

**ST. PETER IN CHAINS  
THE LINK  
10/02/2025**



**Mission Statement:**

The mission of St. Peter in Chains School is that your child will learn to live their *Faith*, pursue *Community*, and champion *Excellence*.

**Important Dates:**

- 10/3/25 – Spirit Wear Friday – students can wear their **St. Peter's School** tops with IN uniform bottoms
- 10/3/25 – November lunch order form will be sent out – *orders are DUE BY October 12*
- 10/7/25 – Walkathon donation **DUE DATE to be counted toward your class/individual totals**
- 10/8/25 – Rosary Club – 2:15-3:30 PM – see pg. 2 for payment link/permission slip
- 10/9 & 10/16/25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – see below and email sent this past Tuesday!
- 10/10/25 – Walkathon 2025
- 10/11/25 – Knights of Columbus Drawdown – flyer attached. Contact the office to buy tickets.
- 10/15/25 – Lego Club – 2:15-3:00 PM – see pg. 2 for payment link/permission slip
- 10/17 & 10/20/25 – **No School**
- 11/5/25 – Picture Re-takes – 9AM
- 11/6/25 – Preschool & Kindergarten Open House – 6-7 PM in the Annex
- 11/8/25 – Night for the Fight – Grades 6-8 – at Badin HS from 6-9 PM – details to come
- **11/14/25 – will be the Pizza Friday from 10/17 order**
- 11/20 & 11/21/25 – Book Fair GRAND Event – details to come
- 11/22/25 – HSPT for 8<sup>th</sup> graders – see pg. 3
- 12/18/25 – Christmas Program – Students in Grades K-5 – details to come in the next few months
- 4/16/25 – First Communion Rehearsal & Pictures – details at a later date
- 4/19/25 – St. Peter in Chains First Communion – 10AM mass at St. Peter's Church – **DATE UPDATE**



**Mass Schedule for Oct:**

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – Grade 8 leads  
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – Grade 7 leads  
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – Grade 6 leads  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – Grade 5 leads

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

**Conferences:**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 9 from 2:30-7:00 PM & Thursday, October 16 from 2:30-7:00 PM**. The conferences can be scheduled through the OptionC Parent Portal [starting Sept. 30](#). [Log into your OptionC parent account > User Resources > Parent/Teacher Conferences and then choose the date that works for your schedule.](#) **Scheduling will remain open until Oct. 7.** Please be sure to sign up with the teachers you wish to conference with. If you have questions, please contact the office.

**\*\*For Mrs. Lux, schedule with Ms. Gibboney (they will be together).**

**For Mrs. Brown, schedule with Ms. Angie Wirtz (they will be together).**

**\*\*For 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion – please reach out to Ms. Angie Wirtz at [wirtza@stpeterinchains.org](mailto:wirtza@stpeterinchains.org) if you feel you need to schedule a conference. You cannot do it on OptionC.**

## **WALKATHON – 2025**

Our annual Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for **Friday, October 10, 2025.**

**WE ARE ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY!!**

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.

***\*\*Please get those donations in! ALL donations are due by October 7<sup>th</sup> to be applied toward the student and classroom totals for prizes\*\****

***\*\*If you made payment online or you forgot to send in post its notes, please use the below link to send messages to the students who you are supporting. Even if you are not contributing to the Walk, your child is still participating in the day, they would love an encouraging note from you! Please share with anyone who may have donated to your child(ren). Encouragement Notes for Walkathon LINK***

### **Start Time & Attendance (K-8):**

Just a friendly reminder...students are required to be in their seats before the 7:30 am bell. If they are not in their seats, they are marked tardy. *The doors to both morning entrances will close at 7:30 AM and your child should be brought to the main office to check in.* **After 3 tardies, your child will receive a written warning. If they incur their 4<sup>th</sup> tardy they will be required to serve a 30 min. detention after school.** The attendance policy is in the Parent/Student Handbook. Please plan your morning appropriately so your child is dropped off early enough to not be stressed out and can make it to their classroom in time.

### **ROSARY CLUB: 2:15-3:30 PM**

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

[PERMISSION SLIP](#)

[Rosary Club Payment Link](#) (online payments only)



**Permission slip and payment are due at least 24 hours before meeting time or your child cannot attend**

**LEGO CLUB –**  
**2:15-3:00 PM**



***Open to young architects and engineers in K-8***  
**2:15-3:00 PM**

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! Students can join us once a month in the St Peter in Chains cafeteria to complete the themed Lego challenge. Lego’s and a snack will be provided. \$25 fee for the school year. Please use the link for sign-ups as well as payment.

**[LEGO CLUB PAYMENT LINK](#)** (online payments only) **[PERMISSION SLIP](#)**

Questions, please contact Mrs. Lawson at [lawsons@stpeterinchains.org](mailto:lawsons@stpeterinchains.org)

**\*\*ALL permission slips & payments MUST be turned in 24 hours prior to the club's meeting time or your child cannot attend that week.**

**VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL OR PARISH:**

ANYONE who wishes to volunteer in our school or the parish **MUST** be certified with Safe Parish trainings AND have a positive background check on file thru Selection.com You must also keep up on the trainings throughout the year. You must also stay up to date on the Safe Parish trainings that are sent out via email. All approved volunteers are checked prior to the time of the event scheduled for to be sure they are up to date on the trainings.

***\*\*Right now there is a delay with background checks for those that live or have lived in Butler County – this is due to a cyber attack/data breach. Background checks are backed up. Please be patient and know that we cannot change this scenario. Those who that are not Safe Parish certified AND have a positive background check on file cannot be on campus or around our students (including coaching). This is an Archdiocesan rule. Our ultimate goal is to keep our kids safe, so please be patient and show some grace.\*\****

**Preschool/Kindergarten Open House – Thursday, November 6**

We are hosting an Open House for prospective Kindergarten and Preschool families from 6:00-7:00. 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. The link for signups for the Open House will be available soon.

**Student Council – Grades 7 & 8**



SPS Student Council is an after-school club giving our 7th and 8th grade Eagles a chance to be leaders in our school. Last year, they planned many fun activities for our students throughout the year. Their biggest project was running the fan-favorite St. Pete's Eats, a breakfast bar once a week. Instead of a President and Vice President, we will be having a Student Council Board made up of 4 8th graders and 2 7th graders to lead like last year. Many students submitted proposals last week, and teachers are voting this week on who will be on the board. Meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of the month. Permission slips were passed out this week. ***Be sure to get your slip in so you can stay!***

***The first meeting will be on Wed., October 1***

***\*No need to enter into PickUp Patrol (PUP) if staying – only enter into PUP if your child is NOT staying and how they should dismiss.***

**Book Fair – 2025**



St. Peter in Chains will proudly be hosting our **Annual Scholastic Book Fair in November 2025!** Our 'Fair Preview Days' will be held on November 14 & 17, followed by our 'Student Shopping Days' on November 18 & 19 and we will end with our GRAND EVENT on November 20 & 21. More details to come on all these exciting days. So mark your calendars – and start the countdown to **The Best. Day. Ever!**

Happy Reading,  
Mrs. Rachel Woods  
Librarian

**HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST – Nov. 22 (8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

If your 8<sup>th</sup> grader is considering going to a Catholic high school next year, they must take the HSPT in November. Badin HS is giving the test or you can sign up at one of the high schools in the area. You can use the following link to sign up - [HSPT Registration Link](#) sign up BY November 19.

**\*\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Release of Records form was emailed to all 8<sup>th</sup> families this week. Please complete the forms and return to school ASAP so we can gather records for the schools you are interested in\*\***

**OPERATION PUMPKIN – 2025**

Operation Pumpkin will be in downtown Hamilton again this year, October 10-12. We have several SPS families who were the originators of this event and continue to be on the planning committee every year. It's an amazing community event, so be sure to make plans to attend!! It's always a GREAT time and you're always bound to run into several SPS families there enjoying themselves as well.

Also, if you feel like volunteering or need service hours, use this link to sign up - [Our Festival Volunteers](#)

**CONFIRMATION DATES – 25/26**

*For those students in Grade 8, who are preparing for Confirmation this spring, please add the following important dates to your calendar:*

- *September 21 – Parent Meeting – 11AM at St. Peter's Church*
- *November 8 – Confirmation Retreat – held in the QOP cafeteria from 3-10 PM.*
- *February 23 – Confirmation Rehearsal - 7PM at St. Joe's*
- *February 24 – Confirmation Mass – 7 PM at St. Joe's*

*\*see your confirmation folder from the Parent meeting for other turn in dates for forms\**

**Little Rams Candy Crawl –**

Sunday, October 19 from 4-6 PM – children ages 12 and under. Come dressed in your favorite costume and collect sweet treats as you trick-or-treat through the decorated halls. ALL children should be accompanied by an adult and remain with that adult throughout the event. Please RSVP at this link – [Little Rams Candy Crawl RSVP](#)

**SPIRIT WEAR ITEMS:**

Be sure to get all your St. Peter's merch at our ONLY approved Spirit Wear vendor -- Promotions, Etc. The link to their site is [PROMOTIONS, ETC. SPIRIT WEAR LINK](#)

Spirit Wear tops can be worn on most Fridays with IN uniform bottoms.

Questions, please contact the office.

**Items sent home today:**

- Walkathon station assignments will be sent home next tomorrow (Friday) to those specific people who signed up and are Safe Parish certified/back ground checked. **ONLY people who have a station assignment and receive a form are permitted to be on campus that day.**
- **Jr. Rams Boys Basketball Flyers for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7/8<sup>th</sup> are attached**
- **SCHOOL PICTURES CAME HOME TODAY! CHECK BACK PACKS!** Picture re-takes will be Nov. 5 for those who were absent or just need a re-take.

