tuition Option Form

Google Classroom Permission Form

Volunteer Form

Federal Lunch Program Application if qualified

I will help in the cafeteria...day that works best for you \_\_\_\_\_

I will help once a week  once a month

I will help in the Library on Tuesdays

I will help with playground supervision...day of the week that works best for you \_\_\_\_\_

Remember Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, or Friends can volunteer also. You can include them on this form.

I have read Parent Letter # 1

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name

Signature

Also keep in mind that after two years the Baker Family is looking for someone who can take over the Athletic Director role for the St. Peter CYO Program. With children in both Middle School and at St. Peter's they would like to have more time to follow both their children's activities. Chad and Christina are willing to begin the "transition" this school year by working with the new family through the volleyball and basketball seasons so there will be plenty of opportunity for the new AD to learn everything they need to know to take over. If you are interested in serving in this role please let us know.

I am interested in helping with CYO