



**St. Peter School
Wednesday Packet
January 11, 2012**

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE
Wednesday, January 11, 2012

"Today is a good day to do great things for the glory of God!"

SECURITY UPDATE: The installation of the fence for the playground area was completed yesterday! Once again, a *sincere* thank you to each and every family that shared their blessings at the end of this fiscal year with St. Peter School. We are very grateful for your generosity!

FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH REMINDER: Welcome to February and to the leap year! It is that time again to order Hot Lunch. Our online system will open THIS Friday, January 13, and will close Monday, January 23. Thanks for supporting Hot Lunch!

INVENTION CONVENTION RESCHEDULED: Due to conflicts with space, that cannot be resolved, the Invention Convention for first and sixth graders must be re-scheduled. The original date was Thursday, January 26, but it has now been re-scheduled to Tuesday, February 7. We apologize for any inconvenience!

HERE, OR NOT HERE, AND "WHY" IS THE QUESTION? Please call your child in sick no later than 8:45 a.m. and please state the specific reason for their absence. Due to new guidelines by the Illinois Department of Public Health, schools are required to track and report outbreaks of acute gastroenteritis (vomiting and diarrhea), along with flu-like symptoms. We appreciate your cooperation!

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER NEEDS OUR HELP: Student Council will be collecting baby items for the Crisis Pregnancy Center during the month of January. There will be donation boxes in the office so have some fun shopping those after-Christmas sales. Some ideas include: formula, clothing, blankets, pacifiers, soap/shampoo and baby toys. On behalf of Student Council, thank you for your consideration in supporting this worthy cause.

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED SIX HOUR READING CLUB: Students who have completed six hours of recreational, non-school-related reading must turn in their log sheet by TOMORROW, January 12, to earn a ticket to a Six Flags Theme Park. If you have misplaced your student reading log, another copy is available in the office.

WORDS OF WISDOM: The Parent Education Committee of the Home and School Association provides a weekly reflection in the Wednesday Packet. This week's reflection is on CHARITY and includes the Works of Mercy. Please take the time to read, and post, these words. You will be glad that you did!

MASS ON FRIDAY: Please join us for Mass this Friday, January 13, at 8:45 a.m. One of Mrs. Shine's seventh grade Religion classes will be presenting this liturgy, and our music teachers, Ms. Steele and Mrs. Stasell, will be providing the musical accompaniment.

Enjoy the three day weekend!

Charity or: Loving as God Loves

The two terms "love" and "charity" are frequently used interchangeably, and with good reason, since the virtue of charity is in fact a kind of love. However, the two are not identical; not all forms of love are also charity. For example, we often hear expressions like, "I love hot chocolate," or "I love basketball," or even "I love America," and these kinds of love, while all good in themselves, still fall somewhat short of the love that is charity.

What sort of love is charity, then? Quite simply, charity is the Love of God, in which we are able to participate. ...Every theological virtue means a share in God's activity. Faith, for instance, is a share in God's act of knowing, whereby the believer knows what God knows. Hope is a share in God's desire; the person with the virtue of Hope wants the same thing God wants, that is, for the person in question to make it to union with God in Heaven. Charity too is a mode of participating in God's action, the highest mode, for with Charity we share in God's act of love; we are able to love the way God loves...

Charity Towards Neighbor

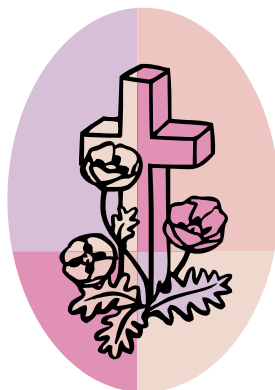
Again, our standard for charity towards those around us is God's love. In fact, Christ explicitly gave us this standard, saying, "A new commandment I give you: love one another as I have loved you," that is, selflessly and sacrificially. Consequently, whether we have genuine charity for our neighbors depends on whether we are willing to give selflessly and sacrificially for their sakes. Notice that Our Lord does not offer this principle as advice, but rather as a commandment; we are obliged to love selflessly and sacrificially. As Christians, we are obliged to spend time with people we don't enjoy, to be kind to our enemies, to strive for reconciliation with estranged family members, and to show our affection for people we don't get along with.

It also means that we must learn and practice the Works of Mercy, both corporeal and spiritual. ...To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what God and Neighbor can do for you; ask what you can do for God and neighbor." Only Charity can ultimately prevent us from becoming locked in our own selfish solitude. Only someone who has put himself at the disposal of those in his life will really be able to open himself up and experience the bliss of ecstasy...

(taken from catholicnewsagency.com)

Print and post the works of mercy as a reminder of what you can do for God and neighbor today!?

What can I do for God and Neighbor?



The Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry*
- To give drink to the thirsty.*
- To clothe the naked.*
- To visit and ransom the captives.*
- To shelter the homeless.*
- To visit the sick.*
- To bury the dead.*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To admonish sinners.*
- To instruct the ignorant.*
- To counsel the doubtful.*
- To comfort the sorrowful.*
- To bear wrongs patiently.*
- To forgive all injuries.*
- To pray for the living and the dead.*

Accelerated Reader News

We are very proud of our top readers for the 2011/2012 school year. Our top readers are as follows through December 31, 2011:

1 st place	Megan Cahill	5 th Grade	420 points
2 nd place	Aaron Beck	4 th Grade	229 points
3 rd place	Colleen Cahill	7 th Grade	221 points
4 th place	Patrick Woodford	8 th Grade	204 points
5 th place	Jameson Shanahan	5 th Grade	202 points

The following students have also earned over 100 points in the 2011/2012 school year: Daniel Bullock 6, Sofia Caruso 5, Henry Feldhaus 7, Kevin Lanphier 6, Madeleine Paschoud 5, Delaney Shanahan 7, Andrew Tabor 4, Shaylin Takesue 5 and Matthew Will 6

AR Point Clubs

Our AR Clubs for this year once again recognize the total number of points students have earned **since enrolling at St. Peter School.**

Currently the AR Club has 250 student members with students Grade 1 through Grade 8 through December 31, 2011.

500 Point Club

Aaron Beck 4

250 Point Club

Matthew Pins 8 and Andrew Tabor 4

100 Point Club

Elisabeth Navarro 8, Sophia Sharpe 5

50 Point Club

Danielle Filardi 6, Alessandra Mells 4, Kathleen White 4

25 Point Club

Colin Burke 4, Elizabeth Hood 3, Emma Netcher 4, Luci Okolita 1, Maggie Peterson 2, Lydia Pinkelman , Kyra Schafer 2



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Home & School Pages

SPECTACULAR 2012

Friday, February 10th 6pm Eaglebrook Country Club

****What should you be doing?**

Invitations ~ RSVP by Monday, January 23rd

Volunteer ~ Please contact

Jenn Rittenhouse or Julie Hood

jenn.rittenhouse@sbcglobal.net dpjchood@sbcglobal.net

Volunteer positions: Set Up, Volunteers during the night of Spec.

Aquisitions ~ Items must be turned in by this

Friday, Jan. 13th

Please contact Leanne Barton or Kendra Okolita for questions

***Book Fair** ~ Thank you to Jackie Zimmer and Julie Hood and all the volunteers for your hard work in making our bookfair fun and successful! We are excited to say we raised over \$850!

Catholic Schools Week needs you ~

January 29 through February 5, We are very excited for this year's CSW. Be on the look out for the weeks festivities! Please contact Linda Fritz or Jennifer Bamrick for more info. and to volunteer your time!

Coming in February!!

Ice Cream Treat Day

At all lunch hours

Payment for treats will be

Box Tops or Labels for Education



***Start saving up and collecting them
from family and friends and turn in
everything you have!***

More information to follow...



Boys Volleyball 2012

The boys volleyball season is quickly approaching! Practices will begin in early February. Coaches will be contacting players directly with exact dates and times.

Register Now

It's not too late to register! If you've used the hot lunch program before, you can sign in as a returning user. If not, go to orgsonline.com, key in our school code (227SPSIL) and click on *First Time User* to create an account. The registration fee is \$75. Please register by Monday, January 30th.

Coaches

If you're interested in coaching a boys volleyball team this year, please contact our Athletic Director, Tom Cahill at tcahill@stpeterrockets.org. All coaches must complete an online application at Orgsonline.com and Coaches Application Packet which is available from the AD or school office.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

MAY 11, 2012

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

COMMITTEES ARE NOW BEING FORMED

FOR OUR FIRST GRANDPARENT'S DAY

AT ST. PETER SCHOOL

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

KICK-OFF MEETING ON

Friday Jan 27th – Noon

Alternate evening meeting being scheduled

(Please let me know which you prefer)

CONTACT JULIE YEARY MEHALIC AT

juliem@aplaceformom.com

GIVE AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH

TIME AS YOU HAVE TO

MAKE THIS A SPECIAL DAY!

Come take A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPELS

with **Rev. Michael Himes** (on Video)

facilitated by **Claire Perez**

Ten consecutive Monday nights from **7:30 to 9:00 PM**

January 16 through March 19, 2012

At **Saint Mary Parish Hall**

432 East Downer Place

Aurora IL, 60505

Cost for Materials is \$10.00

Topics: January 16 - Sign-up and Introduction

January 23 +30 - Gospel of Mark

February 6 + 13 - Gospel of Matthew

February 20 + 27 - Gospel of Luke

March 5 + 12 - Gospel of John

March 19 - Summary and Wrap-up

Pre-registration is desired

Call: [630-859-3922](tel:630-859-3922)

e-mail: auroraareacenter@sbcglobal.net

Faith Journey Winter Train Trip

Saturday

February 18th, 2012

6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Come journey and create new faith experiences with friends. We will take a train to Chicago, stop by Old St. Pats, Holy Name, explore some other churches and more.... Don't miss out.....

We will meet and leave at the Geneva Train Station, please be there by 10:15am to catch the 10:37am train. We will return to the Geneva Train Station at 7:47pm. Please pick up your youth at this time.

A \$30.00 transportation /meal fee and signed permission form are required by February 3rd at the parish or school office.

Contact Gabe Malavolti, Jr. High Youth Minister
at 630-232-0124 x118

Faith Journey Winter Train Trip

Saturday February 18th from 10:15am to 7:47pm

Fill out the Release Form on the backside and return it with a check for \$30
Made out to St. Peter Parish by February 3rd, 2012.

Faith Journey Winter Train Trip – February 18, 2012

Student Permission Form and Medical Release Information

This is required of all student participants and must be COMPLETE before turning in!

I hereby give permission for my child _____ to participate in St. Peter Jr. High Youth Faith Journey Winter Train Trip Saturday, February 18th, 2012. I agree that my child will abide by our rules and those

of the event sponsors. If my child does not abide by those rules, I agree to be responsible for my child's actions and agree

to provide transportation home from this event should the need arise.

I hereby release and indemnify St. Peter Church, its staff and volunteers and the Catholic Bishop of Rockford from any

and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Address City/State/Zip

MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM

I grant permission for the administration of first aide to my child _____ by the people in

charge of the program and those transporting my child to and from the program as their judgment deems advisable and

to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature.

I

understand that I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or accident and prior to any major surgery,

except when delay in such communication would endanger life. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every

effort will be made to contact the parents/guardians of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached I hereby give

permission to the physician selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injection,

anesthesia or surgery if deemed necessary for my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Phone numbers where you can be reached during the event

Authorized Physician Physician's Phone Number

Child's Age _____ Birth Date // Height Weight

Please List any Medical Conditions or Allergies that we should be aware of:

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance Company Policy in Name of:

Policy Number

I would be available to attend as a Chaperon _____