

**ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK—EXPRESS!
3/08/2018**

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. Next week we will have a full LINK Newsletter.

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:

Temperance – Living in a Balanced Way

Important Dates:

- 3/9/18 – **April Lunch Orders are DUE on OptionC and payment is DUE in office**
- 3/9/18 -- Stations – 1:30 PM
- 3/11/18 – Parishioner breakfast – held between the 8 & 11:00 mass, see insert with information
- 3/13/18 – School Liturgy – 8:00 AM
- 3/13/18 – HW Club – 8:00 AM
- 3/14/18 - Band
- 3/15/18 – Archery 2:15-3:30 PM
- 3/15/18 – HW Club 2:15-3:00 PM
- 3/15/18 – Prayer Service for victims of school violence – 1:00 PM
- 3/16/18 – **NO SCHOOL** – Religious In-Service for Teachers & Staff
- 3/17/18 – State Archery Tournament – Columbus, OH
- 3/27/18 – EPIC Community Night at Municipal Brew Works @ 6:30 PM

Looking Ahead:

- 3/20/18 – School Lenten Penance Service – information to come
- 3/30-4/6 – Easter Break
- 4/9/18 – School Resumes after Easter Break
- 4/14/18 – 7/8th Grade D.C. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the cafeteria
- 4/21/18 – Mother/Son Event at McKendry Park in FF Twp. Flyers will go home next week
- 4/27/18 – Mission Day (details to come at a later date)
- 4/30/18 – Fine Arts Fair – 6:00-8:00 pm

Altar Server Schedule:

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00 AM

Kameron Gray Chase Gray

Altar Server Schedule:

Sunday, March 11, 2018

11:00 AM

Katie Fischer Leanna Lawson Sam Pendergest

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Ryley Raines
Mady Rooney
Mrs. Warner
Miss Gibboney

Servers:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Anna Phan
Eric Rawlings



Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended Night at the Races this past weekend, and thank you to our many dedicated volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen. I think everyone will agree that it was a wonderful, fun-filled event!

In light of recent school violence in Parkland, Florida there have been calls for national walkouts to protest the violence. As a Catholic school, we turn to God in prayer. The Archdiocese has asked all Catholic schools to have a prayer service to pray for victims of school violence. We will be gathering in prayer on March 15th at 1:00pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

As we begin to make plans for next year, I'd like to make parents aware of some coming changes. During these past few weeks, Mrs. Robeson, our substitute teacher for Mrs. Gerdes, has been doing a wonderful job engaging our students. We have received numerous positive comments and kind remarks during her time here! She has graciously agreed to stay for the remainder of the year, for which we are very grateful. Next year, we will be realigning some teachers and subjects to better serve our students. In meeting with staff, we decided on the following reorganization:

- Ms. Larson will continue as 8th grade Homeroom, teaching 7th/8th grade Religion, Science, and Social Studies. Students will no longer have Ms. Larson for four years of Science. I believe it is beneficial for students to have a diversity of teaching styles, personalities, and perspectives. Since Ms. Larson is also our parish Junior High Youth Minister, teaching Religion will be a good fit for both her and the students.
- Mrs. Wirtz will be transferring from 4th grade to 6th grade Homeroom, teaching 5th/6th grade Religion, Science, and Social Studies. Mrs. Wirtz has taught 5th and 6th grade in the past. She has a passion for these subjects, and with her heart for service, she will be very effective in the formation of our students.
- Mrs. Warner will be transferring from 2nd grade to 4th grade Homeroom, which is also a self-contained classroom. Mrs. Warner brings a wealth of experience to 4th grade. She is looking forward to the more challenging academic content as students transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn".

Although Mrs. Warner is a "hard act to follow", I will be seeking a 2nd grade teacher for next year, who will not only have a passion for teaching, but a strong faith and love for Christ who will be able to prepare our 2nd graders for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and versatile staff, all working together for the benefit of our students. We are also fortunate to have strong, committed families. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Michael Collins
Principal

Dress Code

This past August, we implemented a new time frame for wearing uniform **shorts** to school. Students are permitted to wear shorts beginning March 15th. Please remember that students will go outside for recess every day and it may still be chilly outside. If a student is wearing shorts, which are allowed per the Parent/Student Handbook, and they do not have the proper coats with them that day, they will have to stay indoors at recess. So please remember the appropriate coats.

Also, please discuss with your student the dress code guidelines that are in the handbook. *The main dress code rules that we have seen violated are:*

- Only solid white, navy, or black socks are allowed. NO emblems /logos are permitted
- ONLY approved uniform sweatshirts are allowed to be worn in the classrooms. All others must be removed when entering the classroom or placed in a locker for the day. 8th Grade sweatshirts for *current* 8th graders can be worn at any time.
- Spirit Wear sweatshirts are only allowed to be worn on Fridays.
- Hair must be neatly trimmed and may not cover the eyebrows or touch the ears/collar.
- No nail polish.

Speeding on Ridgelawn and in the alley...

Please remember to watch your speed when traveling on Ridgelawn Avenue and when going down the alley way during arrival and dismissal times. We had a neighbor contact us and she was concerned for everyone's safety. Let's remember to be a good neighbor and slow down.

EPIC update...

In his book, *Community and Growth*, Jean Vanier says that for any community to thrive, there must be more people saying "me for the community" than people saying "the community for me." With that in mind, **we invite you all to attend our next EPIC Community Night on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Municipal Brew Works!**

The community of St. Pete's is one of our greatest gifts. We are so lucky to have so many people who are willing to share their time and their gifts to make our community stronger—and the more we connect with one another, the better we will become! So we hope that you can join us for a kid-free night, good conversation, and an update on all things EPIC!

We look forward to seeing you soon,
Megan Halverson and the EPIC Leadership Team



We will be having a Parish Breakfast, free to all parishioners, on Sunday, March 11th between the 8:00 and 11:00am Masses. We hope you will join us for a delicious breakfast and if so **please RSVP to Lisa in the parish office at 863-3938 or email at strikerL@stpeterinchains.org so we may plan accordingly.**

Hope to see you there!

NIGHT AT THE RACES ~ 2018

This year's Night at the Races was a wonderful success!! Thank you to all who volunteered and attended this great event! Please stay tuned for a final report next week and a full listing of our AMAZING sponsors!

STUDENT COUNCIL Donations Needed

Student Council is starting a charity fundraiser at school called Pennies for Patients on April 13th. In order to keep the money organized we would like a couple of jars to be donated (The kind of plastic jars that you would find cheese puffs, peanut butter pretzels, or animal crackers in at the store). We would greatly appreciate any donations as we need nine jars. Thank you!

**Badin High School 9th Annual
Mattress Sale Fundraiser!!**

Have you been thinking about buying a new mattress? Now's the time to check out this fundraiser! On Saturday, March 17, the Badin High School DECA program will be sponsoring their **Ninth Annual** mattress sale. Brand new, name brand mattress sets (including Simmons). Top quality mattress sets with full manufacturer warranties. All sizes, price ranges, delivery and financing will be available. Floor models will be on display at Badin High School from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 only. Please help support this fundraiser by telling your family and friends! For additional information, feel free to contact dharbin65@yahoo.com.

Proceeds from every sale benefit the Badin DECA Program!



SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME – 7/8th Grade D.C. Fundraiser

Pre-sale tickets will only be sold to this event, so be sure to get your tickets ordered by March 30th. [HERE](#) is the form that can be completed and returned to school with payment. This event is a great opportunity to mingle with our Parish families and support our St. Peter in Chains 7th and 8th Grade students who are raising money for their class trip to Washington, D.C.

Please spread the word!!

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (11 and under).



Lindenwald Kiwanis Club Pancake Day

April 28th from 7am-12pm

Hamilton Freshman Building

Tickets: \$5; Children 6 and under eat for free

ATTENTION ALL 5th GRADERS!

Be on the lookout for more information regarding the Kiwanis Club Pancake Day Poster Contest. Mrs. Beatty will share information with you in class.



**The St. Peter in Chains School
Arts Fair**

Monday, April 30, 6-8 PM

Please mark your calendars now to join us at the Arts Open House. Details will be shared in the coming weeks.

8th Grade Spanish II Placement Test

The test will be held at Badin High School on Tuesday, March 20th and Wednesday, March 21, 2018. If your child is interested in taking the Spanish II Placement Test at Badin High School you will need to choose a day that is best for you and register on the Badin High School website.

Registration for the 2018 St. Ann / St. Pete / Sacred Heart Sabercats football season OPENED March 1st. Registration is for student athletes entering grades 3 through 6 in the Fall. We are looking to add as many participants as possible to both the Pony squad (3/4) and the Reserve squad (5/6). Registration details are below:

Register at: www.sacredheartboosters.com

Non-Sacred Heart users must create an account and "add" their child as a participant before they can register for football

All registrants will be required to select their school name during the registration process

Participation fee is \$100

Registration is open March 1st through April 30th

If you have any questions about the registration process or the football program, please contact Adam Sackenheim or Chris Schuster (program coordinators) at the numbers below.

Also - we are looking for additional coaches for the season. Please let us know if you are interested!

Thanks for your time.

Adam Sackenheim [513-309-1253](tel:513-309-1253)

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