

ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK
10/21/2021



Mission Statement:

The mission of St. Peter in Chains School is to cultivate in our students an intellectual curiosity, civic consciousness, commitment to Catholic social teachings, and preparedness to meet the challenges of the future. In the mold of St. Peter, we seek to form students as Christian leaders, enthusiastic in their response to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and able to put into practice this message as it applies to life in the 21st century.

Important Dates:

- 10/22/21 – Friday Fundraiser Pizza Lunch - (only if your child pre-ordered and paid ahead of time).
- 10/22/21 -- Spirit Wear Friday – **St. Peter in Chains School** tops with IN uniform bottoms are permitted
- 10/26/21 – School Mass – 8 AM – K-4 (Grade 4 leading)
- 10/29/21 – Class Halloween parties – held in classroom (class moms can drop things off beforehand)
- 10/29/21 – Pizza Day and Ice Cream Treat – Walkathon Prize for whole school for meeting our school GOAL!!!

Looking Ahead:

11/3/21 – Picture Re-Take Day (request a new packet or bring yours the day of)
11/12/21 – Last Day of 1st Trimester
11/30/21 – 1st Reconciliation/Hamilton Pastoral Region Advent Penance Service – 7 PM at St. Julie's Church (2nd Graders making their 1st Communion this spring should be in attendance)



Mass Schedule for Oct:

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – Grades K-4 (Grade 4 leading & in choir loft)

COVID Reminders:

If your child gets tested for COVID, please keep them home and contact us. If you child is exposed to a person who tests positive for COVID, keep them home and contact us. If you have someone in your family get tested for COVID, keep your child home and contact us. If you do not know the answer, contact school. We will help you decide when your child can return. The more information we have regarding COVID numbers, the better. Please email andersonj@stpeterinchains.org and schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org

Absences/Attendance:

Please be sure to call the school attendance voicemail by 8 AM if your child is sick. Let us know if you will be picking up homework and/or hot lunch if they bought.

Please be specific when leaving a voicemail about your child's reason for being absent. With COVID, we need parents to be completely transparent with the school. If your child is sick with symptoms that could be COVID related, please adhere to the 24 hour rule. They must be symptom free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. A call will be made home if a student returns and they are not well enough to be in school.

It is very important for our students, staff, and families to continue to follow all safety protocols at school and outside of school. This will allow us to remain healthy and remain in school with face to face instruction.

Halloween – On Friday, October 29th, students in:

Grades K-3 may wear their Halloween costumes to school (see guidelines below)

Grades 4-8 may wear a Halloween shirt/sweatshirt (or something orange) and/or socks with their IN uniform bottoms (no hats or accessories)

Please keep the following in mind when selecting a costume for school:

- Students will still be required to wear their mask covering their nose and mouth
- Students will be going up and down stairs and participating in gym and recess. We want them to be safe when doing so. Shoes and costumes should not become tripping hazards. **No boots, sandals, Crocs, or open toed shoes are permitted**
- Costume masks, weapons, face and hair paint/chalk are not permitted
- Costumes should be tasteful and not scary
- Costumes should allow students easy access to use the restroom (especially in a hurry)

If there are questions about a costume, please have your child visit the school office

Halloween

Class Parties will be held within the classrooms again this year. Parent volunteers/helpers will not be needed due to our COVID restrictions. Your homeroom parent will reach out to you if any approved items are needed. We know everyone wants to help, but please do not send in items unless you are asked to do so.

Conferences:

We were all hoping to be able to have in person conferences this year, but due to the uptick of COVID-19 cases lately, we have decided to have conferences via phone or Zoom sessions instead of having an influx of people in the school building. You should have been contacted by your child's teachers to discuss times that would be good for you to speak with them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org

Picture Re-Take Day

Picture re-take day will be on Wednesday, November 3. If you need retakes, please send back the original pictures back to school and they will be retaken. If you need to purchase a completely new packet, please have your child come get a new form.

Dress Code:

As we get into the cooler months, please remember that only approved UNIFORM items can be worn *during the school day*. Here is the link to the listing of approved uniform items https://www.shaheens.com/saint_peter_in_chains_ohio.html Please be sure your child is dressed in approved uniform items. If they are cold in class, please see the fleece, sweatshirts, and performance jackets, etc. that are approved to be worn IN the school building. M-Th – these are the items students can wear and the colors of those items that can be worn. Please note, the jackets at Shaheens are not approved for gray. Only navy blue and hunter green.

Other jackets, sweatshirts, etc. (Nike, Addidas, Badin sweatshirts, hoodies, any non-uniform sweatshirts, etc., etc.) are not to be worn during class and should be removed after a student enters the school building from outside.

St. Peter in Chains School spirit wear is only to be worn on Fridays and should not be worn during the school day M-Th. They can be worn TO school but taken off when they get to the classroom.

*Please be sure you have reviewed the dress code in the handbook with your children so they are aware of what they cannot wear to school (jewelry, makeup, shoes, etc.). The handbook was signed off on by parents & students at the start of the school year. **Violations will result in a conduct point.***

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Playground Gates:

Our students will be utilizing the playground and the campus grounds during the school days. The campus grounds will be used for mask breaks, outdoor classrooms, PE classes, scheduled recess, and to keep our students safe by not allowing cars on campus. To ensure the safety of everyone in the building, we close the gates to the side parking lot and the entrance to the alley way (that leads to Elvin Ave.) every morning at 7:30 AM. This will ensure that our students are safe from cars that may enter the parking lot. We will open them by 1:50 PM so drivers can enter for dismissal. Please be patient while you wait and do not block traffic on Ridgelawn Avenue.



If you did not order a copy of the 2020-2021 yearbook, and are interested in purchasing one, we do have extras. They are \$22 each. *You can send cash or check made out to St. Peter in Chains* in an envelope clearly marked with your family name.

Archdiocesan Release of Records Authorization – for current 8th grade students. This form was sent home at the start of the school year and needed to be filled out, signed, and returned to school before November 1. This form gives us authorization to send copies of your child’s records to the catholic high schools you have chosen on the form. If your child will not be attending a catholic high school, please mark that information on the form, sign, and return. Please send your form back asap so we can gather records timely. PLEASE SEND THIS IN if you have not done so yet.

Walkathon 2021 – “Exercise Your Faith~Walk With God”

Our annual Walk-a-Thon was held on **Friday, October 15, 2021**. We were blessed with a beautiful day and the weather was perfect. We have the best families, parents, grandparents, friends, and families. We surpassed our goal and raised \$39, 053 for our school this year! Amazing!! The students all enjoyed running laps on campus, participating in several fun stations, and hanging out with friends. It was truly a great day! Thank you to all the amazing people who helped plan this day and all those people who donated to support our students and school. We truly are grateful!

Spirit Wear Items:

Be sure to get all your St. Peter’s spirit wear gear at Promotions, Etc. The link to the site is <https://promotionsetc.commonsku.com/shop/6035b2b8-f3ac-420f-a14d-57e9bb0d1426/shop>

Spirit Wear tops can be worn on most Fridays with IN uniform bottoms.

Questions, please contact the office.

White Envelope Items

Please remember that all white folders should come back to school on Fridays emptied and signed by a parent

Items sent home today:

- Walkathon post it envelopes

