



Wednesday Newsletter

Week #36 | Wednesday May 8, 2024

Mary, on Mother's Day, when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve, for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Holy Mary, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Blessed Mother, intercede for all mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love – the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. Amen.

Principal's Desk

Dear SPM School Families,

This week, our Student Learning Expectations focus at St. Peter Martyr School is on being life long learners. As we near the end of the school year and the third trimester encourage your children to do their best during this final stretch of the school year. .

Here are the important updates for this week's newsletter:

- 1. Congratulations to our 1st Communicants:** Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Saturday. Thank you to: Mrs. Bento for guiding the students in their preparation; Ms. Bruno; Rev. Robert Rein for the gifts of his ministry; the parents and families who participated and gave witness to the sacrament; and to all the staff who contributed their time and talents to assist in this celebration. Let us all continue to support and pray for our recipients of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion as they continue their faith journeys. Sacrament of First Holy Communion Recipients: **Christopher Arevalo, Braelyn Beshears, Matias Barajas-Castellon, Evalyn Carranza, Alenna Delgadillo, Javier De Leon, Leo Martin Juan, Giancarlo Leon, Antoinette Nannini, Desmond Palacio, Jade Ramirez, Abraham Salazar, Caleb Teixeira, Ella Vu**
- 2. Rhythm and Moves Spring Showcase:** On Friday May 10th at 1pm all our classes will be showcasing their skills learned during our Rhythm and Moves classes this year. We welcome all parents to arrive around 12:30 to the lowerside. Students are welcome to wear free dress. Parents are encouraged to bring their own chairs and are welcome to set them up behind the students chairs on the blacktop. We look forward to seeing everyone there.
- 3. SPM Family Picnic At Small World Park:** Our SPM School Family Picnic will be held at Small World Park, 2551 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday May 10th. Jumbo hotdogs and beverages will be served. Families attending are asked to bring a favorite side dish to share (pasta salad, potato salad, green salad, fruit salad, lumpia, pizza, chips, desserts, cookies, fruit, etc.) There is no charge to attend. Some rides will be open. Face painting will be available for the event.
- 4. Re-registration for Current Students Sent to Families from PowerSchool:** The links for the 2024-2025 School Year were emailed before Easter Break. Please complete the reregistration as soon as possible as it is crucial to secure your child's spot in the classroom. This needs to be completed for each child enrolled at St. Peter Martyr School. Yesterday was the deadline for completing this and it is now overdue. Ms. Grillo sent out reminder emails for this on Monday. Please follow the link for each child enrolled. This is extremely important for the next school year.
- 5. Thank you to St. Ignatius Church of Antioch:** St. Peter Martyr School is blessed to have the support of St. Ignatius Church. We received a check for \$5,539 from the money that was collected during lenten to support our school. We are very grateful and appreciative of this generous support from Fr. Robert and the parishioners of St. Ignatius Church. Thank you!

Calendar Update:

Wednesday, May 8th: Early Release (Noon Dismissal); SPM Spirit Dress or Faith Family Color; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30 pm

Thursday, May 9th: Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Orange Chicken over Rice; **PE:** wear appropriate shoes; **After School:** Outdoor Recreation (K-4), Homework Club (5-8) 3-3:30pm

Friday, May 10th: Regular School Day; Straw Hat Pizza; **May Crowning at Friday Assembly:** 2nd & 4th Grade bring flowers; Spring Concert 1pm lowerside playground; **After School:** Extended Care until 4:30 only; Library Club 3-3:30; Family Picnic at Small World Park 6pm-8pm

Monday, May 13th: Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Turkey sandwich with Chips; **After School:** Choir Practice 3-3:30pm, Computer Club 3-4pm

Tuesday, May 14th: Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Martyr Burgers with Fries; **PE:** wear appropriate shoes

Wednesday, May 15th: Early Release (Noon Dismissal); SPM Spirit Dress or Faith Family Color; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30 pm



Events & Reminders

Computer Giveaway

We have some gently used Mac Mini computers with accessories available to our school families. Please email Mrs. Wilson if you would like us to prepare one for your family. We do have a limited number of monitors, keyboards and mice for each computer. We will install the highest operating system possible.

Family Satisfaction Survey

We are inviting all parents/guardians to participate in a 360 Evaluation process now that the year is almost at an end. Through this process, feedback about the school will be gathered from students, staff and families, and then shared with Father Jesus, Father Robert, Father Thi and Mrs. Wilson. All parents/guardians are asked to complete this Lumen Christi Academies Family Satisfaction Survey: St. Peter Martyr as soon as possible. Link will be sent out via ClassDojo. Our 3rd - 8th Grade students will be completing a Satisfaction Survey as well. The student questions focus on their experiences at school in following areas: Teaching & Learning, Student Engagement, the Classroom Environment, and their overall Sense of Belonging.



Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, May 10th ~ Spring Concert 1pm, SPM Playground, **Extended Care Open until 4:30**

Friday, May 10th ~ Family Picnic at Small World Park

Monday, May 13 - Friday, May 31 ~ Spring STAR Testing Window

Friday, May 24 ~ Minimum Day

Monday, May 27 ~ No School, Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29 ~ Early Dismissal, 8th grade Graduation Dance (8th Grade only)

Thursday, May 30 ~ 10am End of Year Mass; Minimum Day, 8th grade Graduation Luncheon 12:30pm (8th grade Student & Parents only)

Friday, May 31 ~ 2pm Dismissal; 8th grade Graduation 5pm SPM Church

Monday, Jun. 3 ~ 2pm Dismissal

Tuesday, Jun. 4 ~ 2pm Dismissal

Wednesday, Jun. 5 ~ Noon Dismissal, PS Graduation (8:30), K Graduation (10am)

Thursday, Jun. 6th ~ 12pm Dismissal

Friday, Jun. 7th ~ Last Day of School 10am Dismissal, **NO EXTENDED CARE**

To Do:

Fundraising: Outstanding Fundraising Billed

Just a reminder that the Walkathon was the last fundraising activity that goes towards each families \$500 fundraising fee. All families were asked to contribute \$150 towards the walkathon. All families who do not bring in the \$150 were charged on their FACTS account charged on Monday, April 29th. Payments are due on May 15th.

Parent Participation Hours

Families are required to complete a minimum of 25 parent participation hours including 15 hours of service towards the cafeteria lunch program during the dates assigned to your children's grades. Any unfinished hours were charged to your FACTS account at a rate of \$25 an hour due on May 15th.

2024-2025 School Year Applications

We are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year for, Kindergarten (5 years old by September 1), and grades 1-8. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at St. Peter Martyr School and wish them to attend during the 2024-2025 school year, please complete the online application and we will reach out to schedule an assessment.

"Tell A Friend": Current St. Peter Martyr School families may earn a tuition credit of \$300.00 for each new family they bring to our school. The new family must list you as the source of the referral on their application to SPM School. The credit will be issued upon the acceptance and payment of the new family's registration fee. If more than one family is listed as a referral the \$300 tuition credit will be shared equally among the names listed.

Financial Aid: Deadline has passed!

The BASIC Fund Grant Application and FACE applications have closed - All financial aid applications were due last week. Please make sure that you have submitted all of the required documentation requested from the FACE or BASIC Fund. Financial Aid award letters were sent home in March. If you haven't already, please initial the yellow copy and return to the school. If you have any questions, you can reach out to the office.

FACTS Reminders

Please revisit your FACTS accounts and update all out of date information. All Incidental Accounts should be set up with ACH that way your Extended care, Registration, Parent Fees, and 8th grade grad fee can be paid on time just like your tuition. Please make every effort to clear your tuition and Extended Care FACTS account, as we are responsible to close the school's books in June. If you are not able to meet your contractual obligations at this time please contact Mrs. Wilson. We rely on your payments to meet our expenses. All registration fees are due now. In your signed contract it states that you must have a working and open up-to-date FACTS account. If you have questions you can reach out to FACTS at 1-866-412-4637