

**St. Peter's School Newsletter**  
"A Family of Learners Trying to Live Like Jesus  
In Our School, Homes, and Community"  
October 5, 2017

1. The **Marathon is this Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Bike Trail**. The run/walk/bike will be from 10 to noon. More information was sent home with students on Monday.
2. Also, this Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we have **Bread Baking** here at St. Peter's in preparation for the Roast Beef Dinner. Can you help? Call Amanda Hinze or Holly Horihan for details. Thank you.
3. Last Call: St. Peter's Apparel orders were due yesterday, but we will still take them until Monday. **Anyone else have a St. Peter's School apparel order?** The next time we have an order will be in *two years*. FYI: Some of the colors are different from the way they look on the order form. Please see **color descriptions** below each clothing item. **Size samples** are available in the office. Order forms are available in the school office and were sent home with students. Thank you.
4. **Picture Day** will be Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and Retake day (and for 2-day preschoolers) will be Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.
5. The **roast beef dinner and country market** are on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to work at the dinner and donate a baked good or homemade item to the country market. The sign-up sheets are in the lobby. **Every family needs to make at least two pies (or cakes) for the Roast Beef Dinner** (bring to room to the right of the school library Friday night or Saturday morning) **and contribute some homemade item or baked good to the Country Market** (bring to the lobby Friday or Saturday). Thank you for supporting St. Peter's!
6. The **Hokah Chiefs will kick off their 4h year** on Tuesday Oct 10 @ 6pm @ St. Peter's School! Please come see what 4h offers and bring a friend! We will be planning our fall service projects! Hope to see you there!
7. There will be **No School or After School Care on October 19 and 20**. Enjoy this time with your children.
8. As you look ahead to Halloween, remember that student **costumes** should be appropriate for elementary school children- nothing too scary, no blood, no weapons, etc.
9. It's not too late to buy or turn in **Football Mania** tickets. The season has started, but there are still a lot of chances to win. There are paper tickets in the office and you can also buy online at <http://www.charitymania.com/give/A708A>. Tell your friends! **Congratulations Karen Ott** on your win this week.
10. We are in the process of **renewing our Accreditation** through Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association. We do this comprehensive self-study and planning every 7 years (in addition to annual requirements). The School Board, staff, and other volunteers are working on this process. If you are **interested in helping** as well, please contact Mrs. Fishel at [stpeter@acegroup.cc](mailto:stpeter@acegroup.cc). Thank you.

11. As a part of our Accreditation renewal, we are asking every parent, parishioner, alumni, community members, etc. to **take a very short survey about St. Peter's School**. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHL9PJR>. Paper versions are available in the school office at any time. Thank you.
12. We still have openings for **After School Care from 3 to 6 pm**, even for drop-ins. The *public school buses will all drop off here* at St. Peter's. Call or email if you would like more information or have any questions.
13. We still need a **lunch/recess supervisor** for Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Friday. Please let us know if you can help from 11:30 to 12:30. You'll get a delicious meal.
14. **Transportation issues or questions?** Please call Joan Von Arx or Rachel Fishel and we will do our best to help you!
15. If you have **questions**, please contact: lunch questions—Pat VonArx or Tammy Miller; tuition questions—Arlene Hegge or Joan VonArx; scrip questions—Jaynie Sheffer or Holly Horihan; general questions—Joan VonArx. If you ever need to **speak to the principal**, Mrs. Fishel, please call 894-4375 or email [stpeter@acegroup.cc](mailto:stpeter@acegroup.cc) or stop in after 12:30.
16. Fall weather makes deciding **what to wear** a little tricky. Remember our **guidelines**: *Shorts (to the end of your fingers) are only allowed if the predicted temperature for the day is over 65 degrees*. Sleeveless shirts (NOT spaghetti straps) are allowed if the predicted temperature for the day is over 85 degrees. Bring a sweatshirt for cool mornings! Thank you for your cooperation.
17. If you are **late to pick up** your child after school, your **child will go to After School Care**, and you will be charged the one hour minimum of \$3. Thank you for your understanding.
18. At St. Peter's School, we teach your children what you teach them, **your faith and your values**, things our culture and society do not teach.
19. Want to **know Jesus better? Read the gospels**—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. **Need a bible? You can borrow one** from Mrs. Fishel anytime, for as long as you want. 😊

## Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank You for autumn.  
 We thank You  
 for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,  
 for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,  
 for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,  
 for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,  
 for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,  
 for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,  
 for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.  
 God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen.