

ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK—EXPRESS!
1/18/2018

This year, the Link has been streamlined to be more of a weekly bulletin to give you fast, weekly information. Hence, The Link—*Express!* We will continue to have the full Link newsletter once a month.

Mission Statement:

The purpose of Catholic education at St. Peter in Chains School is to instill the values of the Catholic faith in students so that they not only hear, but also embody and practice the mission of Jesus Christ and spread His message as it applies to life in the twenty first century.

Virtue of the Month:

Fidelity: Being faithful to promises and commitments.

Important Dates:

- 1/19/18 – **Hot lunch from 1/8/18 will be served if you purchased**
- 1/21/18 – First Communion Parent Meeting at the Fenmont – 10:30 – 11:30 AM
- 1/23/18 – HW Club – 2:15-3:00 PM
- 1/24/18 – Band Practice
- 1/26/18 – D.C. Papa John's Pizza Lunch (re-scheduled from the 1/12 snow day). There is still time to order, so please send it in BY Tues. Jan. 23. Cost is \$4 per meal.

Looking Ahead:

- 1/22/18 – Daisies and Brownies Meetings 2:15-3:15 PM
- 1/24/18 – Faculty Meeting – 2:30-4:00 PM
- 1/25/18 – Archery practice – 2:15-3:00 PM
- 1/28/18 – **St. Peter in Chains OPEN HOUSE 2:00 – 4:00 PM**
- 1/28-2/2/18 – Catholic Schools Week (Details to come....)
- 1/28/18 – **Registration begins for current students**
- 2/2/18 – Registration deadline for incentive off registration fee
- 1/30/18 – Catholic Schools Week Mass at the St. Peter in Chains Cathedral – 10:00 AM
- 2/6/18 – Bob Dole Spelling Bee at Fairwood Elementary – 7:00 PM
- 2/10/18 – Mandatory Confirmation Retreat for all Confirmandi currently in grades 6 & 7 (others in grades 6-12 who have been confirmed or would like to attend are welcome to come). Permission slips went home today.
- 2/13/18 – Valentine's Day class parties (**note:** they are not on the 14th due to Ash Wednesday)
- 2/14/18 – Ash Wednesday – School Mass at 8:00 AM
- 2/24/18 – Grade 2 First Communion Retreat 9-12 PM
- 2/24/18 – **Father-Daughter Dance (details to come)**
- 3/3/18 – Night at the Races – to be held at Badin High School (more details to come)

Altar Server Schedule:

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:00 AM

Eli Schweinfest Darcie Smith

Altar Server Schedule:

Sunday, January 21, 2018

11:00 AM

Sean Pendergest Sam Pendergest Anna Phan

Altar Server Schedule:

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Becca Moore
Sam Pendergest
Emma Rhodis

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Ellie Black
Mrs. Hart
Mrs. O'Connell
Mrs. Wirtz

Confirmation Retreat:

February 10 will be the retreat for 6th and 7th graders and all our young people preparing for the sacrament of confirmation in 2019. It is hosted by NET ministries – a team of 13 young adults who spend an entire year traveling part of the country to give retreats for junior high and high school kids. This year's theme is IN HIS IMAGE. We need to provide them with a place to sleep on Saturday night, February 10th and with breakfast on Sunday morning before they travel to the next parish to give retreats. Specifically we are looking for a family to see to 2-4 of the young women. They have sleeping bags and only need a room with floor space, a shower, and breakfast – a spare bed would be a luxury.

It can be a great opportunity for your kids to see young people who love the faith. If you can help please contact Mary Pat Austing at 863-1040 x815 or mpausting@stjulie.net

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Reminder – This was **rescheduled for Saturday, January 20th from 12:30-4:00 PM** in the St. Peter's Gym. The Hamilton Knights of Columbus, Council 968 is sponsoring their 2nd Annual Free Throw Competition The competition is for Girls and Boys ages 9 thru 14. The winner of the competition gets a chance to participate in the Regional and State Championships of Ohio. If you are interested, please [click here](#) for a form or contact Steve Bosse at 513-259-6184.

7th & 8th GRADE CYO SOCIAL

The Social that was to be held on January 12th was rescheduled for Friday, January 26th from 8:00-10:30 PM at the PFAC at Badin High School. If you did not turn in a form and are now able to go, please fill out a permission slip and turn it in to the school office. *These are due in the office by Wed. January 24.* We will update everyone mid-week next week if we have enough chaperones.

Parents, please note: we are in need of at least 1 more chaperone for the dance. Chaperones **MUST** meet all child protection requirements and be current on Virtus training to volunteer. Please contact Rene Rawlings at 652-4530 if you are able to help. If we do not get enough chaperones, the St. Peters students will not be able to attend.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 - February 3
#CSW18

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 28, 2018 and runs through Feb. 3. We have plenty of FUN events scheduled throughout that school week for the students, faculty, and staff. Please look for a full itinerary in the white folders next week. In the meantime, a flyer about the Family Activity that will be held on Friday, February 2 went home today. Please be sure to send back your RSVP by Wed. January 24 so we can plan for the event.

ART CONTEST OPPORTUNITY!

Students in grades K-12 are invited to take part in the 2018 Doodle 4 Google contest, and create an uplifting doodle that tells the world "What inspires me." From crayons to clay, graphic design, or even food, young artists can utilize any materials to bring their creation to life. Like all Google Doodles, each

doodle must incorporate the letters G-o-o-g-l-e. One national winner will receive a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 technology package for their school/non-profit organization, and a behind-the-scenes experience with the Doodle team to transform their Doodle into an interactive experience on Google.com. The contest is open for entries from January 8th – March 2nd, 2018 – only 8 short weeks! We will NOT be working on this in class and everything is submitted online please check out the details at doodle4google.com! GOOD LUCK!

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Information went home today in the white folder with grades 5-8. Fill out Interest Form and return to school by January 29, 2018 if you want to participate.

WHEN ABSENT FROM SCHOOL:

State law requires that a parent/legal guardian call the school to report your child's absence. It is requested that you make this call by 8:00 am. If a call is not received by this time, the school Secretary /designee will call home or place of business to assure us of the whereabouts of your child. To avoid an early morning phone call when you have a sick child, you may want to call in the middle of the night or the night before when you know your child won't be attending school the following day.

Also, state law requires parents to notify the school in writing upon the return to school from an absence. This note should indicate the dates of the absence and the reason for the absence and be submitted to the child's homeroom teacher. If a student has an extended absence of three or more day, a written excuse from the doctor is required. Otherwise, the student's absence may be recorded as unexcused.

These guidelines are included in the Parent/Student Handbook which can be found online, under the Parent Page. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

HOMEWORK CLUB:

Homework Club is offered after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15-3:00 PM for students in grades 3 through 8. Two teachers are assigned to the classroom. The teachers offer homework support, assist with review for a test/quiz, etc. in a group setting. It is not designated for one on one tutoring or intensive remediation. If you would like to have your child stay for Homework Club, you would need to fill out the permission slip and submit it to the office at least one day prior to the Homework Club day. Please be sure to fill in the specific date(s) your child will attend and the areas in which they need help. You can find the permission slip on the website under the Parent Page or [HERE](#).

Come and see what sets us apart



Please continue to spread the word about our upcoming SPS Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 2-4 PM. Prospective families and students will have the opportunity to meet our teachers, staff, and several families. They will also take a tour of our facility with one of our wonderful St. Peter in Chains families. If you know of someone who would like us to mail a personal invitation to our Open House, please contact the office or email schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Catholic Education Foundation is currently accepting applications for 2018-2019 elementary school tuition assistance scholarships. All scholarships are needs-based and can be used at any Catholic elementary school within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Awards range from \$250 to \$1,000 per student.

How to apply:

www.catholicbestchoice.org

Deadline: January 31, 2018

Amount: Up to \$1,000 per child

The Catholic Education Foundation scholarship program became a reality in 2017-2018 through the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Capital Campaign. Due to the generosity of your parish, the Catholic Education Foundation will again be able to offer over \$2,000,000 in financial aid!

To apply visit:

www.catholicbestchoice.org

or click: [Link](#)

BOYS SPRING VOLLEYBALL SIGN UPS:

Please see information that was sent home today in the white folders with boys in grades 3-8. Boys' volleyball signups are taking place right now. We will look at numbers once we receive all signups and that will decide if we have enough to make teams. We will also work with the other area Catholic schools in an effort to combine players if possible. Forms are due to the office as soon as possible, but by January 26. Click [HERE](#) for signup form. Questions, contact Michelle Luebbe at 513-477-0819 or michelleluebbe@gmail.com



Should I keep my child home from School?

Especially during the cold and flu season this is often a difficult question for parents to answer. **The School Nurse and Ohio Department of Health guidelines are as follows.** The child should be without fever, vomiting, diarrhea for a full 24 hours and have eaten a normal meal and feel well enough to make it through a full day of class before coming to school. If an antibiotic has been prescribed, oral or topical – the student can return 24 hours after first dose / application.

The following will help you make a decision if your child does not feel well.

1. FEVER: When a child's temperature is 100 degrees or higher, this is an indication of illness and the child should be considered contagious. The child should remain at home until they are fever free (without Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen) for 24 hours. These products may bring a fever down, but do not cure the illness. They are still contagious to others and their immune system is weakened.

2. COMMON COLD: Irritated throat, congestion, sneezing, coughing, general body discomfort. If the child is fever free they may attend school unless symptoms are serious enough to interfere with their ability to function and learn. Please keep them at home if having a frequent nagging cough because it makes it difficult for the student to concentrate and interrupts the class (and could be contagious). Remind your child to cover their cough and sneeze

with their arm.



3. VOMITING / DIARRHEA: A child should remain home until vomiting or diarrhea has subsided for a full 24 hours. However, there are sometimes other causes for an upset stomach such as anxiety, sinus drainage, motion sickness, some medications and even hunger.

4. SORE / STREP THROAT: Usually, Strep Throat begins with a fever, red and sore throat, and tender glands which may be accompanied by headache, nausea or vomiting. The child should remain home from school until receiving a full 24 hours of antibiotic therapy and no fever has occurred for 24 hours. Most physicians will advise rest at home for 1-2 days after a strep infection is diagnosed.

5. RASH: Rashes can be caused by contact with weeds, bugs, moist heat and allergens. They can also be caused by viruses and bacteria such as Coxsackie or Strep. Please Keep your child home and consult your doctor if the rash is spreading, changing, accompanied or preceded by a fever, or has blister like look to it. Notify the school office of the diagnosis.

6. HAND WASHING: is an effective way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases! Please take the time to review with your child good hand washing techniques to be used before eating, after using the washroom and throughout the day. Dressing warm enough for cold weather and getting good night sleep helps to maintain good health.

7. HEAD LICE: Lice are small grayish-tan, wingless insects that lay eggs called nits. Nits are firmly attached to the hair shafts, close to the scalp. Nits are much easier to see and detect than lice. They are small white specks which are usually found at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Lice can be picked up anywhere, movie theatre seats, buses, stores and restaurants. If your child has a case of Lice, they may return to school after receiving treatment with a pediculicide shampoo, nits have been removed, and school office has been informed. School will normally only do a classroom head check and send a letter to parents if there are 2-3 or more cases in one classroom.



If you have questions please contact the school office.
Melanie Schmitt RN, School Nurse

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