

ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK
12/15/2022



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:

- 12/16/22 – EPIC Friday Pizza (if pre-ordered and paid. No option to buy the day of)
- **12/16/22 – Students can wear their *modest and appropriate* pajamas to school to participate in the December reading activity. If they do not want to participate and wear pajamas, students can wear a St. Peter's spirit wear shirt with IN uniform bottoms....otherwise, in uniform.**
- 12/16/22 – Class Christmas parties
- 12/19-1/2/23 – Christmas Break – NO School
- **1/3/23 – School resumes after break (please note the date change)**
- 1/6/23 – February lunch menu will be added to OptionC and ready for orders
- 1/13/23 – February hot lunch orders and payment are DUE
- 1/16/23 – No School – MLK's Birthday
- 1/16/23 – Dine to Donate at Texas Roadhouse
- ***1/21/23 – NET Ministries – Confirmation Retreat** (all 7/8th gr. students being confirmed must attend)
- 1/29-2/4/23 – Catholic School's Week (details will be shared later in Jan)
- 2/4/23 – Spaghetti Dinner – see pg. 2 for information and sign ups
- 2/20/23 – No School -- President's Day
- 3/4/23 – Father-Daughter Dance

Spaghetti Dinner - 2022

PLEASE HELP MAKE OUR SPAGHETTI DINNER DRIVE-THRU EVENT A SELL-OUT!

Saturday, February 4th drive thru hours 4:30pm - 7:30pm

This fundraiser is HUGE for the school! LaRosa's has generously agreed to donate ALL food up to 500 dinners, which means that any meals we don't sell is like leaving money on the table -- money that EPIC needs for school improvements, educational programs, air-conditioning, and lots more!

Please reach out to family and friends – maybe even pick up all your orders in our drive-thru lane and drop off to your family and friends.

You can place your order and choose your time-slot for pick up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0444AEAE23A0F49-spsspaghetti1>.

\$10 per meal (salad, breadstick, spaghetti dinner with meatballs)

Spread the Word! Eagles Info Night, Jan. 25

St. Peter's will hold an information night on Wednesday, January 25, for prospective families and students. The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will include brief presentations by school staff, as well as informal tours. *Please note this is a change in format from the "open houses" we have held in the past. As always, word of mouth is our best advertisement! Please help spread the word to friends and family who are shopping for a school. Interested families may call the school office for additional information. Thank you!*

****We have yard signs in the office! If you would like one, please let us know. We can't send signs on the bus, but you are welcome to stop by the school office. If your child is a car rider, we can send it home with them.**

Santa Shop

Santa Shop was a HUGE success this year and all the students had a wonderful time shopping for family, friends, and pets. Thank you to our organizers, Amy Tischler, Lyndsey Phipps, and Agnes Marcum. They always go above and beyond to help our school. Without them, Santa Shop wouldn't have been the success it was. Thank you, also, to the parent volunteers who came in to help students shop. We appreciate your help!

Catholic Education Foundation

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) may apply for needs-based assistance between now and February 3, 2023.

Please visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and how to apply.

EPIC Ugly Sweater Party – Friday, December 16

You're invited to an EPIC Sponsored Ugly Sweater Christmas Party! Friday, December 16th at Municipal Brew Works at Spooky Nook.

Don your favorite ugly sweater or festive Christmas gear and join us for drinks and socializing to celebrate the beginning of Christmas break and to prepare for the next 17 days of uninterrupted time with your children! Feel free to invite anyone you like and come catch up or maybe even make new friends. Ugly Sweaters make great conversation starters. Adults only, please.

RSVPs are not required but are greatly appreciated for planning purposes.

[Ugly Sweater RSVP](#)

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 try to 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 can affect student's EdChoice scholarship eligibility and payments.**

Dress Code:

As we get into the cooler months, please remember that only approved UNIFORM items can be worn *during the school day*. Dr. Anderson talked to all students today and explained the consequences.

Here is the link to the listing of approved uniform items [Shaheen's Uniform Store](#). 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.

Other jackets, sweatshirts, etc. (Nike, Addidas, Badin sweatshirts, hoodies, winter coats, 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.

Current 8th Graders can wear their class of 2023 hoodie any day.

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.***

If there are any questions about dress code, please contact the school office.

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.

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:

- Texas Roadhouse gift cards were sent home with the youngest in the family today

Prayer for Our St. Peter in Chains Families



Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all our
families.

Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.

For this we pray.
Amen.



We wish all of our wonderful St. Peter in Chains School community a very Merry Christmas
and a safe and prosperous New Year!

We will see you back when school resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2023