

## St. Peter's School—Weekly *Messenger* September 10, 2017

Dear Families,

We had another great week at St. Peter's School! Daily in both morning and afternoon prayers, we have been praying for those impacted by the recent Hurricane Harvey and current Hurricane Irma—we know many have family and friends in the path of the hurricanes, and we pray for their safety and wellbeing. We know teachers and classes have been praying individual intentions, as well. Our Christ Skill for the month of September is RESPECT—we will all work on this lifeline, which encourages us to consider someone or something worthy and admirable.

In his homily at Thursday's all-school Mass, Fr. Steve challenged us to take risks and be daring in our faith—Jesus doesn't expect us to be the best, he expects us to try our best, including reaching out to everyone in love.

To grow as a faith community, our faculty is participating in a Diocesan-wide study and reading of the Book of Matthew. Our first readings and discussion in small group faith communities focused on the Infancy Narratives.

Our ECLC/PK Open House "Back to School Night" last Wednesday was very well attended, and everyone had a great time checking out the preschool classrooms, getting acquainted, and enjoying ice cream and popsicles. Thank you to those who were able to attend! We are happy to have your families in our St. Peter's School community!

Another way to get acquainted with other families from St. Peter's is to support a PTA Dining Night Out event—our next opportunity is this Wednesday, September 13, at Pizzeria Locale. Pizzeria Locale is giving back a very generous 50% of your purchase back to St. Peter's School (please see detailed info on the following page).

Speaking of ECLC/PK...a school nurse from Bertram Caruthers Elementary School in KCKS has reached out to STP social services director, Dan Needham, for help. The school is specifically asking for gently used clothing for children ages 3-6 (shorts, pants, shirts, and coats). Our preschoolers have already begun a clothing drive, which we would like to support. A collection barrel will be in place at STP SW through Friday, September 22, if you are able to contribute.

St. Peter's sixth graders are putting their faith into action by spearheading fundraising efforts to help support hurricane victims. This Wednesday, September 13, they are hosting a Bake Sale for all students in grades K-8. Students are invited to bring 25 or 50 cents to purchase baked goods during their lunches. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities, to supplement our parish donations from second collections at this weekend's Masses. In addition, Jeans Day proceeds from our upcoming September 22, "Jeans Day" will be donated to Catholic Charities.

To honor our country and remember 9-11, all St. Peter's Scouts are invited and welcome to wear scout uniforms to school tomorrow, Monday, September 11. We would like to thank seventh grader Liam Hayes, new to St. Peter's this year, for suggesting this opportunity.

We know that traffic builds up a bit during our morning drop-off, although we are very grateful for everyone's patience. We encourage those of you arriving too closely to 8, to make every attempt to leave home a few minutes earlier, so that your children can be IN their classrooms, ready to start the day BY 8 am. While being a few minutes tardy may seem no big deal—it requires time to go to the office for a tardy slip (IF your child(ren) are tardy, you must deliver them personally to the office—please do NOT drop off outside our main entrance, as we cannot guarantee their safe entry without you) and delays classroom teachers efforts at taking attendance and lunch orders in a timely fashion. It also prevents your child from starting the day with his/her classmates and beginning valuable morning board work.

We did have an accident at 65<sup>th</sup> and Wornall earlier this week; as much as possible, we encourage you to turn right onto Wornall after dropping your children off on the north side of the building. It is an easier turn to make, as well as safer. Also, the position of the sun makes driving east even more challenging and makes it hard to see oncoming traffic. Slowing down during drop-off and being extra vigilant about walkers who must cross the street is much appreciated!

We would like you to know that we have PTA trash bags for sale in the school office at SW. We have large blue, yellow, and white kitchen bags, and each roll is \$12. Additionally, we do have some used uniforms in the office; our used uniform coordinator, Cathy McLane, has stocked us with a variety of sizes. If you would like to check through these items or purchase trash bags, please see Mrs. Stephanie Holcombe or Mrs. Carol Fryer in the school office.

Please remember that we have some terrific Enrichment opportunities at St. Peter's School. While a few classes have begun, more start this week. I encourage you to see the opportunities posted on our school website @ [http://stpkc.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm\\_uploads/2017/08/Enrichment-Fall-2017.pdf](http://stpkc.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2017/08/Enrichment-Fall-2017.pdf) and also in Sycamore (check "Documents"). If your child could benefit from some organization and routine, please consider our Homework Club.

Finally, many of you have perhaps received your invitation to the FIRE Ball, which includes raffle tickets. St. Peter's School is planning a special FIRE Week to celebrate our privilege of practicing inclusive Catholic education. We are participating in a friendly competition with fellow Diocesan schools. If you sell your raffle tickets, please send envelopes with money and the tickets back to STP, so we can track the number sold. All school families will be receiving those raffle tickets soon! (See next page for the FIRE Foundation's special "Save the Date" flyer.)

As always, on behalf of our administration, faculty, and staff, I thank you for your continued prayers, support, and gift of your children! Angie Meyer, Co-Principal

# JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Come into the Pizzeria Locale at 505 W 75th St KC, MO  
Wednesday, September 13, from 4 pm – 9 pm

*Mention this fundraiser at the register, and 50% of your  
purchase will be donated to Saint Peter's Catholic School*

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## Save the Date!

October 14    FIRE Ball 2017    Midland Theatre    6 pm

***Are you ready for a Hot Havana Night?***

Support inclusive Catholic education at our school  
and throughout the Diocese at FIRE Foundation's signature event.

Get set for delicious Cuban cuisine and exotic libations,  
cool classic cars, and the sultry sounds of salsa, merengue and rumba.  
The silent and live auctions will be sizzling with action, adventure, and one-of-a-kind items.

We're raising funds to create successful learning environments for students with special needs  
and we're raising the roof with fun and fantastic fiesta!

Tickets sell fast and capacity is limited so go to **[firefoundation.org](http://firefoundation.org)**  
to reserve your spot and buy your raffle tickets  
for a chance to win \$1996! That's the year FIRE was founded.

We're also on the hunt for energetic *volunteers*, *auction donations* and generous *underwriters*.

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