

ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL

Anchored in the Catholic virtues of faith, hope, and love, St. Peter Martyr School nurtures a diverse community of students to become lifelong learners and effective communicators who use their God-given gifts to serve others.

Wednesday Newsletter

Week #24 | Wednesday, February 12, 2025



Many if not all great undertakings begin in small and often hidden ways. Seeds need the darkness, isolation, and cover of the earth in order to germinate. Therefore, for something to begin small, hidden, anonymous, is an advantage. It means it can develop away from publicity. No burden of expectations. It can develop at its own pace. There is no hurry. Christ began his great work, the salvation of the world, simply and quietly. He began by calling a few people. He began with personal contact and that is how his work developed. It was passed on from person to person by word of mouth. Things that begin quietly put down deep roots, grow steadily, and survive to produce fruits that last. So, if there is something we want to do, let us not hesitate, let us make a start. Let us plant one seed. God will support us and it will grow and prosper. God of small beginnings, fill us with confidence in our work. May your presence in what we do encourage us to dare. Amen.

Principal's Desk

Dear SPM School Families,

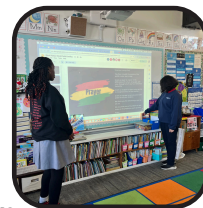
- **Parent Night: Emotional Intelligence:** On Tuesday, February 18th we will have our second parent night of the year. This evening will focus on understanding emotional intelligence and its impact on parenting. Ms. Higgins will also share practical strategies for managing emotions in children. This meeting will be on zoom and the link will be shared on ClassDojo prior to the evenings event.
- **2025-2026 Registration Payments:** As mentioned in my ClassDojo Post on Friday, there was an error on some of the amounts input into FACTS accounts. The charges have been corrected. The registration for the 2025-2026 school year have been broken in to two payments and are due on Feb. 28 and Mar. 28 respectively. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions regarding these payments.
- **75th Anniversary Hoodie Order:** We will be placing our spring order for SPM Black Hoodies. This Design will feature our new SPM print on the chest and the updated crest. If you would like to order a black hooded sweatshirt for your child the last day for this order will be Friday, February 28th. Order Forms are being sent home today. This will be the last order placed for these hoodies this school year.
- **Fundraising & Parent Participation:** Parent participation hours and fundraising monies have been updated to reflect the parent hours from the Pasta Dinner and Catholic Schools Week Raffle. If you have any questions, please reach out to Emma Ojeda, eojeda@csdo.org.



Calendar Update:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Wednesday, February 12	12pm Dismissal, Spirit Dress/Faith Family; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30pm	--
Thursday, February 13	2:45 Dismissal; After school: World Language Club (K-3); Homework Club (4-8) 3-3:30pm	Bean, Cheese and Rice burritos w/Fruit
Friday, February 14	8:15 Friday Assembly; PE Day wear appropriate shoes; 12pm Dismissal, Red, Pink or White attire; Happy Valentine's Day	--
Monday, February 17	No School; President's Day	--
Tuesday, February 18	2:45 Dismissal; After school: Yearbook Club, 3-3:30pm	Beef Tostadas with Grapes & Strawberries
Wednesday, February 19	12pm Dismissal, Spirit Dress/Faith Family; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30pm	--

God Centered ~ Socially Aware ~ Lifelong Learner ~ Effective Communicator

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Reminders & Events

Fundraising ~ SPM Crab Feed - March 1, 2025

TICKETS ON SALE NOW: Please make plans to join us for our SPM School Crab Feed on Saturday, March 1, at Good Shepherd Church Hall. The menu includes Appetizers, Crab, Pasta, Salad, Bread, and Dessert. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$700 for a table of 10 and must be purchased in advance.

Donations ~ Charitable Gifts

St. Peter Martyr School is a non-profit, 501 c (3) organization and gladly accepts monetary donations that are tax deductible. Gifts in kind are accepted if we have a need for the item offered. Several families assist us through charitable giving and matching funds programs from their employers. Our school has memorial cards to remember family or friends. We also have scholarship programs established to assist our school families for which donations can be made in someone's name or memory. A memorial gift to St. Peter Martyr School is a direct participation in the Catholic education of children. An acknowledgment of your gift will be sent to the family or friends of the memorialized person as you direct. This acknowledgment will give your name as the donor. The amount given will not be specified unless requested. If you wish any further information regarding donations and charitable gifts please contact the school.

FACTS ~ Tuition

All school families are required to open an account with "FACTS" Tuition Management. This company handles all tuition payments on the plan you choose through their website. The first tuition payments for families on the twelve-month plan were due in June. The first payment for those paying over ten months is due in August. All fees are also due at this time. The office must be informed in writing and approve any changes to your contract. You are responsible for all late fees that FACTS may apply.

Important Upcoming Dates

2/10-2/28: STAR testing window
2/11: School Board Meeting
2/12: K-8 information Night 6pm
2/14: Valentine's Day; Minimum Day 12pm Dismissal
2/17: No School, Presidents Day
2/18: Parent Night: Emotional Intelligence 6:30pm zoom
2/20: Water District Presentations 2,3,4,5
2/27: Preschool Information Night
3/1: SPM Crab Feed
3/3: 8th Grade Grad Photos, Read Across America Afternoon
3/4: Parent Night: Engaging Readers
3/5: Ash Wednesday Mass, T2 Ends
3/7: No School, LCA Professional Development
3/8: 1st Reconciliation Service for Second Grade Students
3/10: No School School Closed
3/11: School Board Meeting
3/12: Report Cards go Home, Spring Photos
3/20: Principal's Meeting
3/31: Minimum Day
4/3: Panoramic, School Wide

Reading At SPM

Scholastic Reading Club Book Order

Scholastic Books is one great way to get your students books they will love. Classes may get monthly flyers or you can shop online. You may turn in orders to the office, attention Mrs. Wilson, or place the order online. Please send in your order form with payment to Scholastic Book Clubs or order online at <https://orders.scholastic.com/HNNKT>. The 5-DIGIT CLASS CODE is HNNKT. The first order for Scholastic Books has been delivered to our classrooms. The next order will be submitted at the end of this week.

Financial Aid 2025-2026

The BASIC Fund Grant Application - Tuition Assistance Apply Mid January: The BASIC Fund is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children by helping families afford the cost of tuition at private schools. The BASIC Fund offers scholarships to students entering Preschool through eighth grades. Grant amounts are based on household size and income. For tuition assistance from The BASIC Fund your family must meet their eligibility guidelines. If your child is currently in Preschool/PreK they are also eligible as a "new" student. Applications for The BASIC Fund will be available through our school office and online at www.basicfund.org. Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis starting Mid Jan until the deadline in March 2025. Applications received after the deadline will be put on a waiting list. BASIC Fund scholarships are renewable through 8th grade as long as all eligibility requirements are met. Renewing families that are applying for a new sibling must complete a new application by the March deadline.

2025-2026 FACE Grants Applications/ Tuition Assistance - Apply Now Through FACTS - FACE (Family Aid Catholic Education) grant applications for the 2025-2026 school year are available to families whose children are enrolled in our school (grades K-8). To be considered for FACE tuition assistance, a third-party processing service, FACTS (Grant & Aid Application), will rank families. The link to apply through FACTS is <https://online.factsmtgt.com/ga/aid/inst/4KX6G>. FACE applications (through FACTS) are only available online. If you need tuition assistance and your child will attend SPM School next year, you need to apply for Financial aid now through FACTS there are no exceptions. The deadline for the FACE Grant is March 31st. Please note that FACTS is the third-party Financial Aid Processing Service. If you have any FACE questions, please contact Colette Samimi at 510-628-2169 or csamimi@oaklanddiocese.org.

SPM Financial Aid:

Thank you to those who attended our Financial Aid Meeting on Tuesday night with the LCA. Reminder if you are requesting financial assistance from St. Peter Martyr School, a formal letter outlining your need must have been submitted by Monday Feb. 10. At St. Peter Martyr School, we are committed to supporting every family as part of our mission rooted in faith, hope, and love, and we thank you for taking these important. The Tuition assistance agreement will be sent out by the end of the month.