

**ST. PETER IN CHAINS**  
**THE LINK**  
**3/25/2021**



**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 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

**Important Dates:**

- 3/25/21 – Spirit Wear Friday. Students can wear a SPS Spirit Wear top with IN uniform bottoms
- 3/26/21 – Stations of the Cross (grades 1-4) 4<sup>th</sup> leading
- 3/26/21 – Friday Pizza Lunch – if pre-ordered and paid
- 3/30/21 – School Mass – Grades K-4 (Gr. 2 leading)
- 4/1-4/9/21 – **NO School – Easter Break**

**Looking ahead:**

- 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 and flyer going home today
- 5/7/21 – May Crowning/Rosary – 10 AM (details to come)
- 5/7/21 – Graduation Pictures for Grade 8 (details to come)
- 5/18/21 – Graduation Dinner – 6:30 PM for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents (details and invitations to come)
- 5/25/21 – Graduation Mass/Awards – 6:30 PM in Church (details and restrictions to come)

**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](mailto:andersonj@stpeterinchains.org) and [schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org](mailto:schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org)***

**Dress Code:**

Please remind students that non-uniform 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.

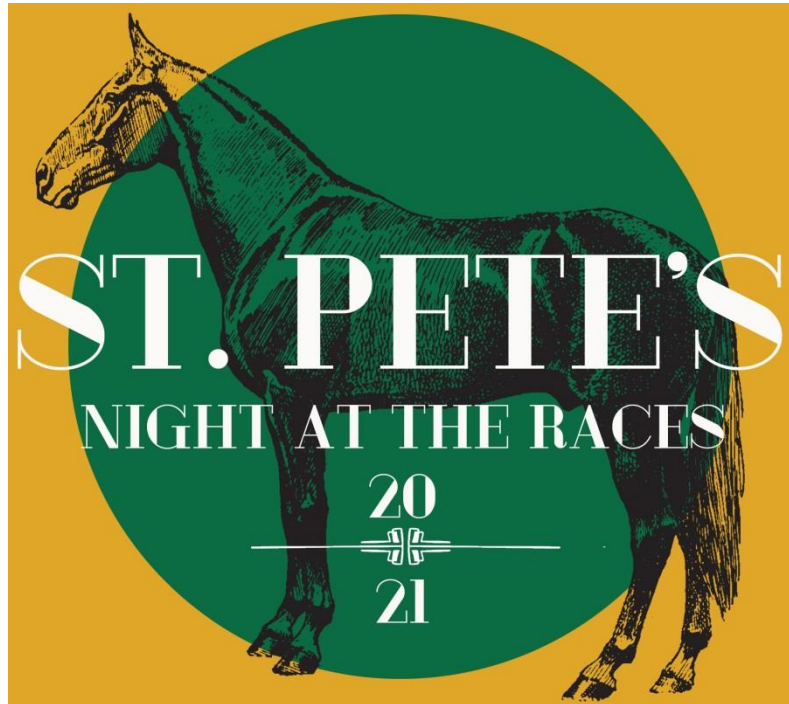
Spirit wear is only to be worn on Fridays (St. Peter's only). Spirit wear should not be worn during the school day M-Th. They can be worn TO school but taken off when they get to the classroom.

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 (socks, jewelry, makeup, etc.) so it does not result in a conduct slip.

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

**Lunch Program Survey:**

Please be on the lookout for a survey that will be sent via OptionC tomorrow in regards to the school lunch program. Please be sure to fill your survey out so we can get feedback before making decisions about the lunch program for next school year. We appreciate any feedback you can provide.



**Time to saddle up for Night at the Races!**

Please help us to make this year's virtual Night at the Races a success by inviting your friends and family to purchase horses for our virtual races (which will be livestreamed on April 24). Horses are available to purchase for \$25 by visiting <https://stpeterinchains.weshareonline.org/NATR> or by sending in your order form to the school office. All horses must be registered by April 12.

We are also still in need of corporate sponsors for our event. Sponsors will be honored during the livestream, on social media, and via the school newsletter and church bulletin. Sponsorships are available with gifts of \$100 to \$1000; inquiries may be sent to [NATR@stpeterinchains.org](mailto:NATR@stpeterinchains.org).

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.)

**Thanks for your support!**



**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sabercats Cheerleading**  
**Attn:** All St. Peters, Sacred Heart and St. Ann's Girls  
**Is your daughter interested in cheerleading for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> by contacting Dana Wilson at 513-805-1744 or  
dananicolewilson@yahoo.com



### **Playground Gates:**

Just a reminder -- our students will be utilizing the playground and the campus grounds more than they have in the past this year. The campus grounds will be used for mask breaks, outdoor classrooms, and scheduled recess. To ensure the safety of everyone in the building, we are closing 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.

### **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. 1<sup>st</sup>.

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. 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about your child's eligibility for any of the EdChoice scholarships, please contact the school office.

### **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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:reimerl@stpeterinchains.org)**

**[Click on the link below and go to CAT JR. to get started](https://www.infohio.org/opac/?SWOCA/SP/DIST)**

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### **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](mailto:jungkunzL@stpeterinchains.org) Please be sure to tell her the grade level and any information about the pictures.

### **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.

### **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:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade permission slips (due back by March 30<sup>th</sup>)

