

ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK—EXPRESS!
1/25/2018

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:

- 1/26/18 – D.C. Papa John's Pizza Lunch if you ordered (re-scheduled from the 1/12 snow day).
- 1/26/18 – 7/8th Grade CYO Social at Badin's PFAC, 8:00-10:30 PM. Permission slips needed to be turned in to attend and it's \$5 at the door.
- 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** – Flyer was sent home today
- 1/30/18 – Catholic Schools Week Mass at the St. Peter in Chains Cathedral – 10:00 AM
- 1/30/18 – HW Club 2:15-3PM
- 1/31/18 – Band
- 2/1/18 – NO HW Club
- 2/1/18 – March Lunch Menu will be posted on the website
- 2/1/18 – Archery Practice
- 2/2/18 – Registration deadline for incentive off registration fee
- 2/2/18 – DC Papa John's Pizza Lunch – orders are due BY the morning of Jan. 30
- 2/6/18 – Bob Dole Spelling Bee at Fairwood Elementary – 7:00 PM
- 2/9/18 – Lunch Orders are due on OptionC and payment is due in the school office
- 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 are due Feb. 1.

Looking Ahead:

- 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
- 2/16/18 – Deadline for Current Students to Register for the 2018-19 school year
- 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 28, 2018

8:00 AM

Chase Gray Teagan Hickey

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Sunday, January 28, 2018

11:00 AM

Mady Rooney Andrew Schwartz Katie Schwartz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

David Clark
Katie Fischer
Miss Gibboney
Mrs. Warner

Servers:

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Nicholai Salgado-Urcia
TBD
TBD

Come and see what sets us apart



St. Peter's Open House is THIS 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 is not able to come on Sunday, please have them call the school to schedule a personal tour. Contact the office at 863-0685 or email schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org

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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 - February 3
#CSW18

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 28, 2018 and runs through Feb. 3. Our St. Peter's theme is "Bookin' It For Jesus"!!! The school will be collecting gently used books throughout the week to support the Catholic Charities' Community Outreach Programs. There will be grade level service projects as well. There are plenty of FUN events scheduled throughout CSW for the students, faculty, and staff. Please reference the detailed bright green flyer that was sent home today. **We also need your Family Activity RSVP sent back to school ASAP in order to position families around the school for Bible Trivia.**

Highlights for the Week:

Monday, Jan. 29 – Opening Day

Students – Spirit Wear Tops and Out of Uniform Bottoms
Opening Prayer Service at 8AM (K & Grade 1 lead)
Student Council Kick Off

Tuesday, Jan 30 – Service Day

Students are In Uniform
School Mass 8AM
Hospitality for Daily Parishioners
Grade Level Service Activities
Cathedral Mass 10AM

Wed. Jan. 31 – Staff Day

Students – Professional Dress Day
Staff Luncheon – 12:45-1:45 (Room Parents help in classrooms 12:30-1:45 PM)

Thurs. Feb. 1 – Student Day

Students – Dress as a Book Character
NO HW for students (NO HW Club)
Special Treat during lunch for Students
Student STEM Competition with field day teams

Fri. Feb. 2 – Jersey Day

Students – Jersey Day (any team, any sport) Follow out of uniform guidelines; no leggings
Rosary 8:30 AM
Grade 3 Biography Wax Museum for Students throughout the day
DC Papa John's Pizza for Students – order and payment are due BY the morning of Jan. 30
Bible Trivia with Parents (please return RSVP tomorrow. Click [HERE](#) for form) 12-1:00 PM
Closing Prayer Service at 1:30 PM – Everyone is invited!!
Students return to classrooms for regular dismissal

GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION JAN. 29 - FEB. 7

Girls in grades 3-5! Online registration for GOTR begins this Monday, January 29 and runs through midnight on February 7 at gotrcincinnati.org. We must have a minimum of 8 girls for a team; if we do not reach the minimum, we will open up registration to another Catholic school. ***Please register early in the week so we may plan accordingly!*** The season runs from February 20 to May 12; practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Hamilton Central Y, with outdoor practices at Marcum Park as weather permits. Questions? Please contact one of our coaches (Sara Teed, Tiffany Brandabur, Hannah Bowling, Christine Dizney, or Jen Hengehold) or visit gotrcincinnati.org.

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 last week 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](#).

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](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The 6th Grade participated in their class spelling bee in the month of January. Emma Rhodis was the class winner and Myah Keene was the runner-up. Emma will compete and Myah will be recognized at the Bob Dole Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Fairwood Elementary at 7 PM.

Congratulations Emma and Myah!!



BOYS SPRING VOLLEYBALL SIGN UPS:

Boys' volleyball signups are due by TOMORROW! 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. 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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