

**ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK
3/4/2021**



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:

- 3/11/21 – School Calendar for 2021-2022 was emailed out today via OptionC
- 3/12/21 – **NO School** – School of Faith and Staff Vaccination Day
- **3/15/21** – Uniform shorts can be worn again
- 3/17/21 – **Extreme Green Day!** Pay \$2.00 and wear head-to-toe **GREEN** for St. Patty's Day (see pg. 3)
- 3/19/21 – **No School for CURRENT Kindergarteners**
- 3/19/21 – Incoming Kindergarten Screenings
- 3/19/21 – Stations of the Cross (grades 5-8) 8th leading
- 3/19/21 – Friday Pizza Lunch – if pre-ordered and paid
- 3/21/21 – Confirmation – 7/8th Graders – at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral – downtown Cincinnati (see email with details that was sent on 2/24 via OptionC)

Looking ahead:

- 4/1-4/9/21 – NO School – Easter Break
- 4/15/21 – First Communion practice/pictures – 5:45 PM in the church
- 4/18/21 – First Communion – St. Peter's Parishioners – 3 PM (see email dated 3/10 with details)
- 4/24/21 – Night at the Races (Virtual) – see info on pg. 3
- 5/7/21 – May Crowning/Rosary – 10 AM (lots of details to come)
- 5/7/21 – Graduation Pictures for Grade 8 (details to come)
- 5/18/21 – Graduation Dinner – 6:30 PM for 8th graders and their parents (details and invitations to come)
- 5/25/21 – Graduation Mass/Awards – 6:30 PM in Church

COVID Reminders:

We are extremely proud of the dedication and commitment our teachers, staff, families, and students have demonstrated to keep us in the building for in-person instruction. They have been following all guidance, procedures, and protocols regarding Covid-19. It is extremely important that our faculty, staff, students and families continue to follow the protocols that are in place.

Please remember to follow the rules while away from the building. Wearing masks and wearing them correctly. Social distance. Wash our hands frequently. Limit our social activities with large groups. We need all of these things to be done inside AND outside of school.

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. The more information we have regarding COVID numbers, the better. Please email andersonj@stpeterinchains.org and schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org

Sports will continue and the same protocols are in place. Only coaches are allowed to be at practice, no parents or siblings, no exceptions. Coaches wear masks. Players wear masks to and from. Social distance as much as possible and continue to wash your hands. *Please follow the rules that the GCCYS has put in place at each venue as to who can and not come to games and the ages allowed. If you are not feeling well, do not come to practice or games. If you have been tested, notify school and do not go to practice or games until you get your results. If a member of your family has been tested, do not go to practice or games until you get the results. Please, let's all do our part to keep each other safe and healthy.

EdChoice – 2021-2022 School Year

An email was sent out via OptionC on February 10 with detailed information about the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship which is based on income. We now have more information about the EdChoice Traditional Scholarship now that the window opened on March 2, 2021.

EdChoice Traditional Scholarship Program – The following is a list of public schools that are designated for the EdChoice Traditional Scholarship. Schools are designated if they are:

1. Ranked in the lowest 20% in the Performance Index Rankings for both the 2017-2018 & 2018-2019 school years; and
2. Operated by a school district for which the average Title 1 formula percentage is 20% or above across the last three school years (2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 school years).

School buildings are also designated if they are operated by a school district that has an Academic Distress Commission in place.

You can click [HERE](#) to see the list of schools that are on the list for the 2021-22 school year.

To apply for the Traditional Scholarship, *students must be new to a private/parochial school for the 2021-22 school year (which includes kindergarteners). Students must be enrolled in or attending an EdChoice public school building or be assigned to an EdChoice building for the upcoming school year.*

For a list of facts about how eligibility is determined, you can click [HERE](#) to get that information. Feel free to contact the school office if you still have questions. We will be happy to help.

Feel free to pass this information on to your friends if their public school appears on the list and they are currently enrolled in a public school. We are still enrolling for the 2021-21 school year.

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Program - this is a state sponsored program based on your family's income.

The window for applying for this scholarship opened on Feb. 1st.

If your family is currently on an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship for the 2020-21 school year, you need to complete the 2021-22 EdChoice Renewal Form and submit the form with any documents to the school office. This information and documents were emailed via OptionC to families currently receiving the Expansion Scholarship on Feb. 5th.

Library Online Book Catalog

Students can now access our school library on-line catalog from our web page. This allows our students to find books they're interested in and allows parents to assist younger students in searching for books on their level and their interest. Students can check to see if the book is an AR book, along with the level and points.

At this time, students cannot put books on hold from this site but book request forms will continue to be hard copy and kept in the classrooms.

Keep in mind:

****ER** is for easy reader: Pictures book and emerging Readers. This will mostly be the books for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade.

****JR** – Lower grade chapter books. Usually about 1-2 points for AR tests. Grades 2-4.

****MG** – Harder, more challenging chapter books. Grades 2 and up.

****Gra**- Graphic Novels

****UG** – **Grades 6-8 only.**

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Reimer at reimerl@stpeterinchains.org

[Click on the link below and go to CAT JR. to get started](#)

<https://www.infohio.org/opac/?SWOCA/SP/DIST>

Yearbook Pictures:

Due to COVID regulations, spectators are limited at sporting events this year. If you have any pictures from any SPS events that you would like to share with our Yearbook Editor, you can email them to Mrs. Jungkunz at jungkunzL@stpeterinchains.org Please be sure to tell her the grade level and any information about the pictures.



EPIC will host a virtual Night at the Races on Saturday, April 24. While we are disappointed not to be able to hold an in-person event again this year, EPIC remains committed to raising funds for the school—monies that provide much-needed support for everything from the school operating budget to classroom supplies, from field trips (remember those?) to building improvements (including those COVID-safe water fillers and that delicious a/c!).

(Incidentally, we also remain committed to having a blowout celebration in 2022.)

Details on this year's event—including how you can participate in virtual races and win money—will be available next week. If you wish to become a Night at the Races sponsor, please email NATR@stpeterinchains.org or reach out to one of our event chairs (Aileen & Ryan Ernst, Agnes & Matt Marcum, or Jen & Greg Hengehold). Sponsoring individuals and businesses are a HUGE part of NATR's success; their generosity has a big impact on EPIC's ability to support our school and our students.

Thank you!



**3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grade
Sabercats Cheerleading**
Attn: All St. Peters, Sacred Heart and St. Ann's Girls
**Is your daughter interested in cheerleading for the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade
Sabercat football team this fall?**
Come join the fun, No experience necessary!
Days and times TBD.
Participation fee \$50 – cash, check, Venmo
Register by May 29th by contacting Dana Wilson at 513-805-1744 or
dananicolewilson@yahoo.com



EXTREME GREEN ~ March 17th

Students can pay \$2 to be out of uniform IF they wear **GREEN** from head to toe!

Money raised will go toward tuition scholarships.

Out of uniform guidelines must be followed.

If you have questions if something can be worn, please ask.

If you have doubts, don't wear it!

St. Peter in Chains Face Masks:

We still have SPS face masks if you if you are interested. They are \$5 each and are first come first serve. Send an envelope with payment to school marked with your family's name. Once they are gone, we will gather orders and see if another order is necessary.

Important Confirmation Dates:

Our 7/8th Graders will be celebrating their Confirmation this year. Here are a few important dates for your calendars.

- **February 26** – Confirmation Retreat with be held in the classroom (please note this change) – Lunch will be served
- **March 21** – Confirmation at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in downtown, Cincinnati **for St. Peter in Chains School students only**. 7/8th Graders will have confirmation with their class.

Spirit Wear Items:

Be sure to get all your St. Peter's spirit wear gear at Promotions, Etc. The link to our 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:

- Nothing from school office
- Lunch charges from pizza day

