



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRI 12/7/18

- First Friday Rosary @ 12:30 PM
- January Lunch Orders are DUE on OptionC and payment is due in the office
- Marcos Pizza Lunch (if pre-ordered)

MON 12/10/18

- Brownies—2:15-3:30 PM

TUES 12/11/18

- School Mass @ 8:00 AM
- Marco's Pizza orders and payment are DUE in the office
- Children's Christmas Choir—2:15—3:15 PM
- Cadettes Mtg—2:15-3:45 PM

FRI 12/14/18

- EPIC Marcos Pizza lunch if pre-ordered

SAT 12/15/18

- Girl Scout Christmas Party 10-12 PM

MON 12/17/18

- Christmas Program Rehearsal
- Dress Rehearsal Performance @12:00/noon (tickets are not needed)

TUES 12/18/18

- School Mass @ 8:00 AM
- Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM (tickets ARE required—see purple flyer and tickets sent home today)

THURS 12/20/18

- Classroom Christmas Parties (details to come)

FRI 12/21/18

- Children's Christmas Choir—10-11:30 AM

12/21/18-1/2/19

- Christmas Break—NO SCHOOL

THURS 1/3/18

- School resumes after Break

The Link

"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: Purity—keeping your soul free of sin

Dear SPS Families,

During this Advent Season, a penitential season in preparation for the feast of Christmas, we keep watch for the coming savior at the end of time as we also look to the past, celebrating his first coming into the world. Today, as I practiced for Mass with 4th graders, we discussed how the Jewish people in Jesus' time were looking for the Messiah, a deliverer who would lead a revolution against their oppressors. Those who believed in Jesus as the Messiah came to realize that the freedom He brought was real freedom from the slavery of sin and abundant life which was not dependent upon their external circumstances. Life in Christ—this is the joy of Christmas!

Many good things are happening at St. Peter in Chains. We are finalizing plans for opening our preschool next year! Thank you to all of those who took our preschool survey and offered feedback—it was very beneficial and helped guide our decisions. More information will be coming soon, and we will be ready for preschool registration by Open House on January 27th, 2:00-4:00pm. Please spread the good news about our wonderful school and invite others to our Open House.

Our students have been working very hard in preparation for our Christmas performance on Tuesday, December 18th, 7:00 pm at Parrish Auditorium on the campus of Miami University Hamilton. Those who cannot make it to the December 18th performance are welcome to attend the Dress Rehearsal Performance on Monday, December 17th at 12:00pm. Special thanks to our Music teacher, Mrs. Blasch, for her diligence and dedication to our students!

The Virtue for the month of December is PURITY, keeping your soul free of sin. Next to Jesus, who was both human and divine, the best example of purity is our Blessed Mother Mary, who's Immaculate Conception we celebrate this Saturday. Other saints who exemplified this virtue are St. Dominic Savio (Grades K-2), St. Agnes (Grades 3-5), and Saint Maria Goretti (Grades 6-8). Please see our website, Parent Page, Virtue Campaign Parent Guide for more information about the virtue program.

Today, on this Feast of St. Nicholas, I am very grateful for the gift of Catholic education, not only for myself but for each parent and student whose mind, heart, character, and worldview have been formed by it. In our Catholic schools, we are able to keep Christ in Christmas and truly celebrate Him as the reason for the season. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Michael Collins

PROMOTIONS ETC.

If you are in need of any St. Peters spirit wear items, please visit [Promotions Etc](#) 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.

Important Dates

FRI 1/4/19

- First Friday Rosary—1:15 PM

THURS 1/10/19

- Geography Bee (details to come)

WED 1/16/19

- ACRE Testing (Grades 5 & 8)

THURS 1/17/19

- ACRE Testing (Grades 5 & 8)

SUN 1/27/19

- St. Peter in Chains School Open House—
2:00-4:00 PM

SAT 2/16/19

- Father– Daughter Dance (details to come)

SUN 3/24/19

- NET Ministries Confirmation Retreat (ALL
7/8th Graders being confirmed this year)

SAT 3/23/19

- Spaghetti Dinner—to benefit the 7/8th
Grade Washington D.C. Trip. (details to
come)

SUN 3/31/19

- Confirmation at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral (Downtown Cincinnati) - 2:00 PM.

Colder Weather:

Winter is here and so is the cold and unpredictable weather. As a rule of thumb, all students will go outside for at least part of recess. They benefit from the fresh air as well as the open space to run and play.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send in enough clothing for your child to be warm and comfortable. It's typically windy on the playground and extra layers are a necessity some days.

Please be sure your children are sent to school with a winter coat and they take it to recess. Fleece and hoodies are nice for warmer weather, but they do not keep them warm in colder weather. Hats, gloves, and pants/leggings under skirts are a necessity.

If your child does not have the proper clothing on, they will be sent to the office until recess is over.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

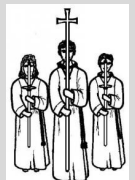
Sunday, December 9, 2018

11 AM

Josie Halverson

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Myah Keene, Suzie Beatty, Carson Cheek



Junior High Honor Roll—First Trimester

7th Grade

High Honors

Quinn Brennan
Katie Schwartz

1st Honors

Anna Bucheit
Maggie Ernst
Myah Keene
Leanna Lawson
Emma Rhodis

2nd Honors

Suzie Beatty
Abby Bianchini
Carson Cheek
Sam Pendergest
Grant Wissman

8th Grade

High Honors

Ainsley Brandabur
Teagan Hickey
Meagan Kirkendall
Evie Otto
Grace Warner

1st Honors

Matthew Cochran
Jasmine Kirsch

2nd Honors

Sonny Hoang
Libby Palechek
John Ruppert



Items that went home in the white communication folders today:

- Christmas Program Tickets (each family received 4)—sent home with the youngest or only child
- Permission slips for Christmas Program rehearsal at Parrish Auditorium—**DUE Tuesday, December 11, 2018**
 - Ornament Order Form
 - Marco's Pizza Lunch Order



Christmagiving Dinner Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
6:00-7:30PM

You're invited to Christmagiving!

A special dinner party for LIFE TEEN & EDGE

Please join us Sunday evening, December 16th from 6:00-7:30pm.

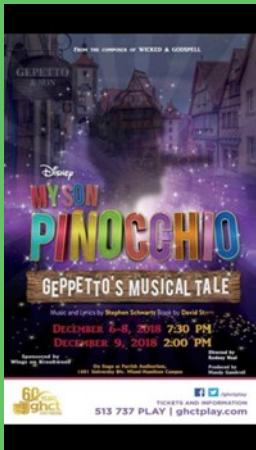
The dinner will be held at St. Peter's Cafeteria. RSVP Required!

This is open to all **6-12th grade**, regardless of where you attend school.

Dress is formal - so dress as fancy as you'd like! Black tie optional!

Cocktail hour starts at 6:00PM (with fun, music, and friends)

Dinner starts promptly at 6:30PM



Come and support your fellow St. Peter in Chains classmates as they perform in the musical *Pinocchio, Geppetto's Musical*.

Katie Schwartz, Josie Halverson and Patrick Farrell will be performing December 6-8 at 7:30 PM and December 9 at 2:00 PM at Parrish Auditorium at Miami-Hamilton's Campus. You can call 737-PLAY or ghctplay.com for tickets and information.

St. Peter in Chains Girls and Boys Basketball has begun!

You can go online at www.gccys.org and look up each team by grade level to obtain their current schedule.

Our SPS teams would LOVE the support of other students in their class! #SPSRocks

