

**FAMILY MEMO
ST. PETER RC SCHOOL
JANUARY 2018**

Happy New Year

We welcome 2018 with open arms and ask the Lord to bless us all each and every day. We also thank him for his great gifts and his undying love for each of us. May this year continue to be filled with all of God's blessings for all of our Saint Peter families and friends.

Thanks to all for Christmas

Our St. Peter's families are more than generous. Thanks to all for your well wishes and very thoughtful gifts. All are appreciated more than you know!

Calendar Raffle

Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2018, we drew our first winner for the Home School Association Calendar Raffle fundraiser. A winner will be drawn each school day from now until Friday, February 2, where the grand prize will be awarded. Thanks to all of the families who participated in this fundraiser. It certainly was an easy way to work off your mandate...best of luck to everyone! At the conclusion of the drawing all winners will be posted for those that are interested and daily winners will be posted on our FACEBOOK page.

Lewiston Fire Company Request

Please read the attached letter from our friends at the Lewiston Fire Company requesting your help in keeping fire hall doorways open at all times. Parents are required to use the loop for pickup and drop off at all times. Thanks for cooperating with our neighbors. The fire trucks need to be able to exit immediately when needed and we do not want anyone to be in the way of safety. Thanks!

Report Cards/Second Trimester Goals

It is very apparent to me as I meet with your children to set goals for the upcoming trimester, that you, as parents, have talked with your children about their school work, what they have done well in and where they might try a little harder. Thanks to all for sharing this responsibility with us as we strive to help each child to become the very best he/she can be.

Some need to complete all assignments, some need to turn in their homework, others need to read more frequently, some need to socialize less and others need to continue doing all of the good things they are currently doing.

Students in Grades 3-8 will be bringing home a copy of their goal sheet for the second trimester by the end of this week. I ask you to review it with them and to do your part in helping them achieve that goal...together we can make all of these goals a reality!

Response for Information

As this marking period drew to a close, it became apparent that we needed to provide parents and students with on-going information related to expectations and grading policies in all areas. Thank you to all of you who asked the questions that helped us move forward.

Next week all parents will receive policies related to the above for physical education, art, music and technology. All of these areas will also be included in the parent portal. This information should help to keep communication open and allow for feedback throughout the trimester.

Breakfast of Champions

On Thursday January 4, 2018, we continued the tradition of celebrating our Middle School students who achieved status on the honor roll or high honor roll. These students were treated to a breakfast prepared by Tracy Gillick of the Hillview Café, and enjoyed food and conversation with friends. We congratulate these students for their hard work and encourage all students to do the best they can both in class work and home work...it all counts!

Ladies Luncheon

On March 3 2018, we will be bringing back a tradition celebrated at St. Peter's many years ago. A ladies luncheon and auction will be at the Niagara Falls Country Club. We are excited to share this event with our school and parish family. Look for your grade level specific letter coming home today....much more information to follow.

Easter Candy Sale

Thanks to Mrs. Sarah Nelson for chairing the Easter candy fundraiser this year. Sarah has sent home your order forms and catalogs this week and attached to this memo is the candy sale reminder and due date information. Please call Sarah if

you have any questions or if you are able to help her with the distribution of candy.

2018-2019 Registration

Beginning next week each family will receive the re-registration form for St. Peter RC School for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration for current SPS families will run from January 8-January 25. In order to guarantee your spot, you will need to return the registration form along with the \$100.00 per family registration fee. Beginning January 28, registration will be open to new families and we will close class registrations once the class size reaches 25, and create a waiting list where needed.

Please be sure to guarantee your spot by registering right away. If you have any concerns or questions, please call or email me as soon as possible.

Tuition Plan Changes/Updates

We are finalizing the tuition costs for next year and are trying hard to include a minimal or no tuition increase. All of this information will be included with your re-registration packet. Please be sure to read all information carefully as several of our past policies may have changed. All of these policies have been put in place by our school/parish finance council and we thank them for their efforts to make this all work for all of our families.

If anyone is in need of financial assistance they must complete the BISON Scholarship application first and then the SPS Tuition assistance request form. These forms will be included here as an attachment and will also be included in the re-registration packet.

Applications for all tuition assistance is very timely and I cannot stress enough how important that current BISON recipients complete the reapplication by the date requested or they run the risk of missing out on this free assistance. New families are reminded also that you cannot be awarded a scholarship if you do not apply...please read and apply as requested. No one will be awarded tuition assistance from the SPS tuition assistance fund unless they have first applied to BISON. If you have any questions...please be sure to give us a call asap so you don't miss out!

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

There will be no school on Monday, January 15 as we celebrate the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

School Closings

In the event that Lewiston Porter Schools are closed, SPS will be closed as well. All families that have given us a phone number for receiving text messages, an email address and a home phone number will receive notification of any school closings through School Messenger. If you are not sure if your name and number is included in our system, please call the school and/or email Mr. Mark Gaynor at mgaynor@stpeterrc.org and he will be happy to check for you and add your information if necessary.

School closing information will also be called into the local TV stations.

STREAM Academies...Second Trimester

As we begin 2018, we are very excited to enhance our STREAM program here at St Peter RC School.

You can find students using technology across the curriculum in all subject areas including coding, research, math facts, literacy skills and much more. Teachers are also providing more hands-on learning activities in the classroom to engage students and apply concepts in a deeper, more thorough way, leading to a greater understanding of the concepts.

The second session of STREAM Academy is set to begin soon with many new clubs to take part in. Additional information regarding clubs to come out soon....

Catholic Schools Week

The annual celebration of Catholic Schools week will take place beginning on January 28 with our OPEN HOUSE and Pancake Breakfast. Help is needed in all of these events so please call or email if you are willing and able to assist with the following:

Cooking/Serving/Clean-up for the Pancake Breakfast- Call Mrs. Suzanne Elliott,
Serving as tour guides for the Open House- Call Mrs. Maureen Ingham,
Working at the Book Fair- Call Mrs. Shawn Ryan,
Special Person's Reception- Call Mrs. Jen DiPasquale.

Pancake Breakfast

Please be sure to order your tickets for a delicious pancake breakfast as we celebrate our Catholic School. Suzanne Elliott can really use some help with this event...please see the attached fliers.

Grade 3 Service Project

The 3rd grade class is collecting new and/or gently used baby and toddler books during the month of January. These books will be donated to the families of our service project at The St. Gianna Molla Outreach Center. If you have any books you'd like to donate, please put them in the boxes outside of the 3rd grade classroom. Thank You!

Sports

Winter sports are well underway and our children are very busy at all levels. If you have any questions, please contact Briana Jegier who does an outstanding job serving as our Athletic Director. Briana has been finding a sport for any child that wants to play...thanks to Briana for all you do for our kids!

Attachments

- January Calendar
- January Menu
- BISON tuition assistance application form
- St. Peter RC School Tuition Assistance Application for 2018-2019
- Pancake Breakfast Information
- Easter Candy Sale Information
- Letter from Lewiston Fire Company