



**St. Peter School
Wednesday Packet
January 25, 2012**

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

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE! PLEASE READ!: Next Tuesday, January 31, St. Peter's Catholic Education Commission will conduct a "State of Our School" meeting for all school parents. The meeting will be held in Seton Hall from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The following will be discussed:

- the latest updates on security
- the budgeting process
- tuition rates for the 2012-2013 school year
- the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund, our tuition assistance program
- the School Open House on Sunday, February 5th, and how you can help us invite new families to our school

We hope that at least one parent of each family can attend this very important meeting.

Your input is vital to the future of our school!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS THIS WEEKEND AT THE MASSES: Please attend one of the Masses this weekend with your family and have your children dress in our school uniform. A member of the Catholic Education commission will be speaking at all the Masses, inviting prospective students and their families to come explore St. Peter Catholic School. In addition, help us serve Coffee and Donuts after the Sunday Masses to thank our parishioners for their ongoing financial and spiritual support of our school. (P.S. A Uniform Re-Sale is also taking place in the MPR after this weekend's Masses!!!)

DRESS DOWN DAY IS TOMORROW! On Thursday, January 26, Student Council will be sponsoring a Dress Down Dollar Day. We are supporting St. Boniface Indian Mission in New Mexico. Remember, this is optional, but we ask that everyone out of uniform bring a dollar for the Indian Mission. (Please save all dress down certificates for another day.)

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!

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS, PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE: Ask the most important man in your life to save the date - Saturday, March 3 - for the annual St. Peter Daddy Daughter Dance! Watch for more information to come! P.S. We are looking for two photographers with a studio set up who are interested in working the Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 3. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Clover Koester at ckoester67@att.net or (630) 262-3824.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Due to our classroom treat policy, Valentine's Day greetings distributed to students in the classroom cannot include anything edible (i.e. candy). Anything non-edible (pencils, stickers, etc.) are acceptable for distribution. Thank you for 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.

DAILY SCHOOL ARRIVAL: Remember that there is **NO adult supervision on school property until 8:10 a.m. in the morning.** In addition, when you arrive at school in the morning, do not ask your son/daughter to walk across the parking lot from your car without you. If you do not want to get out of your car, please pull up next to the island and have your child get out. If you do not want to pull up next to the island, please **park** your car and walk across the line of traffic with your child.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE: January is National Blood Month and January 30 is St. Peter Church Blood Drive. To celebrate your January donation, you will receive a \$11 Oberweis Gift Card, compliments of Heartland Blood Center. Our Blood Drive takes place from 3:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Our goal this year is 50 units of blood. Help us meet our goal. Questions or for a specific time, contact Mary Kay Brown at 630-232-7255 or maryk607@gmail.com. Babysitting is available and walk-ins are also welcome. Don't forget to bring a photo ID!

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 *The Importance of Charity*. Please take the time to read these words. You will be glad that you did!

MASS ON FRIDAY: Please join us for Mass this Friday, January 27, at 8:45 a.m. One of Mrs. Shine's sixth grade Religion classes will be presenting this liturgy, and our music teachers, Ms. Steele and Mrs. Stasell, will be providing the musical accompaniment.



FINALLY, ARE YOU HUNGRY RIGHT NOW? Tonight is Home and School Restaurant Night at Jersey Mike's Subs. Come support St. Peter School!

Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

The Importance of Charity

The distinctive sign of the true Christian can only be CHARITY. For there can not be true holiness, true piety, true union with God, or genuine apostolic zeal in someone who doesn't practice charity. St. Paul himself affirms it: *If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever (1 Co 13:1-3).* . . . St. Paul's affirmation seems unsurpassably bold. . . Thus, St. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, makes us see the greatness, centrality and absolute necessity of charity.

Yet how many of us really stop to try to follow the Apostle's exhortations to put love of others ahead of self-love? He masterfully enumerated the traps that keep us from really being charitable towards others. Is our love puffed-up, is it jealous, is it self-seeking? Don't worry if you can't honestly say it isn't. Just use St. Paul's words, like this prayer for charity above, as a yardstick on how to do better in following our Lord.

And remember that charity involves recognizing that, while you might not necessarily like someone, much less love them; you can, with God's grace, pray for them and not wish them harm. That's in part what our Lord meant when he said "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Let this prayer for charity below help you receive God's graces to be more thoughtful and compassionate:

Keep me, O God, from pettiness; let me be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let me be done with fault-finding and self-seeking. May I put away all pretense and meet everyone face to face without self-pity and without prejudice. May I never be hasty in judgment and always generous. Let me take time for all things. Make me grow calm, serene and gentle. Teach me to put into action my better impulses, straightforward and unafraid. Grant that I may realize it is the little things of life that create differences and that in the big things of life we are one. And, O Lord God, let me not forget to be kind!

Taken from the "Gospel Charity" and "Our Catholic Prayers"



Less than one week until Catholic Schools Week!

A few more things to know:

- We will begin our journey to ancient Nazareth, where Jesus was a boy, on Monday, January 30. Each day next week will have a theme and a story to help the students relate to what it must have been like to be living in Nazareth at the time when Jesus was growing up. Our goal is to help everyone see that Jesus experienced many of the same things that our kids do...just at a different place and time.
- Sheep will play a significant role next week. As such, we have decided to collect coins to buy sheep for Heifer International. As we will point out, sheep provided clothing and food for people in ancient Nazareth and still do the same for people today. We won't be having a contest among our classrooms, however. The goal is to see what we can achieve together, as a school family. Each sheep costs \$120; we'll see how full the pen gets by the end of the week!
- In case your kids are asking:
 - Everyone is asked to come in uniform all next week. After all, we are a Catholic school. Don't worry, though, we have a crazy dress day planned for later in February.
 - Mark your calendars for the annual skating party to be held Tuesday, February 21 after school at Funway in Batavia.
 - The annual middle school volleyball game is planned for later in the semester
- Don't forget to register for the pizza party for Friday, February 3 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Bring the entire family...but please register in advance.





St. Peter School

Calendar of Events

January 28 and 29 All Masses	Wear your uniform to Mass with pride Talk with others during Coffee and Donuts about our school
January 31, 2012 7:00 – 8:00 pm	“State of Our School” for School Parents Seton Hall
February 3, 2012 6:00 – 7:30 pm	Pizza and Ice Cream Party in the Multi-Purpose Room
February 5, 2012 12:00 – 2:00 pm	Open House for Prospective Families <i>Explore the Difference</i>

It's a Pizza Party!



What better way to end a party, than with a party? Come join the St. Peter School family for pizza and ice cream on Friday evening, February 3, 2012 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room.

All family members are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per family, but you must register ahead of time so we know how much pizza to order.

The kids will get a chance to share some of the music they've been learning all week as well as the things they will have learned about ancient Nazareth.

Why cook? Come socialize with other families and celebrate Catholic education. Please RSVP by Friday, January 27, 2012.

Count Us In!

_____ Yes, our family will join in the fun at the pizza party on Friday, February 3, 2012 in the Multi-purpose room.

There will be _____ members of our family attending. I am enclosing \$5 to help cover the cost.



Family's Name

Email Address

Phone Number



SPS UNIFORM RE-SALE - MPR **JAN 28 & 29 - AFTER MASS**

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS 'STILL' FRIGHTFUL!

DO YOUR CHILDREN NEED A WARM SWEATSHIRT?

DID THEY OUTGROW THEIR UNIFORM OVER THE BREAK?

THEN COME RE-STOCK AT OUR SPS UNIFORM RE-SALE!!

**WHEN? THIS SAT, JAN 28 AFTER 4:30 MASS AND
SUN, JAN 29 AFTER 7AM, 9AM, AND 11AM MASS - DURING
DONUT SUNDAY!!!**

WHERE? MPR

**NEED: TO VOLUNTEER (1HOUR) SAT AT 1PM AND/OR ANYTIME
SUNDAY, PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN STOCKING AT 630-232-8506
OR STOCKINGFAM@YAHOO.COM**

**UNIFORM DONATIONS: TO DONATE YOUR LIKE-NEW WASHED
UNIFORMS, PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE WORKROOM. THE
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION THANKS YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

THANK YOU!!



**DID YOU ENJOY THE FALL DANCE??
THEN PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
FEBRUARY 4TH
MIDDLE-SCHOOL DANCE!!**

FOR WHOM: 6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADES

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEB 4

WHERE: SPS-MPR / OPEN GYM

TIME: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**ATTIRE: SPS DRESS-DOWN DAY
STANDARDS APPLY.**

**VOLUNTEERS / CHAPERONS: Please
contact Mrs. Panizzi at 630-232-
0476**



Calling All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders to **Be Our Guest...**

You are invited to

Audition for

Beauty and the Beast

Auditions are Monday, February 6th 3:00-5:00pm

No preparation necessary...Just show up ready to sing, dance and read from the script!

You must have a signed parent permission slip. Pick one up in Ms. Steele Music's Room!

Being in a play provides students with the benefits of:

Making new friends!

Performance Experience!

Being part of a team!

Creating life long memories!

Hope to see **YOU** there!

For 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders:

Auditions will be held Monday, February 6th from 3:00-5:00pm. (NO PREPERATION NECESSARY)

Rehearsals will be held DURING LUNCH AND RECESS Monday -Thursday.

Every Friday will be an after school practice from 3:00-5:00.

1st Rehearsal is Monday, Feb. 13th

No rehearsals on the following dates:

Monday, February 20th
Wednesday, February 22nd
Friday, February 24th
Spring Break Friday, March 23rd-April 2nd

EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS start Tuesday, April 10th-
Wednesday, April 18th.

These are MANDATORY AND CANNOT BE MISSED.

You are allowed to miss 3 rehearsals, excluding April 10th thru 18th and April 3rd
and 4th

Performance Dates:
Thursday, April 19th 2 School Performances
Friday, April 20th 7:00pm
Saturday, April 21st 7:00pm

YOU MUST HAVE THIS FORM AT AUDITIONS!!

Parent Permission Slip

I give my child _____ permission
to audition for St. Peter Schools production of Beauty and the Beast.
Please list any known conflicts regarding the rehearsal schedule:

Parent
signature

I would like to help with (Circle any areas of interest)
Tickets Concessions Costumes Props

Coming Friday, February 10th!!

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!***

Questions?

Contact Kathy Soeder – kathy.soeder@gmail.com or Laura Pizzo - miagalleria@yahoo.com

2012 ROCKET TRACK AND FIELD



- REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
- RELAY TEAMS/EVENTS BEING FORMED
- PRACTICE BEGINS MID MARCH
- COMPETITION IN EARLY APRIL
- GO ROCKET TRACK AND FIELD!!!



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SPECTACULAR 2012

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH EAGLEBROOK
COUNTRY CLUB 6PM.....**

**Great News! The deadline for the Spectacular has
been extended! We will be accepting RSVPs until
Monday January 30th.**

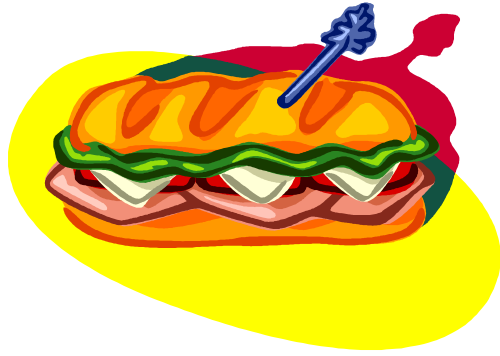
**Limited seats available. Send your reservation in
TODAY!**

Spectacular Kids Raffle!!! ~

**We will hold the kids raffle during lunch the week
of Feb. 6th.**

**Raffles include, I-touch, Funway skate family pass,
Stone Creek Mini-Golf pass, Colonial Kitchen Sink
vouchers and MANY more items!**

***We will be selling tickets Monday, Feb 6th and Tuesday, Feb 7th
Drawing will be held Wednesday, Feb 8th
Tickets will be \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10**



Restaurant Night

Wednesday, January 25th

**Jersey Mike's Subs
1770 S. Randall Rd., Geneva**

Come Support St. Peter School

***A portion of the proceeds will be donated to SPS**