

ST. PETER IN CHAINS
THE LINK
10/26/2023



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:

- 10/27/23 – Out of Uniform for those students who raised \$250 or had a corporate sponsor for the Walk – see attached list that is attached, Questions should be sent to spswalk@gmail.com
- 10/27/23 – **Spirit Wear Friday** – students can wear **St. Peter's School** tops with IN uniform bottoms
- 10/27/23 – Walkathon Pizza Prize – ALL students will be treated to pizza for hitting our goal!
- 10/30/23 – Mission Monday – Students should wear their green Mission Monday t-shirts with their uniform bottoms – ***white long sleeve t-shirts with no writing or hoods may be worn underneath the t-shirts during the colder months (no other colors, please)*
- 10/31/23 – Class Halloween Parties (see pg. 3 with details)
- 11/1/23 – MASS – 8:00 AM
- 11/1-11/17/23 – Registration for 2024-25 school year for CURRENT families – see pg. 4
- 11/1/23 – Picture retakes
- 11/1/23 – Rosary Club – 2:15-3:30 PM
- 11/2/23 – Chess Club – 2:30-3:30 PM
- 11/3/23 – Out of Uniform to benefit Water for South Sudan – \$2 per person -- see pg. 6
- 11/6-11/10/23 – Book Fair – see pg. 2
- 11/7/23 – Student Council – 2:15-3:15 PM
- **11/8/23 – Kindergarten & Preschool Open House – 6:30-7:30 PM (see pg. 3)**
- 11/10/23 – End of 1st Trimester
- 11/10/23 – GRAND Event - see pg. 3
- 11/14/23 – Youth Group – 2:15-3:30 PM
- 11/15/23 – Lego Club – 2:15-3:00 PM
- 12/19/23 – Christmas Program – 12PM dress rehearsal program & 7:00 PM evening. **Tickets ARE required for the evening performance.** More details and the number of tickets available for each family will be sent out at a later date.



Mass Schedule for October/November:

Tuesday, October 24 – Grade 5 leads

NO MASS on Tuesday, 10/31

WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023 – Grade 4 leads

****Everyone is welcome to join us at Mass. Please sit behind all the classes toward the back. ****

PickUp Patrol:

We are now in full swing of using PickUp Patrol for ALL absences, late arrivals, early dismissals and changes in dismissal. Everyone says it is super easy to use and it is awesome for our faculty and staff. If you have not signed up already, please do. Welcome Letters were sent to everyone with details on how to register. Please check your junk bin if you cannot find it. *You can also load the app to your phone for ease on the go!*

If you need another registration email, send an email to the office. Please be sure you are using this for the situations listed above. **THE APP is available for download and SUPER easy and fast to use on your phone. Load it today! It is not found in the APP store.**

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 Link](#)



BOOK FAIR = BEST. DAY. EVER!

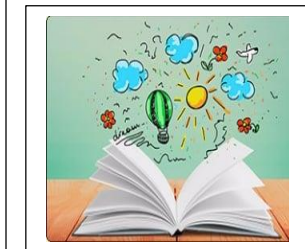
We are excited to announce that St. Peter in Chains School will host a **Scholastic Book Fair** November 6th through November 10th ending with our GRAND Event on Nov. 10th! More details will follow leading up to our Fair.

The Book Fair is one of the most anticipated events of the school year – but we need **VOLUNTEERS** to make it all come together. Volunteers are the motivators to help any Fair become a success. We hope that you share with us your skills and talents to help students discover the power of reading. And every purchase at the Fair directly benefits our school. So, it's a win-win!

If you have time to help us conduct our next Book Fair, please complete **Sign Up Genius** linked below.

****Anyone who intends to volunteer must be certified with Safe Parish and up to date with training sessions as well as have a positive background check on file (cost is \$25 through Selection.com). The deadline to sign up is October 30.***

With your participation and volunteering this will be a FANTASTIC Event for All!
[Book Fair Homepage \(scholastic.com\)](https://www.scholastic.com/book-fairs)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

[2023 Book Fair](#)

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up no later than Monday, October 30th. Thank you in advance for your help in making the 2023 Book Fair a success for our school! *

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"GRAND" EVENT – Friday, November 10, 2023:

Grandparents and other loved ones are very important in children's lives, so St. Peter in Chains School is celebrating a day just for them on **Friday, November 10, 2023**.

Please encourage your student to invite their Grandparent or a special person to join them for lunch. **The Friday Pizza Lunch will not be offered that day (it will be moved to another date)** as we are inviting Grandparents (or special person) to bring lunch or brown bag lunch and eat with their SPS students. ***Due to limited seating, we are asking that each school family invite no more than 4 special guests to join them.***

Lunch will be split into 2 sessions by SCHOOL FAMILY LAST NAME:

Last Names A-J	11:00-12:00 PM	Lunch & Shop the Book Fair
Last Names K-Z	12:15-1:15 PM	Lunch & Shop the Book Fair

****We can't accommodate early arrivals, so please only arrive AT your scheduled time***

**SPS school families should RSVP via OptionC eForm which is now available.
Log into your OptionC Parent Account > Communications > eForms**

RSVP must be received BY November 7.

Halloween – Tuesday, October 31

ALL GRADES may wear their Halloween costumes to school (students **MUST** follow the guidelines below to be able to wear a costume). If a student wishes to not wear a costume, they can wear a Halloween themed outfit (and follow out of uniform guidelines).

Please keep the following in mind when selecting a costume for school:

- Students will be going up and down stairs and participating in gym and recess. We want them to be safe when doing so. Shoes and costumes should not become tripping hazards. **No boots, sandals, Crocs, heels or open toed shoes are permitted**
- Costume masks, weapons, face and hair paint/chalk are not permitted
- Costumes should be tasteful and not scary
- Costumes should allow students easy access to use the restroom (especially if they are in a *hurry*)

****If there are questions about a costume, please have your child visit the school office**

Halloween Parties:

Parties will be on Tuesday, October 31 in the classrooms. We only allow 2 parent volunteers in the classrooms during the parties and they must be Safe Parish certified and have a positive background check on file. No siblings are permitted.

Each room parent will reach out to parents and request items to be sent in if there is a need. Please refrain from sending items to school unless you are asked. Also, please continue to only send in pre-packaged items and no homemade food is permitted. Most importantly, please be mindful of all food or dye allergies that may be present in your child's classroom. We want to keep our students and staff safe.

Kindergarten & Preschool OPEN HOUSE – November 8

We are hosting an Open House for prospective kindergarten and preschool families from 6:30-7:30. We have Open House signs in the office if you would like one. Word of mouth is best! If you know of anyone who is looking for a school next year, please pass information on or have them contact our school office. Below is a link that you can share for signing up to attend the Open House

Kindergarten & Preschool Open House

REGISTRATION – 2024-2025 School Year:

We are trying something different this year. Registration for our CURRENT FAMILIES will begin on November 1, 2023. This will allow us to better plan for the following school year and see how many openings and needs we will have for the following school year.

Registration paperwork for our currently enrolled families will be available on the website **beginning November 1** under the Admission tab at www.stpeterhamilton.org

The discounted registration fee of \$50 for one child or \$100 for two or more will run from 11/1 – 11/17/23. *After that date*, the registration fees will be \$75 for one child or \$150 for two or more. Must be paid on Cheddar Up BY 11/17/23 to benefit from the registration fee discount.

All paperwork, fees, updated immunization paperwork and custody papers MUST be turned in to make it a complete registration submission.

In the case of divorce or custody issues, *all families must submit current custody paperwork* (even if you are a current family).

Picture Re-Takes - Wednesday, November 1

Pictures will begin at 9:00 AM. This is for all students who were absent on the original date or would like a re-take. **Please email the school office at schooloffice@stpeterinchains.org to be placed on the re-take list. Please bring your packet with your pictures to school that day to give to the photographer.**

If your child was absent on picture day, a picture packet will be given to them to fill out.

Rosary Club:

Open to students in K-8. Meets the first Wednesday of the month 2:15-3:30

- Enjoy quality time with friends in a fun, Christ-centered environment
- Make rosaries for family, friends and to donate to Catholic missions
- Learn more about the rosary, the saints and our Catholic faith

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[PERMISSION SLIP](#)

Please click the following link for the suggested donation of \$5 for snacks and crafts. [Rosary Club Donation](#)

Questions, please contact Miss Jacobs at jacobsj@stpeterinchains.org



After-School Youth Group:



Open to grades 5-8. Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 2:15-3:30 PM.

ENJOY FAITH, FUN, FRIENDS AND FOOD!!

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Please click the following link for the suggested donation of \$20 for snacks and crafts. [Youth Group Donation Link](#)

Questions, please contact Miss Jacobs at jacobsj@stpeterinchains.org

Lego Club:



Open to young architects and engineers in K-8

Join in the fun at our once-a-month Lego Club! The Lego club will promote creativity, problem solving, and teamwork, all while “playing” and having fun!

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month in the St Peter in Chains cafeteria to complete the themed Lego challenge. Lego’s and a snack will be provided. \$5 fee requested per session. Please use the Cheddar Up link for sign-ups as well as payment. The permission slip is attached within the Cheddar Up sign up. [Lego Club Sign Up Link](#)

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First session will be Wednesday September 20th. For more information email Mrs. Lawson at (lawsons@stpeterinchains.org).

Chess Club:

Chess Club is coming back for students in Grades 2-8!!
Please see the attached flyer with information and the dates and time the club will meet. Permission slip will be available soon.

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Dress Code:

As we get into the cooler months, please remember that only approved UNIFORM items can be worn *during the school day*. Here is the link to the listing of approved uniform items [Shaheen's Uniform Store](#) or [Schoolbelles](#). 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, 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.

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.

Mondays – students should wear their Mission Monday t-shirts with IN uniform bottoms. Green school polos can be worn with the current school logo. 8th grade t-shirts should NOT be worn. 8th grade sweatshirts may be worn.

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

Box Tops/ Caseys/ Kroger Rewards:

With rewards programs including [Box Tops for Education](#), [Tyson](#), and [Kroger Community Rewards](#), you can earn money for our school while shopping for your family. Click the link to find more information about signing up! If you have questions, please reach out to Aimee Hodapp at aimeehodapp@yahoo.com

[Rewards Programs Link](#)

November 3, 2023 – Out of Uniform - \$2 per person

Dear SPS families,

The 6th grade class recently finished reading a novel called *A Long Walk to Water*. It was based on a true story about a boy named Salva Dut who was separated from his family during a civil war in Sudan and had to survive by himself. Salva was approved to go to America after many years of walking, and there he was inspired to create a foundation called Water for South Sudan, where they drill wells for villages in South Sudan to give access to clean water, another huge focus in the book.

After reading this book, our class was inspired to help. Our class has decided to do an **OUT OF UNIFORM DAY** on **Friday, November 3** to raise money for **Water for South Sudan**, Salva's organization. From October 30 to November 3, students can bring in at least \$2 (cash only) to be out of uniform. Please be sure to follow all the out of uniform guidelines. We hope you consider helping out the people of South Sudan and enjoy being out of uniform. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The SPS 6th grade class

Christmas in the County - at St. Aloysius Church, Shandon, OH

Take a ride to the country and venture into the historic town of Shandon on Saturday, November 25, 2023. [Link to Christmas in the Country](#)

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) MUST be returned to school on Fridays, emptied and signed by a parent

Items sent home today:

- GRAND Event Flyer (blue paper)