

**SAINT PETER RC SCHOOL
FAMILY MEMO
APRIL 2018**

Happy Easter Blessings to all of our Saint Peter Families. We have worked hard at school to prepare for Holy Week and the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Through these six weeks of preparation, we have shared the sufferings of Jesus and the deep love He has for us...love enough to die for our salvation. Thank you to Our Lord, for all that He has done and will always do for each of us, His children.

HE IS RISEN....ALLELUIA!

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10:30 AM MASS

All are invited to participate in the parish Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the rectory immediately following the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. This tradition is one that has been enjoyed by all ages...you won't want to miss it!

RE-REGISTRATION/BISON/TUITION ASSISTANCE

Thanks to all families who have re-registered for the 2018-2019 school year. Our enrollment is looking great and we are excited by all of the plans we are putting in place now for the coming school year.

If you have not yet sent in your registration for next year, please do so immediately. Several of our classes are either at or close to the maximum. Being here this year does not guarantee your spot for next year...you must re-register annually. If you are a new or returning BISON family and you need assistance re-submitting for that tuition assistance, please call Barb immediately. BISON also must be reassessed each year and you are responsible to get that paperwork in to BISON.

Reminder....tuition assistance from SPS will not be awarded to any family that has not applied for BISON funds.

STREAM UPDATE

St. Peter RC School has made many improvements over the past ten months to become a STREAM School. In doing so we have provided new opportunities for students to learn through exploration using critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. In addition to the changes in lesson delivery and activities, we have also

made substantial technology updates. St. Peter's recently received approval for a grant to enhance technology in the classroom and to provide professional development to teachers. We are thrilled with these changes that will make our school an even better place to be!

STREAM ACADEMIES

As we finish our second session of STREAM Academy, we are thrilled at the positive response from both students and teachers who participated. WE know that next year is sure to be even better! A big thank you to all who contributed to making STREAM Academies such a success this year! We are open to ideas and suggestions for new STREAM clubs for Fall of 2018.

NEW YORK STATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT

The New York State ELA Assessment will be given on Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 12. Students in grades 4, 6 and 8 will be completing this assessment. The test has been adjusted from three to two days and there is no time limit for students to complete the test. Any student who is absent on a testing day will be given the opportunity to complete on the make-up dates which are scheduled for Monday, April 16 – Wednesday, April 18. Parents are asked to encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast on the testing dates.

NEW YORK STATE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT

The New York State Math Assessment will be given on Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2. Students in grades 4, 6 and 8 will be completing this assessment. Students in 8th grade taking the Algebra Regents Exam will not be given the NYS Math Assessment. The test has been adjusted from three to two days and there is no time limit for students to complete the test. Any student who is absent on a testing day will be given the opportunity to complete on the make-up dates which are scheduled for Friday, May 4 – Wednesday, May 9. Parents are asked to encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast on the testing dates.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all of our winter sports on a successful season. Spring sports have begun or will start after Easter break. Please see the attached update from Mrs. Jegier for further information on upcoming sports.

LION KING

After months of rehearsing lines, singing songs and practicing dance routines, the St. Peter RC School Drama Club is excited to present this year's musical live on stage in the SPS gym.

The Lion King will be presented to our entire student body, in a brief form at 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon, April 20. The full performance will be presented at 7:00 pm on stage in the gym on both Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of Ms. Carlson, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Sansano, Mr. Gibas, Mr. Gaynor, Mr. John and Mr. Pacillo, for making this production a reality. Thanks also to Mrs. Gaudy for her assistance.

EARTH WEEK

SPS will celebrate Earth Week 2018 with a list of activities, to bring an awareness of our responsibility to the environment, coming out immediately after Easter. Students at Saint Peter's School will join members of our St. Peter Parish as we join in the efforts of the "Care for Creation" movement to save our environment in a host of ways during this year and the year that follows.

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.

SUMMER CAMP AT SPS

Attached please find information and an application for our summer programming for little folk. Little Cubs and Big Cubs offer opportunities for our youngest learners to spend some summer time in school practicing academic skills they have learned/will learn, have fun with friends and participate in activities, trips and projects developmentally appropriate for their age group. Please sign up soon...spaces are limited...and the tuition from previous years has been reduced.

EASTER CANDY

Thanks to Mrs. Nelson for chairing our Easter Candy Sale. There was a great deal of chocolate delivered to the gym, and it never smelled better. Thanks for all of your help and support.

HONOR BAND

Several of our band students will be performing at Mt. St. Mary Academy on March 24 at 7:00 PM as members of the Diocesan Honor Band. Congratulations and thanks for representing Saint Peter RC School. We are so proud of Mia Quarantillo, Gideon Abbondanza, Emma Connors, Ethan Connors, JohnChristopher Keller, Jamie Kim, Jack Ingwersen, Ella Ingwersen, Michael Mundy, and Paul Olszewski. Thank you to Ms. Mortise for preparing our students for this event.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

A retreat in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist will be held at St. Peter's on April 14. Ms. Wysocki and Mrs. Grenga will be sending home details for this event.

CLASS PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Classroom group photos will be taken on Tuesday, April 10. Students should wear their St. Peters uniforms. If you would like a class photo, the cost is \$12 for an 8 X 10 or \$10 for a 5 X 7. Orders are due on or before April 10, 2018. Please fill out a separate order form for each child.

Yearbooks are now available for purchase. Yearbooks are \$13 or \$15 with personalization. Personalized yearbook orders are due by April 10. If not personalized, orders are due by April 13. Orders forms can be sent to the school with cash or checks made out to Inter-State Studio. Orders may be placed online with a credit/debit card at www.inter-state.com/yearbook with the code 21239B. If you have any questions regarding classroom photos or yearbooks, please email Mrs. Say at ksay@stpeterrc.org.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Middle school students who achieved a high honor roll or honor roll average for the second trimester were treated to a catered breakfast on Thursday, March 22. Knead the Dough came in and prepared a delicious breakfast as the students shared a fun morning together. Congratulations to all!

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Miss O'Rourke, Mrs. Berrigan and Mrs. Aquino, girls in our grades 3, 4 and 5 classes were offered the opportunity to participate in the national program called "Girls on the Run." The girls will learn team building tactics, self-confidence exercises and strengthening of mind and body...all in preparation for our 5K Run here at St. Peter's as well as the Area wide 5K Girls on the Run, run, to be held in Buffalo on June 2. Go GIRLS!!!

SAINT PETER 5K RUN

Save the date for the third annual Saint Peter Parish 5K Run/Walk to be held following the 4:00 PM "Runner's Mass" on Saturday, May 19. Since all of the proceeds benefit our school, we are hoping that many families will sign up to run/walk/participate.

SAINT PETER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date...More details to follow...Monday, July 23, 2018

DRESS DOWN DAY....SERVICE PROJECTS

All staff and students are invited to dress down for \$1.00 on Thursday, April 19. Proceeds of this dress down day will be shared among the classes to support their individual class service projects.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS AND REMINDERS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 Home and School Association Elected Officers and Standing Committees. Attached are job descriptions and a nominations form. Nominations are due by April 23. Voting will take place at the May 1 HSA Meeting.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Thanks go out to all committee members of our First (in a long time) Ladies Luncheon held at the Niagara Falls Country Club on March 3. Parish and school

ladies and SPS students dressed in their best and had a lovely lunch complete with baskets and raffles that were enjoyed by all. Next year, we are already planning some additional events at the luncheon to make it even better than the first.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1-6 - No School - Spring Break
- April 9 - Return to school
- April 9 - 5K Meeting in Media Center 7:00 pm
- April 9 - Home School Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 in the cafeteria
- April 13 - 9:00 am School Mass
- April 14 - First Communion Retreat
- April 16 - School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- April 19 - Dress down Day \$1.00 to support all service projects
- April 20 - 9:00 am School Mass
- April 20 - 2:00 pm on school time abbreviated Lion King performance for all students
- April 20 - 7:00 pm Lion King Performance
- April 21 - 7:00 pm Lion King Performance followed by Cast Party
- April 22-27 - Earth Week
- April 23-27 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- April 27 - 9:00 am School Mass

ATTACHMENTS:

April Calendar

April Menu

Summer Camp Information and Registration Form

HSA Nominations Form and Officer & Committee Job Descriptions

Sports Update