

**ST. PETER IN CHAINS**  
**THE LINK**  
**4/29/2021**



**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:**

- 4/30/21 – Spirit Wear Friday. Students can wear a SPS Spirit Wear top with IN uniform bottoms
- 4/30/21 -- Friday Pizza Lunch – if pre-ordered and paid
- 4/30/21 – Last day to submit applications for EdChoice
- 5/4/21 – School Mass – 8 AM – Grades K-4 (3<sup>rd</sup> leads)
- 5/5/21 – EPIC Planning Meeting @Marcum Park – 7:00 PM
- 5/7/21 – May Crowning/Rosary – 10 AM – Grades 5-8 (8<sup>th</sup> graders to lead and crown Mary)
- 5/7/21 – Graduation Pictures for Grade 8 – 8:45 am. Report to HR by 8:30 AM
- **5/7/21 – Graduation Dinner RSVPs are DUE from 8<sup>th</sup> grade families**

**Looking ahead:**

- 5/13/21 – Grades 1 & 8 Buddy Picnic
- **5/17/21 – Yearbook orders are DUE.** Please see page 3 with details on how to order online.
- 5/18/21 – Graduation Dinner – 6:30 PM for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents (invitations were sent home last week and details went out via OptionC email)
- 5/20/21 – Last Day for Grade 8
- 5/25/21 – Graduation Mass/Awards – 6:30 PM in Church (details and restrictions were in email sent home today)
- 5/28/21 – Last Day of School/Bridging/Field Day (details 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. Parents – please continue to fill out the daily COVID questionnaire on OptionC.

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.



**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. Please be patient until the gates are open. Also, for the safety of everyone, *please do not enter the parking lot until ALL students or staff have completely exited the playground after we open the gates. Please share this information with your family or friends who may pick up your child in the afternoons.*

**EdChoice – 2021-2022 School Year**

**\*\*The Expansion Scholarship window will be closing on 4/30/21 at midnight. If you might be eligible for this scholarship, please submit your application ASAP\*\***

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.

**EPIC Planning Meeting – Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**HELP EPIC PLAN FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!**

EPIC is very much looking forward to a normal school year for 2021-22 and a full slate of programs, meetings, and events! Our current committee chairs are in the process of creating their teams for next year; we also have some committees in need of a new chair. If you are interested in getting involved in making your child's school a success -- or if you just want to learn more -- please join us for a planning meeting on Wednesday, May 5. We will gather in Marcum Park at 7pm (bring a lawn chair and grab a DORA cup on your way!).

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

**VACACIONES UTILES** – A summer Camp by Su Casa Hispanic Center  
Please share this opportunity with your Latino families. Vacaciones Utiles is a program by Su Casa Hispanic Center. An academic summer camp for low-income Hispanic/Latino children that allows them to gain the academic and social-emotional instruction they need for the upcoming school year. The program is for students entering grades 1-5. It is 8 weeks long (June 14th-August 6th). Click [HERE](#) for the flyer with registration.

**Fall 2021 Tackle Football:**

If your child is interested in playing tackle football (Sabercats or Jr. Rams) in the fall of 2021, please click [HERE](#) for information. Please register BY MAY 15 to avoid late registration fees. This is for students in kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Also, if you would like to coach, please contact one of the coaches listed on the flyer.

**Summer Tutoring:**

Summer tutoring is extremely beneficial for students to practice basic concepts, review the previous year's material, and look ahead to future concepts.

**Grades K-4 – Mrs. Laura Warner** will be tutoring at Panera Bread at Bridgewater Falls on Tues. & Thurs. summer. Please email her at [warnerl@stpeterinchains.org](mailto:warnerl@stpeterinchains.org) for more information.

**Grades 5-9 – Miss Katie Gibboney** will be tutoring at Panera Bread at Bridgewater Falls on Tues, Wed, and Thurs. this summer. Please email her at [gibboneyk@stpeterinchains.org](mailto:gibboneyk@stpeterinchains.org) for more information.

**Yearbook Orders:**

**Orders are due by May 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to order online you can by going to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and the Yearbook ID Code is 13712421. They are \$22 and will be delivered at the start of the 21-22 school year. Graduates will have theirs sent home with a sibling or we will call you to come pick yours up at the school office.

**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 Graduation Picture Order Forms (ALL 8<sup>th</sup> graders must be dressed up and have their pictures taken/be in group picture, even if not ordering)
- Hamilton SAY Soccer information (all students)
- Vacation Bible School flyer (all students)

