

St. Peter's School Newsletter

“A Family of Learners Trying to Live Like Jesus
In Our School, Homes, and Community”
September 21st, 2017

1. It is time to order **St. Peter's Apparel!** We have lots of beautiful options, from size 6 months for infants to size 4XL for adults. Order forms are available in the school office and were sent home with students. The next time we have an order will be in two years. Thank you.
2. There will be **no school tomorrow, Friday the 22nd** for St. Peter's (Public schools and busing will still be in session).
3. 3rd-8th graders will have **NWEA Map standardized testing** next week, starting September 25th. Please do not make any appointments during this time. Also, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast (as always☺).
4. Our 5th/6th graders will be attending **Environmental Day on September 26th**. This is a day devoted to learning about and caring for our environment. Students will be riding a bus and need to dress for the outdoors/weather.
5. **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 Alan Engstler who bought his ticket online. He won \$25 this week.**
6. 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.
7. We still need a **lunch/recess supervisor** for Thursday and/or Friday. Please let us know if you can help. You'll get a delicious meal.
8. **Transportation issues or questions?** Please call Joan Von Arx or Rachel Fishel and we will do our best to help you!
9. 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 or stop in after 12:30.
10. 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.
11. Remember our **drop off/pick up policy**:
There is no supervision of students before 7:40 am.
7:40-8:05 Please bring your child to the playground
8:05 or later Your child may go directly to his/her classroom
Before 3:00 Please pick up your child from his/her classroom
3:00-3:15 Please pick up your child from the playground before the last bus arrives. **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.
EVERY WEDNESDAY- Dismissal at 2:25.

12. The **Marathon is Saturday, October 7th at the Houston Bike Trail.** The run/walk/bike will be from 10 to noon. More information will be sent home with students on Monday the 25th. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors...
13. Mark your calendars: Picture Day will be October 11th, and Retake day (and for preschoolers) will be November 14th.
14. The **roast beef dinner and country market** are on October 14th. 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. Thank you.

Gospel Weeklies

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Family
Guide

September 24th
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

The Gospel at Home

This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus' parable about the workers in the vineyard unsettles today's audience just as it unsettled the priests and elders who first heard it. It is just not fair! Some get paid a full day's wages for one hour of work while others who worked all day long receive the exact same pay. This story, after all, is not about fair wages. It is about God's love, which abounds for all. The parable is a way to talk to young people who are ever troubled by unfairness about God's generous love.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Take time to go through *Seeds* with your child. Urge your child to tell you the story of "Grandpa's Chair" using the pictures. Let your child use page 1 of the lesson booklet to teach you about the workers in the vineyard.

Promise (Grades K-1): Ask your child to share with your family the rebus story on the second page of the lesson. Talk about all the good things he or she will learn this year. Then ask your child to share the story of the Gospel with your family. Let your child teach you the prayer the class learned as well as the gestures that go with the prayer.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned how Matthew's images of the vineyard and the workers send the message of God's great love. Talk about your child's notions of fairness. Talk, too, about the ways of being generous with the gifts that God has given.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your child learned about how important parables were in the teaching of Jesus. Talk about the parable in this Sunday's Gospel. Discuss ways your family can show that you are working for God's kingdom. This week also provides an opportunity for your family to talk about fairness and generosity, perhaps using the example of your own family's rules and expectations.

Visions (Grades 7-8): In this week's lesson, your child explored what fair means to God in order to understand God's great generosity. The class also learned how the Liturgy builds up the Christian community and the important role parables played in Jesus' teaching. Make up some parables of your own to show how important the Church is to you and your family. Start each of your parables with the words, "The Kingdom of God is like . . ."

Pray Together

When you complete your conversation about the Sunday's Gospel lesson, pray together in your own words that God will help your family grow in faith throughout this year.