



## 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.*



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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back!** We are already in full swing and hopefully, our students have a routine in place that works at home.

**CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SCHOOL:** Helpful hints to start off the school year. Research shows that supporting your child's education at home is very important. Here are some conversation starters that will help you stay involved. Excerpt from **Home and School Connection, 2017.**

**“Let’s see what you brought home.”** Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well he/she is doing. You could comment on his/her math work or social studies project; for instance (“You know a lot about our state’s history!”). Also, respond to notes from his/her teacher, and sign his/her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

**HARVEST FEST: Harvest Fest Celebration** will soon be upon us—**October 20, 2017**. We are going to mix it up a bit this year. Many great ideas have been suggested. More details will be sent home in the coming weeks. In the meantime, **Alicia Olszewski**, Chairperson of the committee, is in **need of volunteers**. Please contact Alicia Olszewski at [14dthm@cox.net](mailto:14dthm@cox.net) if you would like to volunteer for this fun filled annual event. The **first meeting** will take place after **Meet the Teachers Night, September 19<sup>th</sup>** in the cafeteria. Meet the Teachers usually ends around 8:30 PM.

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS:** Cozy Caterer will continue to provide our lunch program this school year. However, we still **need volunteers** to help at the food service window, clean tables and assist the teacher on duty to help keep order in the cafeteria!! **Volunteers are essential to our lunch program**. If you can spare an hour and a half once a week, **please contact Mrs. Rossi—781-9242, ext. 0 or [stpeterschoolri@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschoolri@gmail.com)**. All volunteers are required to have an up-to-date BCI (forms available at the office) and watch the Safe Environment video. If you have any questions....please call Mrs. Rossi.

**DRESS DOWN MONDAYS:** We will continue with our **Dress Down Days** on **each Monday of the month**. The cost to dress down is **\$5.00 per family, per month**. You can pay either **monthly** (the first Monday of the month) or **pre-pay for the 10 months** of the school year (\$50.00). This program has been very successful. The funds collected allow us to make charitable contributions, bring in special programs to the school, and purchase items that teachers or the school might need. This month, we will send a contribution for hurricane relief. All Diocesan schools have been asked to participate in **“Student to Student: A Catholic School Response to Hurricane Harvey and Irma”** a **campaign sponsored by NCEA**. Through this campaign, 100% of money collected will go to Catholic dioceses to rebuild schools, reopen and re-enroll students

**END OF DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please let the office know by 2:30 PM if there are any changes in your child’s transportation or Extended Day plans. If you send us an email and do not receive a response within 15-20 minutes, please call the office. Sometimes we are working on various projects and do not check our

computer. **Mrs. Rossi's email address is [stpeterschoolri@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschoolri@gmail.com). My email address is [stpeters5@cox.net](mailto:stpeters5@cox.net).**

**SCHOOL GUILD SECRETARY:** Due to new work hours, our present secretary, **Patty Ramos**, cannot be present at our School Guild Meeting and therefore must resign as secretary. I would like to **thank Patty Ramos** for her service to us the past few years. Please call me at 781-9242 if you would be interested in this position. The School Guild meets for an hour or less about 6 times a year.

**SCHOOL GUILD EVENTS CALENDAR:** Enclosed in this week's **Friday Folder and e-folder** is a revised copy of the **School Guild Calendar**. **Pasta Dinner** had to be changed from April 7 to **April 14<sup>th</sup>**. **Grandparents' Day** was changed from April 27<sup>th</sup> to **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

**MEET THE TEACHERS:** **Meet the Teachers** is our very first **School Guild Meeting** of the school year. **It begins at 6:30 PM in the lower church.** At that time, you will hear from **Effman Music, Boy Scouts, Parent Federation (School Choice)** and most importantly, you will **meet the teachers**. You will also get to **sign up to volunteer** at some of the **activities** that the **School Guild** provides throughout the year. **After the initial meeting, you will proceed over to the school.** Further directions will be provided that evening.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** Prior to the 6:30 PM meeting on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, the **Safe Environment Video** will be shown in the **computer room** at **6:00 PM sharp**. All volunteers must watch this Video and complete the BCI Waiver form. You need to have your **driver's license** with you to complete the **Waiver form**. The **Safe Environment Video** can also be accessed from **the school website home page**—[stpeterschoolri.com](http://stpeterschoolri.com). BCI's and Safe Environment must be renewed every 3 years. If you are unsure of your status, **please check with Mrs. Rossi.**

**GRANDMA'S PIES:** We will once again be offering **Grandma's Pies**. **Delivery** will take place the **Monday of Thanksgiving week**. This is a traditional fundraiser that is liked by many. It is, however, **completely voluntary**. **Order**

**forms** are included in this week's **Friday Folder**. **Orders, including full payments, are due by October 6<sup>th</sup> in order to insure a Thanksgiving delivery.**

**PROVIDENCE BRUINS GAMES:** We will once make **certain games** and **events** at the **Dunkin' Donuts Center** available to you at **special prices**. These are completely for your convenience—the **school does not benefit** from these events. The first two games are **Providence Bruins** games. The cost to attend each game is **\$22.00 per person** and **comes with hats, popcorn and drinks for all the kids in the group**. The **first game** is scheduled for **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** and the **second game** is **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. **Checks are payable to the Providence Bruins but sent into the school office**. Please send in your order and payment by **September 29<sup>th</sup>** for the **first game** and by **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** for the **second game**. If you are interested in **both games**, you can send the orders in together, but **please pay with separate checks** because I will be sending the October order in first. **Flyers** for these games are included in the **Friday Folder and e-folder**.

**CONSTANT CONTACT:** Everyone will receive the **e-newsletter** through **Constant Contact**. Please make sure we have **your correct email addresses** so that you receive the many Constant Contact messages sent out throughout the year. At the bottom of the e-newsletter there is a place to **update your profile**. **To change emails, click 'update your profile'**. An email will be sent to your current email providing instructions to update your email and preferences. If you have any problems with this, please contact **Jen Galasso** at [jengalasso@gmail.com](mailto:jengalasso@gmail.com).

**FRIDAY FOLDERS:** If you choose to get a **hard copy** of the Friday Folder, please remember to **return the folder on Monday morning**. There are some weeks that we will have to send Friday Folders out to all families (due to the enclosures), including those who opt for e-folders. **All e-folders must be returned to the office as well.**

**UNIFORMS:** Just to clarify, every student needs at least **one dress uniform for Masses and special events**. On a daily basis, students may wear the **warm weather uniform** (pp.29- 31 in handbook) up **until November 1<sup>st</sup>** and the **winter uniform** (pp.29-30 in handbook) up **until May 1<sup>st</sup>**. They may **once again wear the warm weather uniform from May 1<sup>st</sup> until the last day of school**. The gym

**uniform** is described on pp. 29-32 in the handbook. **Students may choose to wear their dress uniform any day.**

**BASKETBALL:** We have dads willing to coach a **boys' basketball team, grades 6, 7 & 8. Now, we need a full team!!** A form was sent home on Monday asking the boys in grades 6, 7 & 8 if they would be interested. **If you have not yet returned the form, please do so ASAP.** Registration for the St. Peter Parish Basketball is this weekend (details were in the Parish Bulletin last weekend). You **cannot belong to both** a school and Parish team and we would really like to have a **school team** this year. **Show your support of our school** by joining the school basketball team.

**SPS FEINSTEIN SCHOLAR GOOD DEEDS CORNER:** We are an **Alan Shawn Feinstein Leadership School**. Each student at St. Peter Tri-Parish School belongs to the *Feinstein Junior Scholar Club*. With this membership there are benefits:

- **Mystic Aquarium** invites all the Jr. Scholars and their guest free admission three times every year until they are 16.
- The **Providence Children's Museum** will admit both the Jr. Scholar and their guest free.
- **Pawtuxet Red Sox** has granted the Jr. Scholar and their guest free admission to EVERY one of their upcoming 2018 games with a \$5.00 gift certificate for them at every game to spend on whatever they want there!
- **RI colleges** are granting increasing scholarships to our Jr. Scholars and **Roger Williams University** has just announced an annual Feinstein Community Service Day where students will be interacting with our Leadership schools for the betterment of all their communities.

Of course, you must **show your Jr. Scholar card** to gain free admission. Every child will receive a card this year. Should your child (or you) lose the card, we usually have extras in the office. Please just ask.

**PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION:** For the past several years, we have participated in the *Feeding America Peanut Butter Drive*. This year, **Blake Roberge, alumni of St. Peter School** currently attending **Bishop Hendricken High School**, is taking this on as his **community service project**. Each class will collect jars of peanut butter until **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The **winning class**, besides

doing a kind deed, will **win a cheesecake** from the **Cheesecake Factory**. Please consult the **flyer** enclosed in the **Friday Folder and e-folder**.

**LET'S HELP THE KIDS IN HOUSTON:** **Bob Fuoroli**, parishioner of St. Peter Church, has organized a **golf tournament** and **all proceeds** will benefit the **students in the Diocese of Houston**.

- **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Shotgun Scramble format**
- **Swansea Country Club**
- **18 Hole Championship Course**
- **\$80.00 per person**
- **Needs 100 people to make this work**
- Please contact **Bob Fuoroli** at **474-0650** or [bobf07@aol.com](mailto:bobf07@aol.com) **before 9-29-17**.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION & SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:** We have quite a few **Student Recognitions** and **Significant Events** that occurred during the summer months:

- **Camila Felix, Preschool 3**, has been taking **swimming lessons** since she was **9 months old**. As of August 29<sup>th</sup>, she **accomplished Pre-2 swim** and is moving up a level to **Pre-3**. She is a very **strong swimmer!**
- **Caitlin Trainor, Grade 5**, is a member of **Warwick North 9/10 year old All Star Softball Team**. Her team **won the State Championship this summer**. They went to **Regionals in PA** and took **4<sup>th</sup> place over all!**
- **Ava Parsons, Grade 4**, celebrated the birth of her **first cousin** in July. Ava is an only child, and this is her **first 1<sup>st</sup> cousin**, the **only other child in the family!** Ava was the only one for almost 10 years, so this was a **very exciting and special event for her!!**
- **Elliana Giansanti, Preschool 4**, celebrated the **birth of her brother Zachary** on August 24, 2017.
- **Abigail Aldridge, Preschool 3**, had to say **good-bye to daddy Scott** who left on an **11 month deployment overseas**. We wish him the **best of luck and a safe return** in 11 months.
- **Holden Smith, Preschool 3**, is **waiting to welcome** his dad, Ted, home from his **deployment in October**. Holden can't wait to see dad!

- **Ava Tallie, Kindergarten**, made a **big move from CT to RI**. Her **entire extended family is in CT**. It was a **difficult transition**, including moving from a **public to private school**, but Ava seems to have **settled in beautifully**.

**We offer to congratulations to our students on their accomplishments and wish them all a happy school year!**

- We extend our **sincere condolences** to **Payton Scurry, Grade 4**, and her family. Payton's grandfather, **Harmon Scurry**, passed away over the summer. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**THANK YOU:** We are very **grateful** to **Matthew Tsimikas**, George and Victoria's dad, for power washing and painting the walls of the school yard during summer vacation. We start the year off with **nice, clean surroundings!**

**STOP AND SHOP:** Our school is participating in the **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program**. **Directions for participating** are included in your **Friday Folder and e-folder**. **Our ID # is 07435**. **If you supported our school last year, you DO NOT need to register your card again.**

**FLU CLINIC 2017:** **Save the date!** Our **flu clinic** will take place on **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 PM**. **Nurses** from the **Wellness Company** in Providence will be here to administer the injections. We will send more information closer to the flu clinic date.

**TUITION:** The **third tuition payment** was due on **September 1, 2017**.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**SEPTEMBER 18—HOT LUNCH PROGRAM BEGINS**

**SEPTEMBER 19—SAFE ENVIRONMENT—6:00 PM COMPUTER LAB  
MEET THE TEACHERS—6:30 PM LOWER CHURCH**

**SEPTEMBER 20—CROSS COUNTRY MEET- Rgr. Williams Park-5:00 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 21—EFFMAN BAND FORMS DUE**

**SEPTEMBER 27—CROSS COUNTRY MEET -5:00 PM Rgr. Williams Park**

**Pope Francis encourages our school children to dream, just like Martin Luther King, and “*not lose hope of a better world with greater possibilities. Wherever there are dreams there is joy and Jesus is always present.*”**

~Pope Francis

Welcome back and God bless!

Joan Sickinger  
Principal

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