



ST. PETER TRI-PARISH SCHOOL

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A Feinstein Leadership School*

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The Mission of St. Peter Tri-Parish School is to provide its students with a Catholic education that fosters spiritual, academic, and social growth within an atmosphere of mutual respect.



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

November 9, 2017

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow, **November 10th**, we observe **Veterans' Day**. At the end of World War I, in November of 1919, **President Wilson** proclaimed **November 11th** as the **first commemoration of Armistice Day** with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations . . ." Though we now call this day "**Veterans' Day**", we continue to **honor those who have served our country** on this special day as well as every day.

At this time of year, we also take time to **thank God** for all the **wonderful gifts he has given to us** and reflect on **how we can share these gifts with others who are less fortunate**.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Every year, the families of St. Peter Tri-Parish School share their resources with others by **providing food items** to help make-up the **baskets** that the “**Helping Hand Ministry**” of **St. Peter Church** (formerly the St. Vincent de Paul Society) distribute to **families in need** to help them have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. On **Monday** your children brought home a letter with the **suggested food items** that we will be **collecting** and the **schedule for collecting them**. I am sure that **all of our families** will be as **generous** as they have always been in the past. **If you know of a family in need, please let us know and we will make sure that they receive a basket.**

ALL SAINTS’ DAY MASS: Although our **First Graders** did not have much practice time, having no school on Oct. 30 and 31st due to the storm, **they did a fantastic job at their All Saints’ Day Mass on Wednesday, November 1st**. **Thank you to Mrs. Robinson** for all her hard work to make this Mass such a special event.

REMINDER: **Cars are not allowed to enter the school yard after 8:20 AM.** If you arrive after that time, please **park on the street** or in the **Church parking lot**. Parents are to **enter the main school yard** by way of the **teacher’s parking area** on the far side of building. We also remind you that the main school yard is a posted **DO NOT ENTER area**.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We were very sad to have had to **cancel Trunk or Treat** due to the weather. Also, we were not able to reschedule this year. Save your non-edible items and we can have an **even bigger and better Trunk or Treat next year!**

HAUNTED LABYRINTH: The **Middle School students** and their **chaperones** had a great time at this year’s **Haunted Labyrinth** held at the **Rejoice in Hope Youth Center** in Cranston. The **haunted house** is run entirely by **adult and youth volunteers** who have been doing a **great job for 33 years** making this event a scary night for their many visitors. Many thanks to our **devoted faculty, Lisa Der Manouelian, Nancy Moreira, Christine Desmarais and Meghan Washburn**, for taking time out of their weekend to be with the children.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER: Our **holiday fundraiser** kicked off on **Monday**, with the help of our sales rep, **Kim McLaughlin**, who got the children all excited about the fundraiser during the Monday lunches. We would appreciate all that you can do to make this a **very successful fundraiser for your school.**

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS: Just in time for Christmas, our Middle School is selling gift cards as their class activity. This was very popular last year both with our school families as well as our parish families. Gift cards can not only be given as gifts, but they can also be used to purchase gifts in stores such as Macy's, Kohl's, Target, etc.

RIGHT TO LIFE SERVICES—SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14: On November 14, 2017, we will have a special Dress Down Day to benefit Right to Life Services, Inc., a statewide pregnancy resource center since 1969. Thousands of moms (and some dads) come through their door for help with “must-have” baby needs. Any monetary donation on November 14th will be appreciated. A flyer was included in a previous Friday Folder and e-folder giving you all of the details.

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST: Directions for this year's Christmas Card Contest went home on Monday, Nov. 6th. Please read the directions carefully. Name and grade must be written on the back of your entry. There are 3 categories: Grades K-2; Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8. All entries must be returned to my office by November 29th—voting will take place on the 30th. Good luck!!

BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR: Once again, Richard Sylvia, Arts Director at Bishop Hendricken High School, has invited our children in Grades 4-8 to join with their Young Men's Chorus for their annual Christmas Concert. Every year, we have more and more children participate in this wonderful event. A registration form went home with all the students in Grades 4-8 on Monday, November 6th. If your child is interested in participating, the registration form must be returned to me by Monday, November 13th and I will forward them to Mr. Silvia. The Bishop Hendricken Christmas Concert takes place on Tuesday, December 12th. Students who wish to participate in the Chorus must attend the 4 scheduled rehearsals indicated on the flyer that was sent home on Monday.

HIBERNIAN COAT COLLECTION: A letter was sent home to you on September 29th to inform you of the annual Ancient Order of Hibernians collection of new or gently used coats for both children and adults in need. There are drop boxes in the school and at the Church for your donations. The coats will be delivered to the Assumption Parish Ministry in Providence for distribution to the families that they service. December 1st is the last day for drop off at school. Please look into your closets for coats that are not being worn and drop them off. Thank you for helping those in need.

8th GRADE NEWS:

OPEN HOUSES:

St. Mary Academy Bay View
The Prout School

Sunday, November 19th at 12:00 PM
Thursday, November 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

25 WEEK CLUB: The winners of the **third drawing** of the **25 Week Club** on November 3rd were:

Rich Botham	\$50.00	Mohammad Fallahiya	\$50.00
Olivia Cadoret	\$25.00	Jen Risho	\$25.00

MANDATORY FUNDRAISING: All school families are responsible for a **\$250.00 Mandatory Fundraising fee**. There is still time for you to select **Option 1-Purchase/sell two 25 Week Club memberships--\$125.00 each**—Please send in your **payments for both memberships**. If you want the memberships in **two different names**, please mark **both names and addresses**, if they are not the same, and **return with your check, payable to St. Peter School**. You are able to make your payments weekly (\$5.00 per member), monthly or in full. We have had three weekly drawings thus far. Your **PAYMENTS MUST BE CURRENT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE WEEKLY DRAWINGS**. If you have any **questions**, please call **Mrs. Rossi**.

STOP AND SHOP: Our school is participating in the **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program**. Our ID # is **07435**. **If you supported our school last year, you DO NOT need to register your card again.**

TUITION: The fifth tuition payment was due on November 1, 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER 10	NO SCHOOL-VETERANS' DAY OBSERVED FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE
NOVEMBER 14	SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY TO BENEFIT RIGHT TO LIFE SERVICES
NOVEMBER 15	SCHOOL GUILD MEETING AT 7:00 PM-CAFETERIA PICTURE DAY

NOVEMBER 20 DENTIST VISITS; HEARING TEST FOR
PRESCHOOL 3 & 4

NOVEMBER 21 THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE AT 2:00 PM—ALL
ARE WELCOME

NOVEMBER 22-24 THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOVEMBER 27 SCHOOL RESUMES
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER ENDS

DECEMBER 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE
WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION AT BISHOP
HENDRICKEN GRADES 3, 4, 5

On the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, Pope Francis reminds us that this day is an opportunity for present generations to show gratitude for the “heavy sacrifice” of soldiers . . . that present generations should express their full gratitude to all those who made such a heavy sacrifice. (and) . . . by educating future generations to respect all men and women created in the image of God and passing down memories to them, it is possible to hope for a better future.

~Pope Francis

God bless!

Joan Sickinger
Principal

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