NOV 1, 2018

"We cannot all do great things but we can do great things with great love." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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: Courtesy—Being thoughtful of others.

Dear SPS Families,

Today, on this Feast of All Saints, we began the day with a joyful Mass, and I was able to get into most of the classrooms and pray the Litany of the Saints with students. It is a blessing and a privilege for students and teachers to be able to pray together at school! We used a beautiful rendition of the Litany of the Saints by Matt Maher. You can find the video to pray at home as a family at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKsVf7dR410.

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first trimester on November 20th just as we begin Thanksgiving Break. With conferences in October, teachers and parents were able to meet and work together for the success of our students. This year, we implemented FLOW360, STAR Reading and Math, as a tool for progress monitoring. The data that we are gleaning will help teachers to assess student progress and inform instruction. We are confident that data-driven teaching and learning will yield positive results for our students.

The month of November is busy with field trips, guest speakers, and special programs! This Sunday begins National Vocation Awareness Week. We will have a guest, Sister Seraphina from the Franciscan Daughters of Mary, speaking to our students on November 8th about what it's like living out her vocation as a nun. Mrs. Reimer has been working very hard on planning and preparing Bookfair which ends on November 16th when grandparents and other special persons will be invited into our school for a visit. As part of our commitment to safety, we will have a Drug Awareness Program on November 26th with a guest speaker from the University of Cincinnati, School of Pharmacology. At the end of November, we will begin looking toward Advent and Christmas with the formation of our Children's Christmas Choir. They will sing on Christmas Eve at the 5pm Mass. Look for details to come next week, but please mark your calendar for our first rehearsal on November 27th.

The Virtue for the month of November is COURTESY, being thoughtful of others. In our "me"-driven, secular culture, formation in this virtue is much-needed. Saints who exemplified this virtue are St. Martin de Porres (Grades K-2), Venerable Solanus Casey (Grades 3-5), and Venerable Pierre Toussaint (Grades 6-8). Please see our website, Parent Page, Virtue Campaign Parent Guide for more information about the virtue program. We will end the liturgical year on November 25th with the Feast of Christ the King. We pray as Jesus taught us, "thy Kingdom come". Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Peter in Chains as we work together to build God's kingdom in the hearts and minds of our students.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Michael Collins

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURS 11/1/18

December lunch menu is on the website

FRI 11/2/18

- First Friday Rosary @ 10:50 am
- 7/8th Grade field trip

MON 11/5/18

• 4th Grade field trip

TUES 11/6/18

- School Mass @ 8:00 AM
- Picture Re-takes and Candids
- Marco's Pizza orders and payment are DUE in the office
- HW Club-2:15-3:00 PM

THURS 11/8/18

HW Club- 2:15-3:00 PM

FRI 11/9/18

- December lunch orders are DUE on OptionC and payment is due in the office.
- EPIC Marcos Pizza lunch if preordered

11/12/18-11/16/18

Book Fair

MON 11/12/18

Brownies Meeting—2:15-3:15

TUES 11/13/18

- School Mass @ 8:00 AM
- HW Club 2:15-3:00 PM
- Cadettes Mtg—2:15-3:45 PM

THURS 11/15/18

- HW Club-2:15-3:00 PM
- LAST DAY to wear shorts (this includes any out of uniform days)

FRI 11/16/18

 "Grand Event" (see green flyer in white folder)

SAT 11/17/18

- High School Placement Test
- Hamilton Tree Lighting Ceremony (see yellow flyer in white folder with youngest or only child)

PROMOTIONS ETC.

If you are in need of any St. Peters spirit wear items, please visit <u>Promotions Etc</u> for all those needs. These items can be worn on Spirit Wear Fridays with your uniform bottoms. If you have questions, please direct them to the office.



Nov. 16: Main Street Light Parade

St. Pete's basketball players in grades 3-8 are invited to ride in the Music on Main Light Parade on Friday, November 16. The parade begins at 5:30pm; lineup will be at 4:30pm. Please see your coach for details, or contact Stefanie Lawson (Stefanie_iun@yahoo.com).

Nov. 17: Tree Lighting CEREMONY

All students are invited to perform in the 25th annual tree lighting ceremony during the "Hamilton Welcomes the Holidays" festivities at Riversedge. The concert will begin at approx. 5:45pm (in advance of Santa's arrival at 6:30!). Mrs. Blasch will hold a quick rehearsal in the school cafeteria beginning at 4:30pm. Pizza will be served, so please return the attached RSVP slip to the school office by Nov. 7 if you plan to attend the rehearsal dinner/pizza party. Alternately, students may go directly to Riversedge to join us for the performance. (We are singing Christmas classics that will be familiar to all!) In addition to the out-of-uniform pass, Mrs. Blasch has promised door prizes to those who RSVP early! Prizes will also be awarded to the best Christmas outfit at the concert!



ENCHANTED FOREST

"Let your Imagination Grow"

The Book Fair will be held in the Cafeteria

Parents are welcome to shop during regular school hours and after school until 3:15pm

Monday, November 12 - Friday, November 16, 2018

We will be holding our "Grand Event" again this year!

. Students are encouraged to bring a grandparent or someone "special" in their life with them to this Event

Please check the Thursday Communication folder this week for more information
If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work the book fair,
please email Linda Reimer at reimerl@stpeterinchains.org

Important Dates

TUES 11/20/18

- End of the First Trimester
- NO HW Club
- 7/8th Grade field trip

11/21-11/25/18

• Thanksgiving Break—No School

TUES 11/27/18

- First practice for the Children's Christmas Choir (details to come)
- Cadettes Meeting—2:15-3:45 PM
- HW Club—2:15-3:45 PM

FRI 11/30/18

- Report cards posted to OptionC
- 7/8th Grade CYO Social

12/4 & 12/5/18

Santa Shop (details to come)

MON 12/17/18

 School wide Christmas Program rehearsal at Parrish Auditorium at Miami Hamilton.
 12/noon performance (details and permission slips will come home later this month)

TUES 12/18/18

 Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM at Parrish Auditorium at Miami Hamilton (details about the evening and tickets will be published in the Link soon)



Dine To Donate EVERY Day in November

Anytime you show the coupons they provide, they will donate back 15% of your entire bill to our school! Please click <u>HERE</u> for coupons to use when you dine in OR carryout! Thank you for supporting St. Peter in Chains School!!!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 4, 2018

11:00 AM

Katie Schwartz



OLIFE TEEN SECTE VOCATIONS NIGHT

Join us this Sunday - Vocations Night

with special guest, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer

Please join us for our Vocations Night, November 4th from 6:00-7:30pm.

Please come to the 8th Grade classroom at St. Peter's (please come to the back of the school for entry).

There will be a talk, Q & A session, small groups by age group, and social time.

This event is open to all Jr. High and High School teens, regardless of where you attend school. Parents are also welcome!

Out of Uniform Dress Code:

There are several times throughout the year when students are allowed to dress out of uniform. Even when dressing out of uniform, students are expected to come to school looking clean, neat, and dressed in a manner that is accepted as being modest and in good taste for our school environment. The following should be kept in mind when selecting outfits for those days:

- 1. No tight clothing should be worn. This includes shirts, pants and shorts
- 2. No yoga pants, tank tops, leggings, volleyball shorts/spandex
- 3. Shorts should cover the legs past the finger tips when arms are fully extended down (shorts can be worn 3/15-11/15 of each school year)
- 4. Shoes should have a closed toe and back. <u>No</u> sandals or boots permitted (this includes Crocs and Birkenstocks)
- 5. No shoes with heels are permitted



Items that went home in the white communication folders today:

- "Grand" Event Information (RSVP due by 11/13)
- Picture Day Envelope for students absent on original picture day
- Marcos Pizza Lunch order form (with youngest or only child)
- Hamilton Tree Lighting & Main Street Parade Information & RSVP Form (due by 11/7)