

St. Peter's Messenger—August 26 2016

Yesterday at our all-school Mass, Fr. Steve's message focused on unity, and how our faith connects us. At the conclusion of Mass, our eighth graders, the Class of 2017, were "commissioned" as student leaders of our school. These young men and women pledged to accept the call to model our theme for all students at St. Peter's.

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, "Live Like Jesus...Make a Difference," in 2016-2017. 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. 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.

After the commissioning it was my honor to recognize eighth grader Joey LaBella as the Class of 2017 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 exemplifies Brian's spirit, such as a ready smile and welcoming, positive attitude. Father Steve's homily was especially fitting yesterday, as we feel confident that Brian stormed his way through Heaven to greet his Aunt Sally Euston in July—a fitting message about being united in faith and family.

Thank you for continued patience as the new circle drop-off archway construction continues. Faculty and staff **are** now parking in the new Legacy lot; however, Meyer drop-off will continue on Meyer Boulevard while the rock wall/archway construction is completed. Please observe speed limits and utilize the crosswalks for the safety of all. **In addition, there should be no student drop-offs in the Legacy lot.** While there are a few additional spaces for preschool parents to park and walk their children in (we prefer preschool parents use the lower lot off Rockhill), families should have no need to pull into the Legacy lot. Please utilize continuous drop-off on Meyer or in the south circle drive, or park farther west or north on Meyer and walk (using the crosswalk and security of our crossing guard) or park in the south playground lot to walk children in, if necessary.

We know that some of you have had difficulty with login information in My Students Progress (MSP). We are addressing those problems as quickly as possible, at times with some help from the MSP support team. Please let Angie Meyer know if you have continued troubles.

Children who are the messengers for their families will be bringing home Messenger Envelopes today. Please empty all paperwork, complete any documents that should be returned, and return to school with your child Monday. However, please do not return the paperwork in the Messenger Envelope—these are one-way communication tools (school to home), and we do not empty them for paperwork. The envelope should come back to school empty Monday, and paperwork should be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher. If circumstances call for an additional Messenger Envelope for your family, please let the school office know. Typically, Messenger Envelopes will go home with students the last Thursday of the month.

Parents of students in grades 4-8 will find a Diocesan "Parental or Guardian Permission for Direct Contact with Minors" form in your Messenger Envelopes. The top portion is intended to be completed by the school—at this time, the contact with your child will be via the Microsoft Online tools and/or Google Docs, using the email address assigned to your child at St. Peter's.

The St. Peter's Food Pantry is grateful for this week's donations! Thank you for your generosity! Eighth-grade students helped Mr. Dan Needham transport the food and barrels over to the Food Pantry today.

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Congratulations to parent and St. Peter's School Board member Jason Mudd, who has been selected to serve on the Diocesan School Board!

Many preschool and/or Kindergarten parents have inquired about Tippi Toes dance, which was promoted at Packet Day—enrichment opportunities will be sent out to all parents next week, including Tippi Toes. It's not too late! Enrichment classes will begin after Labor Day. Stay tuned for specific details!



We have a 24/7 subscription to BrainPOP, an online resource with animated curriculum-based content. Many of our teachers utilize BrainPOP during the school day, but St. Peter's students are welcome to use BrainPOP at home, as well: <https://www.brainpop.com/>

Finally, our PTA has trash bags for sale year-round. We have the large blue, yellow, and kitchen-sized white bags in stock, and you may purchase them any time during regular school hours. Each roll of bags is \$12.



Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

-John 14: 27