



### CALANDAR OF EVENTS

#### THURS 3/1/18

- April lunch menu posted on the website

#### FRI 3/2/18

- 1st Friday Rosary @ 7:50 AM
- Stations—1:30 PM
- D.C. Pizza Lunch (for those that ordered & paid)

#### SAT 3/3/18

- Jesus Day First Communion Retreat for St. Julie's at The Fenmont—1:00 PM
- Night at the Races-6:30 PM in Badin High School Cafeteria

#### March 5-9

- IOWA Testing—Gr. 1-7

#### TUES 3/6/18

- School Mass—8:00 AM
- NO HW Club

#### WED 3/7/18

- Report Cards posted on OptionC
- Student Council 2:15-3:15 PM
- Band Practice

#### THURS 3/8/18

- NO HW Club
- Archery—2:15-3:30 PM

#### FRI 3/9/18

- April Lunch Orders **AND** payment are **DUE in the office**
- Stations—1:30 PM

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### FRI 3/16/18

- NO SCHOOL—Religious In-Service

#### TUES 3/27/18

- EPIC Community Night at Municipal Brew Works—6:30

#### 3/30-4/6/18—Easter Break—NO School

#### FRI 4/13/18

- Screening day for incoming Kindergarteners. NO School for current Kindergarteners

#### SAT 4/14/18

- 7/8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner D.C. Fundraiser (reservation information went home today)  
ONLY Pre-Sale tickets Will be sold

# The Link

### Mission Statement

The purpose of Catholic education at St. Peter in Chains School is to instill the values of the Catholic faith in the 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.

## Great Things

*"For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name." Luke 1:49*  
*Great things are happening everyday at SPS! But here are a few highlights...*

Dear Parents,

Today we begin the last trimester of the school year. Second trimester report cards will be posted by the end of the school day on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Growth is evident all around us, not only as the grass and flowers begin to grow, but also in our students. This is the time of the year when students may become a little restless. It can be a challenging time for students as teachers introduce new concepts and strategies to help them be successful in the next grade level.

Our Strategic Planning Process is steadily progressing. Mr. Josh Ater, the Director of School Strategic Planning from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic School Office will be presenting an overview of the process at the next EPIC Community Night at Municipal Brew Works on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. I'm happy to report that, as part of the process, we have established a preschool committee exploring the possibility of opening a preschool for the 2019-20 school year! Our Education Committee has worked together to form a plan for providing Chromebooks on a 1:1 basis for grades 3-8, while grades K-2 will continue to share Chromebooks. As part of continuous improvement in technology, we will be able to purchase document cameras for K-8 homeroom teachers next year. We are also able to replace 3 more Smartboards with the latest Smart Screens.

One of our goals has been to acquire tools to assess student performance. A tool we have acquired is Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). It is used to identify a student's reading level, accuracy, fluency, and comprehension. A teacher can use this information for instructional planning purposes. Another program we will be able to purchase is *Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention System (LLI)*, which will be used for some of our students who find reading and writing difficult. LLI is designed to provide intensive, small-group supplementary literacy intervention to help lift the achievement of students who are not achieving grade-level expectations. Through this program students will be exposed to rich fiction and non-fiction text on their instructional reading level to deepen their comprehension with close reading. Students will be engaged in reading daily and help build their book knowledge while improving reading fluency, phonics, vocabulary and comprehension. Progress monitoring is built into this program and will provide valuable data on the growth and needs of these readers. This program will be delivered by the school's Reading/Intervention Specialist, Mrs. Heather Adams, who has been formally trained in the implementation of this program.

The Virtue for the month of March is TEMPERANCE: "Enjoying things in a proper balanced way." Temperance is another word for moderation. St. Paul tells us, "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." (Philippians 4:5) In other words, balance, restraint, self-control. Lent is a perfect time to grow in temperance as we fast from the things that we have allowed to slowly have more power over us than we should. As parents, we can set the example by turning off the TV and spending more time with family or not overly indulging in food and drink. We can expect our children to be temperate in video games, social media, balancing studies with extra-curricular activities, and making good lifestyle choices. Saints who exemplified this virtue are St. Teresa of Avila (PreK-2), St. Camillus de Lellis (Gr. 3-5), and Venerable Matt Talbot (Gr. 6-8). You can find home project ideas in the Parent Guide on our website.

I'm so grateful for our St. Peter in Chains family. We are on this Lenten journey together. Soon we will be celebrating the joy of the Risen Christ at Easter! If there is anything I can do to be of service to you and your family, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Michael Collins  
Principal

### Catholic Men's Conference

All dads (and sons) are invited to attend the Catholic Men's Conference at the Taft Theater in Cincinnati on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am. Featured speakers include UFC® Heavyweight World Champ & Hall of Famer Bas Rutten as well as Fr. Larry Richards (radio host, *Catholic Men's Study Bible*, and other books). You can learn more at <https://catholicsspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>.

*Balance:  
Never let success  
go to your head  
and never let  
failure go to your  
heart*

**THE MARCH  
CATHOLIC  
VIRTUE:  
TEMPERANCE**

Living in a  
balanced  
way



**IOWA Testing**

**March 5–9**, students in grades 1-7 will take part in IOWA Testing, a series of standardized assessments being administered throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Students will be tested for 1-2 hours each morning over the course of a week. Grade 1 will only take part in 2 days of testing. **It is very important that all students are at school unless they are ill. Please try to schedule appointments outside of the testing windows. Unless it is an emergency, please make an effort to be at school on time and ready for testing each day.** It’s critical to create a test taking environment that’s relaxed and conducive to allowing students to perform their best. IOWA tests will be given at the same time so that the building remains quiet and void of distractions. Teachers will plan stretch breaks and will assign minimal homework.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Collins or the teachers. As always, thanks in advance for your support at home.

**HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR A SUCCESSFUL WEEK OF IOWA ASSESSMENTS:**

**Go to bed early each night and get plenty of rest. Turn off games, computers, TV, and cell phones – and sleep!**

**Eat a healthy breakfast. Even a not-so-healthy breakfast is better than no breakfast.**

**Bring a healthy snack for mid-morning.**

**Be present at school each day and arrive to school on time. Students who arrive late will not be permitted to enter classrooms until there is a break in testing. Tardy students will be required to make up tests at another time.**

**Finally, encourage your children to say a prayer, relax, and do their best. The rest will fall into place.**

*“You’re BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem, and SMARTER than you think.”  
~ A.A. Milne*



**Registration for the 2018 St. Ann / St. Pete / Sacred Heart Sabercats football season OPENED TODAY, 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](http://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)

Chris Schuster [513-240-3796](tel:513-240-3796)



**8th Grade News...**

Andrew was recognized by Bishop Fenwick High School for the extraordinary job he did on the High School Placement Test. He was awarded the Father Krusling Academic Scholarship, which awards high academic performers.

The scholarship is renewable each year based on GPA.

Andrew was also recognized by St. Xavier High School for the amazing job he did on the Placement Test. He earned the distinction of being admitted into the accelerated St. Francis Xavier House. As a member of the Xavier House, he will be in an Accelerated Honors House with other high achieving classmates.

Andrew has decided to further his education at Badin High School next year. Your St. Peter's Family is very proud of you, Andrew! We wish you the best in high school next year and know you will do great things at Badin!!



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](mailto:strikerL@stpeterinchains.org) so we may plan accordingly.**

**2018 SACRED HEART TRACK**

We are currently registering athletes for our track program. As always, students and PREP kids in your parish are welcome to join our team! We offer track for K-8 students. They can sign up at [www.sacredheartboosters.com](http://www.sacredheartboosters.com) Register and create account, then register your child for the track team. Please contact me with any questions!

Thanks!  
Jill Huff

**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!**

**ALTAR SERVER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**March 4**

**8:00—Servers**

Teagan Hickey  
Eli Schweinfest

**March 4**

**8:00—Eucharistic Ministers**

no students

**March 4**

**11:00 AM—Servers**

Madison Hodapp  
Haylie Jacobs  
Ryan Kirkendall

**March 4**

**11:00— Eucharistic Ministers**

no students

**ALTAR SERVER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER—SCHOOL MASS**

**March 6**

**8:00—Servers**

Myah Keene  
Quinn Brennan  
Nicolai Salgado-Urcia

**March 6**

**8:00 AM—Eucharistic Ministers**

Paige Luebbe  
Anna Phan  
Mrs. O'Connell  
Mrs. Wirtz



**SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME**  
**7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade D.C. Fundraiser**

Pre-sale tickets will only be sold to this event, so be sure to get your tickets ordered by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Click [HERE](#) for 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students who are raising money for their class trip to Washington, D.C. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (11 and under).



**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.



**The Rotary Presents Beauty and the Beast**

*March 7 – March 11, 2018*

The musical will feature several of our talented St. Peter in Chains students. Please come show your support for our amazing actresses and actor!

**Katie Schwartz, Ella Pfirman, Josie Halverson and Patrick Farrell.**

To learn more about the show or purchase tickets, please visit [www.hamiltonrotary.com](http://www.hamiltonrotary.com)

**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.

