

St. Peter's School

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Principal's Sept. 17 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Tuesday marked the middle of the first quarter and mid-term progress reports will be mailed home tomorrow to all students new to St. Peter's and those students who are experiencing academic or behavioral difficulties. Please review the progress report with your child and help him/her set goals for improved performance. Although formal conferences are scheduled at the end of the first quarter, don't hesitate to contact teachers as soon as a need is recognized so that interventions can be put in place to promote academic success.

Speaking of conferences...

Sign-up sheets for K -8 Parent -Teacher Conferences on October 30th will be available in the lobby tomorrow afternoon and Saturday during the hours of Flower Sale pickup. The sheets will remain available in the lobby through Friday, September 25th. All conferences are scheduled this year so it is imperative that you sign up in advance. Grades 5, 7, and 8 have added evening hours on October 29th for your convenience. All conferences are held in the teacher's classroom unless otherwise noted on the sign-up sheet. ECLC's sign-up sheets are in their classrooms.

Kudos to...

- Our newly elected Student Council Executive Board members for the 2009 - 2010 school year: Treasurer, Nate Mohler; Secretary, Luke Taylor; Vice-President, Jack Wirtz; and President, Jack McHugh.

- Student Council Class Representatives:
Grade 3-Audrey O'Shaughnessy, Blaise Keel, Sal Monteleone
Grade 4 - Helayna James and Tim Johnson
Grade 5 - Gabby Wimes and Jack Flynn
Grade 6 - Siena Hutchison, Sophia Cusumano, and Sheldon Gray
Grade 7 - Anna Baumann, Sydney Hunter, Maggie Hutchison, Eli Jurden, and Anne Nulton
Grade 8 - Maggie Bowen, Josh Concannon, Joe Hague, Julia Hammond, and Annie Keel

Congratulations to these students! We are proud of you and look forward to your positive leadership! I also want to commend all those students who ran for STUCO. I hope you consider running again next year, as I am sure you have a lot to offer SPS! Please don't forget that leadership opportunities abound in the classrooms and throughout our school for all students.

- Sixth-grade student Audrey Carroll whose cartoon caption was chosen for publication in the September issue of *Nickelodeon* magazine. How exciting is that?! Check it out in this month's issue!

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Upcoming Events

- ✓ Sept. 18-8th Grade Retreat; Jeans Day; Flower Sale Pick Up
- ✓ Sept. 19-Flower Sale Pick Up
- ✓ Sept. 22-School Board Meeting @ 7pm in the library
- ✓ Sept. 23-Hearing & Vision Screenings
- ✓ Sept. 24-All School Mass @ 8:15am
- ✓ Sept. 25-Parish Fiesta Set Up; NO HOT LUNCH!
- ✓ Sept. 26-Parish Fiesta @ 5pm
- ✓ Sept. 28-Holey Hooley Golf Tournament
- ✓ Oct. 1-All School Mass in memory of Mr. Mitch Brackney

School families should have received a Call Reach from Fr. Steve yesterday regarding the upcoming Parish Listening Sessions. Father strongly encourages parishioners to attend one of the six sessions which will provide the opportunity for discussion utilizing a small-group process model. The schedule and sign up information for these Listening Sessions can be found on the parish website and in Sunday's bulletin. You will also have the opportunity to sign up after all the

Masses this weekend.

Finally, I ask that you please keep our eighth-grade students in your prayers as they go on retreat tomorrow to spend time reflecting on and planning for this important year and their upcoming transition to high school.

Thanks for all you do every day to make SPS such a great school!

Janet Spallo
Principal

School News and Reminders

SPS Food Pantry Collection

Tomorrow, September 18, is the final day of this week's food pantry drive. Thank you for your generosity; many of the barrels in the link are overflowing!

Enrichment Courses

Please don't forget to check out the fall enrichment courses offered right here at St. Peter's School! A link for course descriptions and the enrollment form can be found on the home page of the school website.

Safety Patrol Volunteers

We have received numerous calls and e-mails regarding bike safety in the past several weeks—namely, drivers tell us that they have nearly hit students who have not stopped before riding through intersections, mostly connecting with Meyer Blvd. If you would be willing to patrol a corner, such as Meyer and Oak, in the morning OR after school, please contact Doug Law @ LawDj@umkc.edu. Lastly, please reiterate safety rules of walking and biking with your children!

From the Flower Sale Committee

Your flower orders will be ready for pick up tomorrow (Friday, Sept. 18), from 4-7pm and Saturday from 8am-Noon at the Circle Drive entrance to the school. Orders must be picked up this weekend; if you are going to be away, please have a friend pick up your order. Many varieties of plants and bulbs will be available for purchase if you did not get a chance to place your order in advance. Also,

the Boy Scouts will have trash bags available for purchase. And, for your weekend shopping and dining, SCRIP cards will be sold.

Cultural Diversity Bazaar

It's not too late to get involved! The Cultural Diversity Bazaar with details is posted on the school website. Please feel free to contact school parent Michelle Wimes at mwimes@shb.com for more information.

Thank You!

Thank you to Mr. Tim O'Boyle for putting together our tables for the Children's Garden. We're hoping our faculty and staff can take advantage of some fresh air during lunch or for team meetings, Professional Learning Community meetings, etc.

Please Remember!

- All parents are to check in at the office during the school day!
- Forgotten lunches should be left on the shelves in the lobby, properly labeled.
- Please don't forget to return papers that need to be signed.
- Family members may bring special lunches to only their children (please see page 19 in the handbook) during lunch hours.

Boy Scouts Sell Trash Bags-stock up now for all those fall leaves!

The Boy Scouts of St. Peter's Troop 118 sell trash bags throughout the year to help support a very active camping program. The durable, large-capacity, yellow trash bags are available for \$10 per roll of 25 from any boy scout at St. Peter's. Every roll you buy helps that scout defray the cost of a variety of camping activities, such as: long-term summer camp at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation or a high adventure camping trip to Colorado, New Mexico, or Canada. Many of the scouts fund a significant portion of their cost with these sales, which enables them to participate in trips they might otherwise not be able to afford. Please contact your favorite boy scout today. If you don't know a scout, you may e-mail bobhealy@everestkc.net for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

SAVE THE DATE

For: St. Peter's Mom's Fall Social
When: Thursday, October 29th 7pm
Where: The home of Chrystal Johnson
6120 Morningside

More info to come!

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