

**ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK
11/18/2021**



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:

- 11/19/21 – Friday Fundraiser Pizza Day (if your child pre-ordered and paid) – list is attached
- 11/19/21 – Spirit wear Friday – students can wear a **St. Peter in Chains School** shirt with in uniform bottoms
- 11/20/21 – High School Placement Test for those 8th Graders who pre-registered
- 11/30/21 – **LAST DAY** to wear shorts to school until March 1
- **11/30/21 – 1st Reconciliation/Hamilton Pastoral Region Advent Penance Service – 7PM at St. Julie’s Church (2nd graders making their 1st Communion this spring should be in attendance)**

Looking Ahead:

- 1/22/22 – Spaghetti Dinner (drive thru – details to come)
- 1/30/22 – St. Peter in Chains School Open House
- 2/5/22 – NET Ministry Confirmation Retreat for all current 6th and 7th graders who will confirmed in the spring of 2023.
- 2/13/22 – First Communion Parent Meeting at St. Julie’s at 10:20 AM



Mass Schedule for November:

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – Grades K-4 (Grade 4 leads)

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.

Santa Shop ~ 2021

Santa shop will be open for business December 13 through December 15, 2022. Please see the flyer that was sent home today with every child. Every student will have the opportunity to shop for family, friends and even pets! Most items are \$2.00, but we will have a table of \$1.00 items. *Please be sure your child's list is something they can accomplish in a 45 minute shopping timeframe.*

Please help your child create a shopping list. Please include the list in an envelope with either cash or check made out to St. Peter in Chains. The Santa Shop helpers will make sure your child stays on budget.

We will need volunteers to help set-up, shop with the children and pack up. You can contact Amy Tischler, (513) 290-3392 or look for the Signupgenius on our Facebook page.

ANYONE who is interested in volunteering must be certified with Safe Parish and have a positive background on file with Selection.com. In addition, you must complete and watch the quarterly articles or videos to remain current. Please allow enough time to get these requirements completed and stay on top of any training, then verified with our parish secretary. If they are not completed, you will not be able to volunteer. No exceptions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our annual Open House is an opportunity for St. Peter's to put its best foot forward, welcoming prospective families and students to our school and helping us to reach our enrollment goal. This year's Open House will be held on Sunday, January 30, from 1-4 p.m. EPIC is in need of committee members to help coordinate the event. This is a great opportunity for parents in the younger grades, as it wasn't so long ago that you too were searching for a school!

The committee's job is to coordinate day-of details: arranging parents to act as tour guides, setting up the gym to welcome our prospective families, working with marketing and the school office to put together a sheet of FAQs for our guides, and then to serve as a smiling face and host to the families joining us that day. It's a great job for 2-3 parents who want a way to get involved. And it's super critical — we can't hold an open house without a planning committee. Please think about it and reach out if you feel called to do so!

If you are interested or have questions about what the job entails, please reach out to Kelly Heile (keheile08@gmail.com) or Jen Hengehold (jhengehold516@gmail.com). Thank you!

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.

Girls can wear cotton leggings under their skirts – approved colors are Navy, Black, and White only. No athletic type (spandex) leggings can be worn. Leggings must go to the ankles, no capri length.

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.

Attention: Parents of Current 6th graders

Tdap & MCV 4 -- Immunizations Required

Incoming 7th grade students are required, by the State of Ohio, to receive a **Tdap vaccine** (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) & a **MCV₄** before starting school in August 2022. These additional vaccines are required due to the increase incidence of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) in teenagers and the prevention of bacterial meningitis. Your child may have received these vaccines during their most recent Well-Check at their doctor's office (approx. age 10 - 11). Please contact your child's doctor's office and find out if they have / need these vaccines. **Proof of immunization must be sent to school. Fax 513-863-1859 OR Scan and email to SchmittM@spsch.org**

Immunizations can be obtained at:

- Your doctor's office
- Kroger Little Clinics

Not all pharmacies are permitted to give vaccines to children under age 13. Please call ahead or stop in to ask.
Melanie Schmitt RN, School Nurse

Water Bottles

Every student should bring a refillable water bottle to school every day. We do not have water fountains at school, we only have water bottle filling stations, which is helping save the environment by not wasting plastic bottles. As a point of reference, the total amount of plastic water bottles that we have saved on all floors is **8110 bottles** since it was installed last year, which is amazing!

Please remember to send this with your child EVERYday. Thank you!

COVID Vaccine Clinics:

If you are looking for places offering the COVID vaccine, or if you would like information on the vaccine for children ages 5-11, please click on the links below:

[BCGHD School Clinic Dates](#)

[Vaccine Clinic Schedule](#)

[Pfizer 5-11 Fact Sheet](#)



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.

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:

- 1st and 2nd Grade Coed Basketball Sign Ups

