



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.*



September 29, 2017

Dear Parents,

Fall is finally here and we will be celebrating its arrival at our annual **Harvest Fest**. This year, we made **some changes** but I think you will be pleased. Along with a special **outdoor movie** (pray for good weather) there will be **food trucks, popcorn, drinks, music and more**. A **flyer** will be **going home soon**; but, **please reserve Friday, October 20th**. In case of inclement weather, there will be a **rain date of Friday, November 3rd**.

LUNCH DUTY: Schedules have been sent home to our **returning and new lunch volunteers**. We cannot have a lunch program without a daily volunteer to help out. If you are interested in being **added to the volunteer sub list**, please contact Mrs. Rossi for the details.

EXTREME ENERGY: We are bringing in a special program entitled **Extreme Energy** for **grades 4-8 on October 6th**. This science show aligns with the **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics)** standards as well as the **Next Generation Science Standards**. From potential energy to **“controlled” explosions, thermal cameras to people-power**, students will explore **where energy comes from and where it ends up**. Students will

be able to **see, feel, and create energy**—not to mention **explore energy** at the **molecular level inside a giant, life-sized snow globe!** We are using part of the **October Dress Down** money to pay for this very informative presentation!

SCHOOL GUILD SECRETARY: The newsletter went home on Friday, September 15th and by 3:30 PM Friday afternoon we had a new **School Guild Secretary**. **Thank you, Roberta Minnis**, for offering to be our new secretary!!

MEET THE TEACHERS: Thank you to all who were able to attend our **Meet the Teacher Night**. I'd also like to **thank all the School Guild and parent volunteers** who provided the refreshments, **set up and cleaned up** and all who helped with the **BCI check**. **Without the help of our wonderful volunteers, we couldn't get it all done!!**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PICTURE WINNER: I'm very pleased to announce that the **Botham family, Ben (grade 3) and Julia (Pre-3)**, is this year's winner of **First Day of School Picture Contest**. They will receive a **\$25.00 gift certificate for school items**. If you'd like to see all the pictures that were entered into this year's contest, please look in our lobby and see the **poster that Susan Vitale, grandmother of Beth Vitale, Grade 4**, created to display all of the photographs. **It is beautiful!**

PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION: We did another **great job of collecting peanut butter** for the **RI Food Bank** this September. All in all we collected **252 jars of peanut butter**. All the grades did a great job. **The winning class was Grade One**. They get to choose a **cheesecake** from the **Cheesecake Factory**. Alumni, **Blake Roberge**, and **his family** picked up the peanut butter jars to have them weighed. This collection is sponsored by the **Cheesecake Factory** and Blake worked on it as part of his **community service for Bishop Hendricken**.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Many of you took advantage of viewing the **Safe Environment Video** before the 6:30 pm meeting on Sept. 19th. If you were not able to come on September 19th and would like to volunteer for anything during the school year, the video can be viewed from the **homepage of our website—stpeterschoolri.com**. You would also need to come into the office to sign your **BCI waiver**. Please bring your license at that time. **All volunteers must see this Video and be BCI cleared. BCI's and Safe Environment must be renewed every three years**. If you are unsure of your status, **please call Mrs. Rossi**.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: **Father Gagne** will once again have **October Devotions** on the **Mondays of October (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th) at 6:30 PM**—October Devotions consists of the **Rosary and Benediction**.

PAUL EFFMAN MUSIC SERVICE: All band forms have been received and classes will **begin next week**. We had **16 students** sign up for lessons this year. If you have any **questions** about the program or would like to **register your child up before next week**, please contact **Catherine Gagnon** at catherinegagnon1976@gmail.com.

GRANDMA'S PIES: Please continue to sell/buy Grandma's Pies **until October 5th**. Order forms were provided in **last week's Friday Folder**. **Orders and full payments are due by October 6th** in order to insure **Thanksgiving delivery**.

PROVIDENCE BRUINS GAMES: We will once again be offering certain games and events at the **Dunkin' Donuts Center** 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. **Each game is \$22 per person** and comes with **hats, popcorn and drinks for all the kids in the group**. The first game offered is **Friday, October 13th** and the second game is **Friday, November 17th**. Checks should be **payable Providence Bruins** but sent into the school office. Please get your orders and payment in by **September 29th** for the first game and by **November 3rd** 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 were included in the Friday Folder and e-folder of September 15th.

NATIONAL HISPANIC MONTH: **National Hispanic Month** is celebrated from **September 15th through October 15th**. This year, the students studying Spanish are celebrating the life of **Jose Guadalupe Posada (1852-1913)**. He was a **Mexican artist and illustrator**. He was well-known for his **political cartoons** and for his **calavera drawings**. Calavera means skull in Spanish. His drawings are humorous observations of people. I invite you to **ask your children what they are learning about Mr. Posada**. Please stop by the Spanish room, where, outside the door, is a **gallery of Posada's work and facts**.
(Contributed by Mrs. Cristina Kelley, Spanish teacher.)

OCEAN STATE URGENT CARE: St. Peter School was contacted by **one of the owners** of **Ocean State Urgent Care** last week. They opened this week in the Salvation Army/Benny's Plaza on **Warwick Avenue**. They would like to **sponsor our school** in the **Run through History 5 K** in the spring. In the meantime, please consider visiting this newly established business when you or a family member is feeling "under the weather"!

BASKETBALL: Middle School boys' **basketball practice** will begin in **October**.

WIZARD OF OZ MUNCHKINS: I am pleased to announce that **seven of our students** were cast in the **Bishop Hendricken High School** production:

Charlie Urso, grade 3

Michael Moreira, grade 3

Tiara Plante-Bailey, grade 3

Ashley Young, grade 4

Addison Eddy, grade 4

Reese Berube, grade 5

Gracie Lemieux, grade 5

Congratulations to these students!

Age appropriate grades will be invited to attend a **matinee performance** and **support their classmates on December 1st**.

VOLUNTEER FORM: The **Diocese of Providence** is requiring that all school volunteers, both in-school and at activities **sign a new form**. We will start sending them out to you shortly. Please sign the **“Acknowledgement of Receipt”** and return to Mrs. Rossi **immediately**. This form is in conjunction with the BCI Waiver and the Safe Environment Video, but is a **one-time** signature **form** that we will keep on file. **Thank you** for your cooperation.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS: We have played two games since the last newsletter. The results are as follows:

October 13th: In the **4th/5th grade race**, **St. Peter dominated the top spots** with **Brent Karpowich (5th grade)**, **Alex Teixeira (5th grade)**, and **Freddie Russell (4th grade)** finishing **2nd, 3rd and 4th place** respectively. **Ashley Young (4th grade)** was **not far behind** with an **18th place finish!**

In the **Middle School boys’ race**, **Aidan Moreira** picked up the spot for St. Peter Tri-Parish School with a **3rd place finish**. **Luke Karpowich (7th grade)** came in **21st place**, **Zachary Young (6th grade)** came in **31st place**, **Jacob Minnis (7th grade)** came in **38th place**, and **Aaron Sullivan (7th grade)** came in **41st place**.

In the **Middle School girls’ race**, **Grace Moreira** had a strong performance as St. Peter Tri-Parish School’s **sole runner**, finishing in **18th place** out of **47 runners**.

October 20th: In the 4th/5th grade race, the top SPS runners were **Brent Karpowich (5th grade) 3rd place, Alex Teixeira (5th grade) 13th place, Liam Jarvis (5th grade) 17th place and Andrew Ramos (4th grade) 19th place.**

In the **Middle School boys race, Aidan Moreira (grade 8) came in 2nd place, Luke Karpowich (7th grade) came in 18th place, Zach Young (6th grade) came in 23rd place, Aaron Sullivan (7th grade) came in 34th place and Jacob Minnis (7th grade) came in 35th place.**

In the **Middle School girls' race, Grace Moreira had an exciting finish, coming in 23rd place.**

Congratulations to all our runners. Results from the **September 27th meet at Slater Park** will be in the October 13th newsletter.

ST.RITA/WARWICK JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: **St. Rita Parish** has expressed an interest at our **Pastoral Meetings** of organizing events to bring the **youth of the Warwick parishes** together in hopes that they **become more involved with church related activities.** Enclosed in this week's **Friday Folder** and e-folder is a flyer describing some of these **youth activities.** We will try to keep you informed of these events throughout the year. If you have any questions, **please call St. Rita's Parish—738-1800.**

SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY: On **November 14, 2017,** we will have a special **Dress Down Day** to benefit **Right to Life Services, Inc.** Right to Life Services is RI Right to Life's statewide pregnancy resource center since 1969. Thousands of moms (and some dads) come through their door for **help with "must-have" baby needs.** **Any donation on November 14th** will be appreciated. **Thank you,** in advance, for your generosity.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: **Father Gagne** will once again **honor St. Francis of Assisi** by **blessing our animals on Saturday, October 7th.** This special blessing will take place at **noontime in the school yard.** I will be there with my **Mopsy—hope to see you there too!**



25 WEEK CLUB: Our **25 Week Club** will begin a few weeks. Joining the Club is a perfect way to take care of your **annual family Mandatory Fundraising obligation**. More information will be sent home shortly.

STUDENT RECOGNITION & SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- The **Tsimikas family, George (grade 2) and Victoria (Pre-4)** have recently moved into a **new home**. They are all very excited about all the new changes!
- **Corey Johnson (grade 1)** started **Karate** in August. He already has his **white belt** and one strip on the belt.
- Please keep **Concetta Pine Amalfitano, Jack Pine's (grade 7)** aunt in your prayers. She has been ill.

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 7th** from **4:00 to 6:00 PM**.

TUITION: The fourth tuition payment is due on **October 1, 2017**.

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 2	DRESS DOWN--\$5.00 PER FAMILY FOR THE MONDAYS IN OCTOBER
	OCTOBER DEVOTIONS—ST. PETER CHURCH at 6:30 PM
OCTOBER 4	FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS—GRADE 6 MASS at 10:00 AM
	CROSS COUNTRY—4:30 PM ROGER WILLIAMS PARK
OCTOBER 6	PIE ORDERS DUE
	1:30 PM EXTREME ENERGY—GRADES 4-8
OCTOBER 7	BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—NOON—ST. PETER SCHOOL YARD
OCTOBER 9	NO SCHOOL—COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 10	GRADE 5 FIELD TRIP TO JOHN BROWN HOUSE
OCTOBER 11	PRINCIPAL MEETING 8:00 AM

