

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

February 16, 2017

SSPP SCHOOL

Many thanks to all who participated in our **Theme Tray Auction** last Friday. We had so many fantastic baskets that were raffled off, 50/50 tickets and silent auction items. It was a great success, once again in part to Kim Adamczyk, Rebecca Attea, Amanda Zdrojewski, Michelle Georger, and the many helpers who set up, cleaned up, sold tickets, and did whatever was needed to make for a fun night!

Order your tickets for our next fun event! **A Dinner and Comedy Night** will be held on Sat., March 18th at SSPP. Doors open at 5:30, dinner begins at 6:00, with a comedy show by *Comedysportz* to follow. Your ticket includes Chef's dinner buffet, the comedy show, beer, wine and soda. See the enclosed flier for more information and a ticket order form.

The **Niagara Chocolate Sale ends tomorrow**. Please be sure to have your orders turned into the main office. Candy pick up is scheduled for March 27th-29th in the school gym.

Keep selling those **Sweepstakes tickets!** This fundraiser, in conjunction with our 5K Race, are the major means of earning money for our school. The \$10,000 in prize money will be awarded at the Charge of the Knights 5K race on May 20th. Tickets are due back to the school office by May 5th. The amount of any unsold tickets/family will be added to your tuition account after this date (Grades K-8). (Please see page 47 of the Parent/Student Handbook). **In addition, if your family sells more than the required 10 tickets, each additional ticket will earn a chance to win a tuition credit for the 2017-18 school year, so it behooves you to sell more than 10!**

Congratulations to the Cerny/Martinez family for winning a **Scrip gift card for their volunteerism** during the Month of January. Your February forms are enclosed, so please be sure to fill them out and turn them in, especially if you helped out with the Theme Tray Auction!

Re-registration forms were due Feb.3rd. We still have many outstanding forms. I still don't have a winner for the class free jeans day and the kids are getting anxious! *Even if you do not plan on returning to SSPP next year, we will need your form returned stating this.*

A second reminder form is enclosed in your folder if we have not received yours yet.

PLEASE help us by returning your forms ASAP!

As a reminder, **transportation requests for bussing** must be made to the district in which you reside by **April 1st** in order to be assured that your service will not be interrupted for the 2017-18 school year. Forms are on our school website under the "Joining" tab - "Transportation" link.

The **BISON Fund is accepting Pre-Applications** for funding for the 2017-18 school year for families **new** to BISON until Feb. 28, 2017. The highest scholarship amount has been raised to \$1,900/child. Apply online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. Applications will be entered into a lottery drawing in early March. Funding is based on household income.

Current BISON families were emailed a link for requalification on Feb. 13th.

The **Lost & Found** bin overfloweth! PLEASE check through it to see if any of the items belong to your child...there are uniform pieces, gym shorts, lunch boxes, and even coats! They must belong to someone...the items will be donated if they are not claimed.

Mark your calendars - we have another **Scholastic Book Fair** coming up! It is scheduled for March 27th-31st.

We are offering another **Mind Your Manners class** this Spring. The class is open to all in grades K-8 and will be held after school for 4 sessions beginning March 9th. See the flier for more information and registration.

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Ss. Peter and Paul School, Williamsville



In a short time you will be receiving information in the mail about an initiative in our Diocese called "Upon This Rock." This initiative is designed to bring long term support to many ministries here in Western New York.

I want you to know how very important Upon This Rock is for our school.

First, 35% of whatever money Saints Peter and Paul Parish raises for *Upon This Rock* will be returned to us. **Father Jerry and our parish trustees have committed this money for repair and improvements to our school building.** There are many physical needs for our school: new boilers, new flooring in the gym and throughout the school, and classroom renovation. If our parish reaches the *Upon This Rock* goal, this could mean over \$370,000 in improvements to our school.

Second, the Diocese has committed 3% of the \$100 million diocesan goal for expansion of the STREAM Program. This would bring in 3 million dollars for schools with the STREAM program, including ours! STREAM has been an outstanding success here at Saints Peter and Paul and additional funding could only make it more effective for all our children. **We will be applying for the 1st phase of the STREAM grants next month and are hoping for \$5,000-7,000 for our program!**

Third, a successful *Upon This Rock* initiative will also commit 12 million dollars for an endowment for **tuition assistance.** This would provide a long lasting fund that would enable more parents to receive tuition assistance and bring more children into our school.

I hope you realize that the diocesan *Upon This Rock* initiative will bring unprecedented support for Catholic Schools, especially here at Saints Peter and Paul. **It offers over 15 million dollars in support of Catholic education.** I hope that you will carefully read the materials that are sent you and give serious consideration to a contribution for this initiative.

Of course, please remember that whatever you may contribute to *Upon This Rock* is in addition to your support of our parish. Any decrease in your support of for our parish for the sake of *Upon This Rock* would not help our school. Supporting our parish and *Upon This Rock* will bring in additional funding and important enhancement for your child's Catholic education.

Thank you for all that you do for Saints Peter and Paul School. I hope you can join with me in the confidence that *Upon This Rock* is an outstanding opportunity for our school now and in the future.

Teaching Good Study Habits, Minute by Minute

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<http://edut.to/2dzPQ98>

Nobody said that raising an adolescent was easy, and schooling one is even more of a challenge! Parents are taking on a lot of school responsibility, and let's face it -- things are different than they used to be. How are parents supposed to know how to handle the homework load without some guidance?

Take studying, for example. If you are a parent of a struggling or resistant learner, you've probably heard more than one person suggest, "She just needs to study more." Most kids think this means filling in a study guide or rereading a chapter. But many don't learn by writing or reading. Their strengths lie in the visual, kinesthetic, musical, or social realm. How, then, are we to help our children develop their studying skills? The task does not have to be daunting. In fact, it can actually be simple and effective!

Getting Started

Determine when tests will happen.

Use school websites, email, planners, etc. to help you and your adolescent pinpoint an effective way to get tests on the calendar.

Set a goal.

Work with your student to determine how many days of studying he needs, and make a session-minute goal (one minute per grade level) and a target for him to study twice daily. An eighth-grade student will set the timer for eight minutes each session, a tenth-grade student for ten minutes, and so on.

Determine the study material.

Notes, study guides, worksheets, or quizzes from the chapter or unit are all good choices. Textbooks are easily accessible, but study material from them may be difficult to identify.

Ask and answer.

Have your adolescent ask and answer her own questions, or for those of you with social students, you can join in and ask the questions. If she gets through the material before the time is up, start over!

Do it again.

Set aside the same time increment before bed, and repeat the entire exercise.

If you do the math, a sixth-grade student will study twelve minutes every day for five days, and will have put 60 minutes of no-tears studying into his pocket!

Enjoy your February break!!!

See you on Feb. 27th!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester