

**FAMILY MEMO**  
**MAY 2017**  
**SAINT PETER RC SCHOOL**

And once again another page on the calendar turns and we are winding down this school year. But as we wind down the days, we rev up all that we have planned for the remainder of this tremendously successful school year. Please take special notice of the attached calendars and all that we have going on...you won't want to miss anything!

As we return to school after our Spring Break, I wish all of you the graces and blessings of the Risen Lord. May this great gift of our faith remind us each day of how much God loves us...and how we can return His love by the care and sensitivity we give to others.

**EARTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

Mr. Wardwell has volunteered to chair all of our Earth Week activities as we at SPS celebrate the week of April 25-29:

**MONDAY**

- School-wide message about environmental stewardship
- Slideshow presentation of Dr. Seuss', THE LORAX, narrated by Grade 7 students

**TUESDAY**

- All will dress down in earth day t-shirts or earth colored clothes

- Message shared about the effect of litter on our environment
- Students will work together throughout the afternoon to pick up the trash around the school and Church neighborhoods

#### WEDNESDAY

- We will have a PAPERLESS DAY...teachers will not use any paper in their classes today, or may use only recycled materials for projects

#### THURSDAY

- Whole school will view Wall-E to learn what could happen to our planet if we do not take care of it

### **OFF TO PHILADELPHIA**

Members of the Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018 will board the bus on Friday, April 28 and head towards Philadelphia for a weekend full of learning experiences, good times and bonding with classmates. The students have been saving and planning for this day for quite some time...please say an extra prayer for a safe trip and a good time for all.

### **GOALS FOR THE FINAL TRIMESTER**

With the second trimester having recently been completed, Mrs. Ingham and Miss Yarussi met individually with all students in Grades 3-8 to review the goals they made for the previous thirteen weeks and to check to see if these goals were met or if the student still needed to work on them. We then set new goals for the remaining thirteen weeks of school. These goals, written on GOAL SHEETS were sent home with each student,

and we ask that you review these goals and do all you can from the home side to assist your child(ren) to meet the goals they have set. Thanks in advance for your help.

### **RE-REGISTRATION**

I am so thankful to all of our families that have re-registered for next year. We are already in the process of working with all of our school districts to order books for next year. If you have not re-registered as of today, you will need to call school and let us know your intentions...two of our classes are already at the maximum number and we will be creating a waiting list for numbers over our maximum capacity. It is exciting to see our enrollment grow and there were two new families that are moving to the area for next year and they toured our school over the Easter break and immediately fell in love with all we have to offer and registered their children. PLEASE...don't be left out of a spot next year...give us a call.

### **GRAND GALA**

Sean and Danielle Daly are very busy putting together the final pieces for our Grand Gala. As per your mandate agreement, all families are required to purchase two tickets and we hope everyone will be there...it is always such a great time. Please call Danielle if you have any baskets or silent auction items that you would like to donate, if you would like to help with wrapping, decorating or working at the event or if you have any ticket questions. This is the largest fundraiser of the year and we are counting on every family to do their best to support this event.

## **5K WALK AND RUN “FUN” RAISER**

Bernie Franjoine and members of the Parish Council and the 5K Committee are also putting the final touches on this fun annual event to be held on May 20. We are hoping that many of our SPS school families will participate and we are looking for middle school students to volunteer to help on the day of the event or to participate as a runner or a walker. Students who participate in any capacity will earn two (2) dress down days.

## **HOPE DAY**

The tradition continues as we celebrate HOPE DAY on Thursday May 25, 2017 beginning with Mass at 9:00 am. Hope Day is the time when the Grade 7 Class bids farewell to the Grade 8 students with ceremonies, last will and testament and a celebration luncheon. This is the official day that the Grade 7 students move “up” and ready themselves to be the school leaders for the 2017-2018 school year.

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

Students and teachers will celebrate the Memorial Day Holiday with no school on Friday, May 26 and Monday, May 29.

## **SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL ACTIVITIES**

Under the direction of Mr. Jim Allen, several of our middle school students have devoted their Tuesday after school hours doing good deeds for those in need and learning more about the life and works of St. Vincent DePaul. The latest activity the students sponsored was completed last week as they delivered

eight boxes of new and used books to children in need. Thanks to all of the families that donated books and for the SVD club members for making this project a reality. Special thanks to Mr. Allen and his team of SVD members who have helped keep this club operational throughout the year. Thanks to Mrs. Schnepf for her help with the scarf project. We look forward to continuing these good works next year.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL**

The Student Council members for the 2016-2017 school year have taken their job seriously this year as they have recommended and carried out many projects and initiatives. Thanks to Mrs. DiNardo, club moderator and Bridget Stack, and all the student council representatives and officers for all they have done. On Friday, April 7, all of the students on the first floor were surprised by a fun-filled Easter egg hunt sponsored by the student council students. On May 9, from 3:30-5:30 pm, along with help from Mrs. Hughes, the students from Grades 3-8 will be invited to participate in a SOCK HOP with all funds raised going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. These are just two more examples of our SPS family taking care of one another and the greater community of our world.

### **TRIP TO STELLA**

On Friday, May 19, there will be no school Mass as we have been invited to attend the on-school time performance of "Singin' In the Rain" at Stella Niagara. Thanks to Rae Ann Argy of Niagara Falls Coach Lines for providing the transportation for

this fun opportunity to see our grade level friends and to see a great musical production as well.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Members of our Grade 3 class at SPS and our students in the Faith Formation program will be receiving their First Holy Communion at a Mass of Celebration at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 6, 2017. God bless all of these students on this most special day.

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Thank you in advance to all of the parents who have made great plans for Teacher Appreciation Week, (May 1-5), and the celebration for all of our teachers and staff. And a special thanks to each and every teacher, aide, office worker, and maintenance member for all that you do for our students, our families and our school. We appreciate you!!!

### **SUMMER CAMPS AT SAINT PETER RC SCHOOL**

Please see the attached flyers and registration forms for the three camps we are offering this summer at SPS, pending enrollment:

- Little Cubs....Miss Scalfani
- Big Cubs...To Be Determined
- SWAT...Miss Carlson
- Fine Arts...Ms. Mortise

## **NEW YORK STATE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENTS**

Grades 4, 6 and students in Grade 8 NOT taking the NYS Algebra Regents in June will be taking this assessment May 3-5.

## **ARBOR DAY...TOWN OF LEWISTON CELEBRATION**

Mr. Wardwell and our Grade 8 students will be representing our school at the Town of Lewiston Arbor Day Celebration to be held on May 18 at the Rite-Aid Plaza. There will be a tree planting and other activities. We are proud to be a part of this community activity.

## **HSA SURVEY**

The Home School Association is interested in getting input from families regarding fundraising so the fundraising committee created a survey. We ask that you complete the survey by May 5. The results will be reviewed and tallied and then discussed at the next HSA meeting. The link to the online survey is – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VD29BFS>.

## **CAFETERIA**

This will be the last week (April 24-28) that cereal will be available as a lunch choice in our cafeteria.

## **A REMINDER FROM THE NURSE**

Health packet letters will be sent home with final report cards. This letter will contain the health information needed specific to your child. A refresher on requirements:

\*Physicals are due by the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school and are required by students in grades K, 2, 4, 7 and any new student regardless of grade or age.

\*Sports – physicals need to remain valid (less than one year old from date of exam).

\*Immunization records are due by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of school and must reflect that all required immunizations are up to date. If your child receives vaccines during the school year, please send a copy from the doctor's office to school.

\*Medications needed in school including over the counter, need an authorization form (completed by the doctor) and an Individual Emergency Care Plan (from the parent/guardian). Any form needed can be found online at [Lew-Port.com](http://Lew-Port.com) under District Services, then Health Services tab.

### **SPECIAL REQUIRED NOTICE: ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA)**

VIA THIS MESSAGE, WE ARE NOTIFYING YOU THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, WE ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL ASBESTOS REGULATIONS. A COPY OF OUR ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN IS KEPT ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. IF ANY PARENT OR EMPLOYEE WISHES TO SEE THIS PLAN, A REQUEST CAN BE MADE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

### **AND...LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST.....STREAM AT SPS**

I am pleased and excited to announce to all families that Saint Peter RC School will become a STREAM School beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. We will become a part of Cohort 4 in the Diocese and our training for staff and our STREAM school



coordinator will begin this May. Additionally, we have just submitted a grant to secure funding to support the additional expenses that come with the implementation of STREAM and all of its academies, etc. STREAM is the integrated approach that brings Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics to all students in all grades in a cross curricular manner. Our goal is to better prepare our students in these areas so that are ready to meet the challenges that will be presented to them in our ever-changing world. I have attached some additional information related to the STREAM initiative, and will continue to provide more information as we move through the training and implementation phases. This is a great opportunity for our students and we are truly excited to be able to make this happen at SPS.....MUCH MORE TO COME!!!

These coming months are very busy for all of us, both in school and out of school, and we are doing our best to keep you informed of all we have going on in May and June. Please take a few minutes to review and post these school calendars so all information is readily available. As always, if there is something we have left undone, please do not hesitate to call the office.

GOD BLESS US ALL and watch over us  
As we complete these final weeks of the  
2016-2017 school year.

Enclosures:

May Calendar

May Menu

June Calendar

Summer Camp Information

Stream Information

Sports Information Grades K-8 (Being sent home hardcopy today)