



ST. PETER TRI-PARISH SCHOOL

*A Collaborative of St. Benedict, St. Peter & St. Timothy Parishes
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.*



December 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Sunday, December 3rd, is the first Sunday of **Advent**. During the **4 weeks of Advent**, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the **birth of Jesus**, but we also strive to ensure that we are making ourselves ready to receive Jesus when he comes again.

At school, your children will be attending a **short prayer service every Monday morning** where we will reflect on an **Advent reading**, **light the Advent candle (s)** and **sing to give honor and praise to God**. **Each class** will also have their **own Advent prayer service daily**.

Hopefully, **at home**, besides the purchasing of gifts, wrapping, decorating and baking, **your family will also prepare for Christ's coming in a special way**. At St. Peter Church, **Father Gagne recommends *Best Advent Ever*—free e-mail programs** that will help you **prepare for Christmas**. Please sign up for this program at dynamiccatholic.com/advent.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: With the **help of our school families, St. Peter Church Helping Hand Ministry**, was able to service **40 local families** in our parish and neighborhood. We **thank all who donated food items** to our **Thanksgiving baskets** this year.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE: Grades K-8 gathered together at St. Peter Church on Tuesday, November 21st, to give thanks to God. Thank you to all those who read, Grades 1 & 6, who once again, did the ABC's of Thanksgiving, Ms. Nonetta Shatakhtsian and our chorus for the lovely music and Mrs. Lisa Der Manouelian, coordinator of the prayer service. This is always a wonderful way to begin our Thanksgiving holiday.

GRADE 1 GRATITUDE CEREMONY: Mrs. Robinson decided this year to have a Gratitude Ceremony in First Grade. Each child invites someone to whom they are grateful. Among the varied guests were parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and some were students of the school. Each child then told the audience why they were grateful for this person. Along with poems and songs, refreshments were served. All had a wonderful time!!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE: The Father/Daughter Dance that was held on Friday, November 10th was a wonderful success! The girls looked beautiful and the dads were quite handsome all dressed up for their *Ballroom Bliss* theme this year. Many hands make this a successful evening—Leslie Karpowich, Event Coordinator; Jen Berube, collected tickets at the door; Amy Kuiawa designed the beautiful centerpieces; Meghan Robinson, photographer from What Cheer Photography and all who helped make this a wonderful evening.

MEMORIAL WALL: The Memorial Wall commemorating those who are battling cancer and those who have succumbed to cancer is complete!! It is located on the lower floor near the Science room. You are all welcome to come to see the Wall. Thank you to Katy Magee for graciously sharing her artistic talents and to the entire Student Council, under the direction of Anne Robinson and Nancy Moreira, for our very successful Pink Day!

CANDY CANE GRAMS: Student Council will also be selling Candy Cane Grams in December. Dates sold and delivered are marked on the December calendar. Proceeds from this activity will be used to adopt a family in need this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY: Monday, December 18th is Christmas Fun Day. Children will be able to purchase gifts for their family and friends at reasonable prices. Gift wrapping will be available. There will be a Penny Social table, special luncheon (the lunches must be ordered and paid for before Fun Day) and much, much more.

****Please note: Fun Day lunch order forms and Fun Day Photo order forms were sent home to you earlier this week.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Our Middle School students had their annual Operation Christmas Child party on Friday, November 17th to wrap their shoe boxes filled with gifts for needy children around the world. The students had shopped for toys, school supplies and hygiene items to fill a shoe box and then each student wrote a letter for the child who would receive their gift. The shoe boxes were added to those packed by the St. Peter Church Grade Six Faith Formation students and all were delivered to the processing center where they will be shipped to children in more than 100 countries. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Der Manouelian and Mrs. Margaret Andreozzi for coordinating this project; Mrs. Moreira, Mrs. Oliveira and Mr. Evans for helping with the wrapping party and Mrs. Doreen Raulino for delivering the shoe boxes to the processing center. Thanks also to the St. Peter Church Helping Hands Ministry for paying for the costs to ship all of the gifts.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all those who purchased items from our Holiday Fundraiser catalog. Merchandise is expected to arrive on Wednesday, December 13th. We will let you know when they can be picked up.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS: Just in time for Christmas, our Middle School is selling Holiday 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. The last day to order gift cards is December 4th with expected arrival by December 18th.

SEASONS OF NEW ENGLAND: Seasons of New England, owned by parishioner and former school parent, Mrs. Carmen Piperata, will be hosting their 6th annual visit with Santa on Sunday, December 3rd from 5:00-7:00 PM. I hope many of our families will stop by to visit Santa and browse Carmen's many Christmas trees, plants, wreaths and gifts. Please see enclosed flyer for details.

RIGHT TO LIFE SERVICES—SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14: On November 14, 2017, we held 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. We collected \$250.00 for the Right to Life Services. Mr. Victor Bergeron, Jr, Director of Mission Advancement, stopped in this week to pick up the check and to express his sincere thanks for our donation.

SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY: Our next “special” Dress Down Day will take place on Tuesday, December 19th. Your monetary donation will go to the Providence Animal Shelter who take care of so many animals in need, especially at this time of the year.

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY: Report cards will go home on Friday, December 8th. Parent/Teacher conferences will take place the following Friday, December 15th. Teachers will be sending home more specific information about conference day.

PICTURE EXCLUSIONS: There are a number of students in our school excluded from public pictures, especially on social media. Please make sure you are aware of these exclusions before posting pictures on social media.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Gavin Drew, Grade 8, participated in the New England Ninja Association Competition in Massachusetts on November 19th. This was his first competition. Gavin finished in 11th place. Congratulations, Gavin!

Izabella Spano, Grade 2, will be performing in the Providence Ballet Theatre production of ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas. Bella will be dancing with the ballet company when the students in grades K-Grade 8 attend the performance on December 14th. Good luck, Bella!

25 WEEK CLUB: The winners of the fourth drawing of the 25 Week Club drawing were:

Grace Felix	\$50.00	Lorri Dandurand	\$50.00
Anthony Andreozzi	\$25.00	Maria Pate	\$25.00

The winners of the fifth drawing were:

Victor Ribeiro	\$50.00	Ed Holloway	\$50.00
Chris Sullivan	\$25.00	Maria Pate	\$25.00

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 sixth tuition payment is due on December 1, 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- DECEMBER 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE
WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION at BISHOP HENDRICKEN FOR
GRADES 3, 4, 5**
- DECEMBER 2 HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST**
- DECEMBER 3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- DECEMBER 4 END OF FIRST TRIMESTER
GRADE 1 ACTIVITY DAY
DRESS DOWN \$5.00 PER FAMILY**
- DECEMBER 6 HEARING TEST—PRESCHOOL
CONFESSIONS—GRADE 5**
- DECEMBER 7 CONFESSIONS GRADES 7 & 8**
- DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
GRADE 5 MASS at 10:00 AM
REPORT CARDS GO HOME**
- DECEMBER 10 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- DECEMBER 12 BISHOP HENDRICKEN CHRISTMAS CONCERT (TICKETS
MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE)**
- DECEMBER 13 EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE OF FUNDRAISER ITEMS**
- DECEMBER 14 ‘T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (GRADES K-8)**
- DECEMBER 15 NO SCHOOL—PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**
- DECEMBER 17 CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH—2:00 PM**
- DECEMBER 18 CHRISTMAS FUN DAY!!**
- DECEMBER 19 SPECIAL DRESS DOWN FOR PROVIDENCE ANIMAL
SHELTER-- MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY PLEASE**

For the great human family it is necessary to renew always the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! . . . The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!

~Pope Francis

God bless!

Joan Sickinger
Principal

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