

St. Peter's School—Weekly Messenger

September 1, 2017

Dear St. Peter's Families,

We conclude this week by turning the calendar to September—time is flying! Yesterday before we closed our all-school Mass in song, we commissioned and blessed the Class of 2018, our eighth graders, who are expected to exemplify kindness and leadership at St. Peter's School. These young men and women pledged their commitment to the following:

You are embarking on your final year at St. Peter's School. It is appropriate that you carefully consider the year ahead, as you work together as student leaders to live our school theme, "Daring Disciples Deliver," in 2017-18. Your gifts, talents, and abilities were not simply given to you so you could be noticed and praised; God has planted a deeper purpose within each one of you. Everything about each one of us is meant to show God's glory and take the message of God's love to others. We are encouraged to go out on a limb and be daring—to stand up for someone who can't stand up for him or herself, to say no to a friend, or tell someone about Jesus. As you enter your graduation year, we, your teachers and administrators, commission you to always use your talents and gifts to praise God and to spread his love. We pray that you will stay close to the Lord, and more and more come to live and make choices with the mind and heart of Jesus. Therefore, will you pledge to model our school theme, "Daring Disciples Deliver" and demonstrate kindness to all...for all students at St. Peter's School?

We are very proud of these students, as they have been such good sports about starting their final year at St. Peter's in a home-away-from-home. We believe in them and all the goodness that lies ahead! After the commission, it was our honor to recognize eighth grader Graham Ormiston as the Class of 2018 recipient of the Brian Patrick Euston Live Life with an Exclamation Point! Award. In memory of St. Peter's 2001 graduate Brian Euston, this award sponsored by Brian's parents, Kevin and Kathy Euston, celebrates a student who embodies Brian's spirit, such as an easy, fun-loving attitude and welcoming demeanor. Congratulations, Graham!

Messenger Envelopes were sent home with your family's messenger yesterday. Please be sure to empty the envelope completely, return any pertinent paperwork with your child(ren) to their homeroom teachers, as well as the signed envelope. Messenger Envelopes are one-way communication tools from school to home, so please do not send back paperwork in the envelopes, but rather separately.

We want to share with you that St. Peter's School librarian, Mrs. Jennifer Banta, is taking a medical leave of absence from her current position. Jennifer hopes and plans to return to St. Peter's in January, and we certainly look forward to her return! As you also know, we are very blessed with many capable and willing volunteers, some who have worked alongside Jennifer in the library for several years. Effective next week, the following substitutes will be sharing library responsibilities:

- Mondays—Mrs. Andrea Ways-Newman
- Tuesdays—Mrs. Sam Kilgore
- Thursdays—Mrs. Diana Halverson

Mrs. Banta will be helping all three transition to the library expectations and routines next week. Please help us welcome these substitute librarians to St. Peter's Southwest!

We have rescheduled the Mr. Jim "Stinky Feet" Cosgrove assembly for students in grades K-4. The assembly will be Wednesday, September 27, at 9:30 am.

Some of you have inquired about a "Back to School" Night; as our access to SW is limited, we are unable to host an evening event at this time. Please know we are brainstorming ways that we might offer information to parents in a different format—teachers have been communicating regularly with parents, and we encourage you to contact your children's teachers with any questions/concerns. Please be sure to read through all email messages from teachers (and school). In addition, you can find flash news and other news and information posted in Sycamore. We encourage you to log in often! There IS a "Back to School" night for ECLC/PK next Wednesday, September 6, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Legacy Center, where preschool classrooms are located. Finally, I would like to remind you that we have some terrific upcoming enrichment opportunities—you can find the enrichment information in Sycamore by clicking on "Documents."

We hope you have a terrific long weekend, and we will see everyone when we return after Labor Day.

Blessings, Angie Meyer, Co-Principal, St. Peter's School