

ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK
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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:

- 9/1/22 – October hot lunch menu was added to the website and ordering can begin on OptionC for October
- 9/2/22 – EPIC Friday Pizza – if you pre-ordered and paid (there is no option for purchasing the day of)
- 9/2/22 – Walkathon prize – **if your family turned in 10+ address AND/OR secured a private or corporate donation – students in your family can be out of uniform.** The list was emailed out earlier today. Please follow out of uniform guidelines. If not, students can wear SPS Spirit Wear tops with IN uniform bottoms.
- 9/2/22 – Spirit Wear Friday – St. Peter's School tops with IN uniform bottoms
- 9/5/22 – Labor Day – No School
- 9/6/22 – Hot lunch begins IF you pre-ordered and paid (there is no option for purchasing lunch the day of)
- 9/9/22 – October hot lunch orders are DUE on OptionC AND payment is DUE in the office (no late orders)



Mass Schedule for Aug/Sept:

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – Grade 7 leads
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – Grade 6 leads
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – Grade 5 leads
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – Grade 4 leads

Attendance/Absences and Doctor's Appointments During the School Day:

If your child will not be at school, please call the main school phone and leave a message on the absence line or email.

This should be done by 7:45 AM. If you are emailing, you MUST send it to the school office at schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org. You may copy the teachers on the email but it is not the teacher's responsibility to forward that information to the office. If you are requesting homework, please mention that on the call or in the email. Please also let us know if you want to pick up a hot lunch or if you want a sibling to eat it. If we know, we can set it aside, but we need to know when you call your child in to school by 7:45 AM.

-State law also requires parents to notify the school in writing upon the student's return to school. This note should indicate the date/s of the absence and the reason for the absence and be submitted to the child's homeroom teacher. If a student has an extended absence of three or more days, a written excuse from the doctor is required. Otherwise, the student's absence may be recorded as unexcused.

- Please avoid doctor/dentist/orthodontist appointments during school hours if at all possible as this causes students to miss valuable instructional time. ****In order for a tardy or absence to be excused for a doctor's appointment, a doctor's note must be presented after the appointment.** Students will be marked unexcused until the doctor's note is received. **Please note**, unexcused absences affect EdChoice scholarship eligibility.

Chromebooks:

Chromebooks are a required school supply and should be brought to and from school **EVERY DAY, FULLY** charged. Since they should be fully charged, the chargers should be kept safe at home and not brought to school. Students who are not prepared could potentially receive a conduct point for not being ready for school if their Chromebook is not charged and ready for the day. Students should not bring their chargers to school in the hopes of charging their device at school.

Playground Gates:

Our students will be utilizing the playground and the campus grounds during the school days. The campus grounds will be used for outdoor classrooms, PE classes, scheduled recess. We do not allow cars on campus between 7:30-1:50 PM and 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.

Morning Drop Off:

Please remember NOT to pass anyone in the drop off line.

If your child needs a little extra help or time to exit the car in the morning drop off line, please wait in line (do not enter and pass everyone in the line), when you are at the front, continue forward and park by the basketball hoops. There, you can help your child exit the car and walk them to the bottom of the stairs to the gym (1-8) or to the steps to the cafeteria (K). This will allow all students to remain safe and the drop off line to continue to move smoothly.

Cars should exit down to the **right** down the alley way after drop off to Elvin Ave. Do not exit behind the school in an effort to keep students on campus safe. Remember to be a good neighbor and drive slowly down the alley way. Be mindful that neighbors will be exiting their garages in the mornings and you may have to allow them to pull out.

Car Rider Dismissal Reminders: *VERY IMPORTANT!*

1. All drivers will be required to back into a space or pull through if you are in the section near the basketball hoops. Attached is a rendering of where you can park.
2. No one will be permitted to park in the middle of the parking lots designated by the No Parking in red on the rendering.
3. Please do not park in the spots by the basketball hoops. They are marked with an X on the diagram.
4. All students must remain in the safe zone until a parent, grandparent, or guardian retrieves them from the area.
5. Staff members will direct drivers when they can leave. *No one is permitted to leave until the staff member gives the all clear sign.* Drivers will exit in single file to leave their designated lot. We will dismiss cars once all students in their cars. *Please retrieve your child as quickly as possible from the Safe Zone so that we don't hold up the process for other parents who are on a time crunch.*
6. **For the safety of our students, no one is permitted to park on Ridgelawn Avenue or any other street to pick up their students. You MUST park in the parking lot, so please be on time!**
7. In the upper lot, cars will be dismissed beginning with space #2 in single file exiting onto Ridgelawn. After space 16 leaves, then space 17 will follow in single file exiting on Ridgelawn with spot #26 being the last spot to exit.
8. In the lower lot, cars will be dismissed beginning with space #1 in single file exiting down the alley. After spot #11 leaves, then spot #12 will follow in single file with spot #21 exiting around the basketball poles then into the alley.

****We have attached a diagram of the process to the email being sent with The Link.**

These changes are being implemented to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and our drivers. Please be patient and understanding. This will ensure that our dismissal procedure is safe for everyone.

Basketball Sign Ups ~ Girls and Boys:

If your child in grades 3-8 is interested in playing basketball this winter, please fill out the form below.

Registrations forms for girls basketball are DUE BY September 24th. Registrations for boys basketball are DUE BY October 4th. Don't delay, fill your form out today.

<https://forms.gle/FpA8ruwJDA5cHEbW7>

Walkathon 2021 – “Walk By Faith”

Our annual Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for **Friday, October 7, 2022**. The Walk-a-Thon is our No. 1 fundraiser of the year! By appealing to parishioners, the Hamilton community, and the families and friends of our students, this event regularly raises \$30,000—monies that go toward vital school operations, capital improvements, field trips, classroom support, and much more. This year, for example, monies raised via the Walk-a-Thon are being utilized to make critical updates to the school building and campus.

This year, in honor of our donors' generous support, our students will again participate in various fitness-themed activities on October 7.

We will only be allowing volunteers who are scheduled and placed at a station to be on campus the day of the Walkathon. ALL volunteers MUST be certified with Safe Parish, have a positive background check on file, and also be current with any Safe Parish training before they can volunteer. If you have any questions about your status, you can contact the school office.

Milk:

Students are able to purchase milk for the year for \$4.00. If your child would like to buy milk, please send cash or check made out to St. Peter in Chains in an envelope with your child's name.

Please note: milk is NOT included with a hot lunch. If a student wants milk, they will need to purchase it separately.

Uniforms:

Please be sure that all students are complying with the Parent/Student Handbook. All jackets, sweatshirts, etc. that are not uniform should be placed in the student's locker during the school day. If they are needed for recess they can be worn and then removed when back in the building. Dress code is listed on pages 26 & 27 of the handbook. Please be sure to reference makeup, hair, oversized clothes, earrings, skirt length, etc. just to name a few.

Volunteering in the School or Parish:

Anyone who wishes to volunteer in our school or the parish **MUST** be certified with Safe Parish and up to date with all trainings and certifications AND have a positive background check on file thru Selection.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the attached information about SafeParish and Selection.com to start the process. All approved volunteers are always checked prior to the time of the event scheduled for to be sure they are up to date.

Forgotten Lunches:

If your child forgot their lunch will be offered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for \$1.00. The charge slips will be sent home daily to you and you can send the payment in to school the next day. If payment is not received by week's end, an email will be sent to the parent with the charge slip attached. Please send your payment in timely if your child had a lunch charge.

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

Picture Day!!

Mark your calendars!! Lifetouch will be on campus on **Thursday, September 22nd** to take pictures of all students and staff members. Information and picture packets will be sent home when they are available.

8th GRADERS - High School Placement Test:

Registration is now open for our current 8th graders to sign up to take the High School Placement Test. This test is required if your 8th grader is considering attending a Catholic high school next fall. Please visit the link to sign up: [High School Placement Test Registration Form](#)

2021-2022 Yearbooks

We still have 2021-2022 yearbooks for sale in the school office. Please send in \$20.00 with your family's name in an envelope if you would like to purchase one.

OptionC App:

OptionC has an app for parents that is \$3.99 per year. It appears that it may be better than going through the website on your cell phone. We just wanted to let everyone know in case you wanted to try it out since sometimes pulling something up on your phone doesn't give you all the viewing options.

EdChoice – 2022-2023 School Year

The EdChoice is still open and is anticipated to remain open for the rest of the school year (but we are never fully sure of that date). If you believe your family may be eligible, please reach out to the school office at schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org

Spirit Wear Items:

Be sure to get all your St. Peter's merch 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 (Grades K-5) should come back to school on Fridays emptied and signed by a parent

Items sent home today:

- 8th Grade – Archdiocese Release of Record Form – ***please fill out and return ASAP***

