



Principal's Post

September 28, 2017

Dear Parents,

Important Dates

Sept. 29th 7:45 am
Paraliturgy Gr 4

Sept. 29th 7:00 pm
*Welcome Back
Dance*

Oct. 3rd-5th
*CogAT Testing
Gr 2 & 6*

Oct. 6th 1:45
*Emergency Bus
Drill*

Oct. 8th 9:30 am
*8th Gr Sunday
Family Mass*

Oct. 9th
*No School -
Columbus Day*

Oct. 13th 3-6:00pm
*Chiavetta's
Chicken Dinner*

Oct. 17th
8th Gr Shadow Day

Oct. 18th 6:30 pm
*HSA Committee
Meeting*

Thank you to all who came out to Meet Our Teachers last Thursday night. We had a great turn out of parents (and students, too!), and we are looking forward to another really good year!

As a reminder from last week's meeting, please order **Scrip gift cards as often as you can**. Remember, we're not asking you to purchase gift cards for things you don't need, but rather to purchase these gift cards for the things you'll already be buying next week. (Tops Markets, Target, movie tickets, restaurants, etc.) **Return your order form by Monday morning and you will receive your gift cards by Friday**. All it takes is a little planning ahead in order to make this work. It's truly a painless fundraiser that can generate **a lot** of money for our school without spending anything extra! Order forms can be found on our school website if you'd like to pay by check, you can create an account to order through shopwithscrip.com and you can also order and pay online through our school website now (new this year!) <http://sspps.school.com/parents/order-scrip-online/>

The Sisters of St. Francis will be hosting their **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** on Sun., Oct. 29th at Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall at 10950 Main St. in Clarence. All proceeds from this dinner benefit the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. They are **looking for students in grades 7-12 to help** serve, wait on tables, set and clean the tables after each seating, pour drinks, and clean up afterwards. The students will work either a 4 hour shift 10:30 am-2:30 pm or 2:15 pm - 7:00 pm or clean up crew 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. They may also work the entire dinner from 10:30 am- 8:00 pm. This is a great way for students to earn community service hours. If your child is interested, please have them complete a Volunteer Form for this event from the Family Folder section on the school website. The forms need to be returned by Oct. 13th. If you'd like **to attend the dinner fundraiser**, tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. Reserve your tickets in advance by calling 632-2155 ext. 685 or purchase them at the door.

Next Fri., Oct, 6th has been designated as the day for the annual test of the **Emergency Go Home Procedures** in accordance with Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Dismissal will occur 15 minutes earlier than usual on this date. This exercise will be conducted to test our emergency early dismissal plan. After school care and activities will not be affected.



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Is your daughter interested in joining the Girl Scouts? Please join us for Open House Information Night on Monday October 30th, 2017 from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the SSPP school cafeteria. Girls in grades K-4 are welcome to attend with a parent -- come see what Girl Scouts is all about! RSVP to 5mercercers@roadrunner.com by Oct. 26th.

Students in **grades 2 & 6 will be taking the CogATs next week.** The CogATs (Cognitive Aptitude Tests) appraise the development of students' reasoning abilities using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal cognitive tasks. The abilities appraised are those that enable students to acquire, organize, store in memory and recall information; to make inferences; to detect relationships; to comprehend and analyze problem situations; to form concepts; to discover and remember sequences; to recognize patterns; to classify or categorize objects, events and concept; to infer rules and principles; and to relate and use previous experiences to accomplish new learning tasks or solve novel problems.

We use the results of the CogATs to:

- Adapt instruction to the needs and abilities of the students
- Provide a measure of cognitive development
- Identify students whose predicted levels of achievement are markedly discrepant from their observed levels of achievement
- Identify strengths and weaknesses of general cognitive skills so that strengths could be used to facilitate learning and weaknesses addressed effectively
- Help identify students for academically gifted programs
- Identify students whose levels of cognitive ability indicate that they may be at risk of encountering difficulties in learning so that appropriate early interventions can be implemented
- Help students and parents make appropriate educational decisions

Students cannot study for the test; they need only get a good night's rest and eat a nutritious breakfast. The results of the CogATs will be sent to parents a few weeks after the tests are taken. The report will provide a detailed explanation of the results.

Don't forget about our **Wrapping Paper Sale!** Orders can also be placed online at www.charlestonwrap.com using code **z-12305**. Students can earn prizes for sale levels and our school benefits greatly from each sale.

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40 CFR Part 763), Ss. Peter and Paul School is required to give annual notification stating that the **Asbestos Management Plan** for our building is available and kept in the main office. These records are available for review during normal business hours upon request.



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Ss. Peter and Paul School may use pesticide products periodically throughout the year. The **Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law** requires schools to maintain a list of staff and persons in a parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour written notice prior to the application of pesticides. Written notifications will include the date, locations and product used for each application. For further information or to be placed on the school-specific 48-hour notification list, please contact Mrs. Judy Monaco, Business Manager at 632-2559.

For parents of students in **grades 2-8, please be sure to return the Just Buffalo Writer in Residence Program permission slips as soon as possible** as we will begin the program next month and need to have the permission slips in place.

Our 8th grade class will be hosting a **Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner on Fri., Oct. 13th from 3:00-6:00 pm**. Please help support this event which will provide them with funding for their class trip to Washington, DC. Order forms are enclosed.

I neglected to add our usual monthly **Jeans Day for charity to our September calendar**. I was reminded (repeatedly) that we typically have them on Paraliturgy days, so since **tomorrow** our 4th graders will be hosting the first Paraliturgy for the school year, **we WILL have a Jean's Day**. (\$1.00 donation please). If your child does not want to participate, of course he/she may always wear the school uniform.

Several of our **8th graders will be participating in the 9:30 am Mass on Sun., Oct. 8th at SSPP Parish**. All 8th grade students and families are invited to attend and participate in a gathering afterwards in the Neumann Rooms under the church where light refreshments will be served.

In lieu of holding Scholastic Book Fairs this year, we will be encouraging families to support our classroom libraries by **purchasing monthly Scholastic books for your children**. Orders will be due at the end of each month and purchases will directly benefit your child's classroom. Order forms will be sent home monthly by your child's teacher.

Finally, our 5th-8th grade students participated in the democratic process yesterday and heard speeches from the candidates for the **offices of the Student Council**. Based on the majority of votes by the students, we'd like to congratulate Ryleigh Montasser (Secretary), Andrew Manna (Treasurer), Liam McCarty (Vice President) and Henry Weimer (President). The speeches were excellent and were delivered flawlessly. Congratualtions also to nominees Phillip Attea, Sophia Young, Amelia Marchese, Maria Quinteros, Aaron Reeb, Ethan Pantera and Jack Radomski.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester

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