



## St. Peter's Regional School: February 2018

# eNewsletter

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**School Mass:** 2/2 9:00 A.M.  
2/14 9:00 A.M. Ash Wed.



**ALL ARE WELCOME!** 😊

2/1,8,15,22	Pizza Thursday's \$1.50; daily milk .50
2/2	Ice Cream Friday Free for Catholic Schools Week Celebration
2/2	Report Cards go home
2/7	PreK4 leaps into Kindergarten
2/7,14,21,28	Grilled Cheese Wednesdays \$1.65; daily milk .50
2/12	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Begins
2/13	Touring Tuesday 9-11
2/19	Full Day of School
2/23	PreK4 leaps in Kindergarten Parents are welcome at 1:30



**Winter Weather:** With the cold weather upon us, please make sure your child has the proper outside clothing including snow pants, boots, mittens, and hats. Let the teacher know if the outerwear can stay in school or needs to be sent home. Please consider mittens for your child. With so many small hands, gloves take quite a long time to get on, and the children lose playing time while we get them dressed. Also, once there is snow, the mittens need to be the type that can get wet. Mittens made of knit material quickly get wet and children get cold.

**Latchkey:** We want to wish EJ Allen, one of our afterschool Latchkey aides, good luck as he begins his college journey. EJ's last day was on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We are happy to announce the return of Kat Johnston to the program. Kat previously worked at Latchkey for almost 2 years prior to the current school year. She may ask for identification from adults until she gets to know you, please be patient as she ensures your child's safety.

**Fundraising:** Our Krispy Kreme fundraiser will begin on Feb. 12. Please look for an order form in your email. In the past this has been a very successful activity.

**PreK4 Kindergarten Leaping:** As a way to help you and your child prepare for kindergarten with Mrs. Del Gatto, we have set a series of dates when the PreK4 children will spend time in the Kindergarten classroom. More information was sent home last week. Please note on the information sheet, there is a day when parents will be welcome to join their preschooler in Kindergarten. This will give you an opportunity to meet Mrs. Del Gatto and have her answer any questions you have about our Kindergarten program.

**SMART Tuition:** Questions about billing, late fees, or change of information are to be directed to SMART by calling (866) 395-2986 or by logging onto your parent account. To set up a parent account, go to [www.parent.smarttuition.com](http://www.parent.smarttuition.com).

**Uniform Reminders:** All students are to be in the school uniform each day. Jeans, fashion tee-shirts or boots and colored nail polish are not part of the uniform. Please make sure all children are in closed toe shoes every day. This provides the most safety and best stability to play.

**Long-term Planning:**

3/19- Donuts with Dad (or special male) in celebration of St. Joseph's Day 8:00. Invitation to follow  
3/26-4/2/18-Easter Vacation  
4/18/18- Spring Picture Day- Sunday Best  
4/20- Earth Day Family activity  
5/11- Mother's Day (special female) Activity  
6/15/18- Kindergarten Graduation, Time TBD

**Children's Shop:** As your children outgrow this year's uniforms, please consider donating them in good condition to the St. Peter's Children's Shop (292-2852). Store hours are Wednesday & Saturday between 10-1. Donations can be brought there or dropped off at school. Dottie has a great selection of gently used uniforms at a great price!

**Good Shop:** If you register at [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) a portion of your online purchases at hundreds of stores, including Macys, Land's End, Etsy, Walmart, Shutterfly, and Travelocity will be donated to St. Peter's School. Registration is free and prices do not increase for using the service. Thank you to anyone who has purchased items using Good Shop, we just received a check for \$47.00.

**Do You Know?:** Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is a day when Catholics wear their faith on their forehead. The ashes we receive is an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The receiving of the ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was in the 11<sup>th</sup> century that the custom of Catholics receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday began and in the 12<sup>th</sup> century the custom of burning the previous year's palm branches began. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Catholics older than 14 are supposed to abstain from meat and those between 18-59, without any health concerns, should eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 6-week period of preparation for Easter, the holiest day in the Christian calendar, known as Lent. Traditionally Catholics give something up to remind us of Christ's sacrifice for all of us. More recently, Catholics have included service to others during these 6 weeks.

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