



# Wednesday Newsletter

Week #24 | Wednesday February 21, 2024

In the words of Saint Mark's Gospel, Jesus "spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it." Jesus, you communicated with people at their level of ability. Today, as we talk with other people, help us to speak plainly and clearly, realizing that most people want to understand us. Guide our efforts to be honest and open with other people, not expecting that everyone will comprehend our meaning right away. Grant us patience and persistence in our attempts to understand one another. Amen.

## Principal's Desk



Dear SPM School Families, this week's Student Learning Expectation is focused on being God Centered students. Each day our mornings begin with prayer in the classrooms and students are given the opportunity to pray for those who are less fortunate. It is our mission here at St. Peter Martyr to educate the whole student body, mind and spirit. Each day we remind students to be the best version of themselves. Here are the important updates for this week's newsletter:

- 1. World Kindness Day:** Friday, February 16th is Random Act of Kindness Day and KINDNESS BINGO cards are being sent home today. We encourage all our families to participate in our Kindness Challenge. **Instructions: Step 1:** Take a Kindness Bingo Card home. Look it over with your family and spread kindness in your community! **Step 2:** Tag SPM in Kindness Photos Share at least two pictures of your family completing two different acts of kindness on social media, tagging @spm martyr on Facebook and Instagram or send an email with the photo attached to [spmschool@cndo.org](mailto:spmschool@cndo.org)! Be sure to comment which act of kindness you are participating in, and where in your community you are. **Step 3:** Return completed Kindness Bingo Card: Turn in your family's blacked out Bingo Card by March 27th to the office signed by your parent/guardian. All challengers will be recognized at Friday assembly on March 28th and will receive a special treat for spreading kindness.
- 2. Black History Museum:** This Friday all middle school students are creating exhibits for our 3rd annual Black History Museum, and they have big ideas! Our museum will open for the community to view on Friday, February 23, from 3:00-5:00 pm. I hope you'll find the time to come check out the inspiring work.
- 3. Desserts Auctions Entries Wanted:** At the SPM Crab Feed on Saturday, March 2nd, we will be auctioning off special desserts created by our SPM families. We are looking for **YOUR** special dessert and want **YOU** to be crowned the "Dessert King/Queen" for raising the most money for our school with your dessert! We will only be accepting around 20 entries. Entries must be: A homemade dessert (e.g. cake, cookies, pie, cannoli), that serves 8-12 people. 1) A unique (e.g. themed dessert, special family recipe), restaurant quality 2) Well packaged and presented (platters, containers, etc. will not be returned), Items should be delivered to Good Shepherd Hall by noon on Saturday, March 2nd. If you are interested, please email Emma Ojeda, [eojeda@cndo.org](mailto:eojeda@cndo.org) with the dessert you want to enter by Friday February 23rd. You will receive a confirmation link for you to sign up. Emma will confirm your entry the week of the event. We will not be accepting desserts that have not been confirmed.
- 4. STAR Testing Begins:** Yesterday the STAR screening window opened, while students cannot study for the STAR test you can help them have a more successful experience by getting a good night's rest and providing them with healthy snacks for the next two weeks while we administer the test. A reminder that we are working on our whole school goal of increasing the literacy of our students. Encourage your children to keep reading at home complete their reading logs and take an AR test when they have finished their books.
- 5. Financial Aid Letters Due:** Families who are requesting additional financial aid from St. Peter Martyr School need to submit their request letter by February 26. Families must have also applied for Financial Aid through FACTS Grant and Aid. You will not be considered for School based assistance without completing this application.

## Calendar Update:

**Wednesday, February 21st:** Early Release (Noon Dismissal); SPM Sprit Dress; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30pm.

**Thursday, February 22nd:** Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Spaghetti & Meatballs with Garlic Bread; PE, wear appropriate shoes, **After School:** Homework Club & Reading Club 3-3:30 pm; Extended Care

**Friday, February 23rd:** Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Straw Hat Pizza; **After School:** Library Club 3-3:30pm,

**Monday, February 26th:** Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Pasta Alfredo with Chicken & Apple Slices; **After School:** Choir Club 3-3:30pm, Computer Club 3-4pm

**Tuesday, February 27th:** Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Cheeseburger with Fries; PE, wear appropriate shoes; **After School:** Yearbook 3-4pm

**Wednesday, February 28th:** Early Release (Noon Dismissal); SPM Sprit Dress; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30 pm



## Events & Reminders

### Yearbook & Yearbook Ads

2023-2024 SPM Yearbook Available for Order & Ads: Each year SPM school publishes a yearbook. The yearbook is a distinctive memory book filled with special pictures and photographs taken throughout the school year. Our yearbook staff is also seeking advertisements to place in our SPM Yearbook. We would appreciate your support by purchasing an ad, thereby assisting us in developing a great yearbook and promoting your business or organization at the same time. You may also purchase an ad to honor, thank, or remember someone, a group, or a class. If interested, any artwork or photos must be sent in .jpg format via email to [jpease@cso.org](mailto:jpease@cso.org). You may also choose to send us your wording and our Yearbook staff will format your ad. Prices are: Full page, \$250.00; Half Page, \$185.00; One-fourth page, \$125.00; One-eighth page, \$75.00. Send payment to the school office along with your ad. Orders for yearbooks or ads can also be placed online at <https://www.jostens.com>

### Illness Prevention and Policy

Enclosed in today's newsletter we are sending home guidance from the California Department of Public Health on when to keep your child home from school. We appreciate families using this guidance to help them determine if a child should come to school or stay home. Children who are obviously ill with fever (over 100 degrees), diarrhea, vomiting, green-runny nose, puss/oozing eyes, disease should stay home. It is a danger to other children and staff members at our facility. If your child appears to be sick while at school, we will notify the parent or legal guardian immediately, and it is necessary that the child be picked up within one hour of notification. The child will be permitted to return when his/her temperature is normal for 24 hours (72 for suspected COVID19 cases or other airborne communicable diseases) without aid of fever-reducing medication. Your child must have any prescribed medication, such as antibiotics, in his/her system for at least 24 hours before returning. In the event your child is sent home due to a communicable disease, they will not be permitted back to St. Peter Martyr School without a doctor's note. The doctor's note must be written on their letterhead and read that the child can return to school because what they have is no longer contagious. We appreciate all families working together to keep our community safe and following these guidances to stay healthy during the cold and flu season.

### Important Upcoming Dates

**Friday, Feb. 23** ~ Black History Museum, 3-5pm  
**Friday, Feb. 23** ~ 1st half of Registration payment due.  
**Friday, Mar. 1** ~ Read Across America Day Book Giveaway, 3-4pm  
**Saturday, Mar. 2** ~ SPM Crab Feed @ Good Shepherd Church 5pm  
**Wednesday, Mar. 6** ~ Trimester 2 Ends  
**Saturday, Mar. 9** ~ 1st Reconciliation @ St. Peter Martyr Church 10am  
**Monday, Mar. 11** ~ School Holiday, NO SCHOOL  
**Wednesday, Mar. 13** ~ Trimester 2 Report Cards Go Home  
**Wednesday, Mar. 13** ~ Spring Photos  
**Wednesday, Mar. 27** ~ Living Stations presented by 8th 9:30 & 10:30am  
**Thursday, Mar. 28** ~ Minimum Day, School wide Seder Meal  
**Friday, Mar. 29** ~ Good Friday, NO SCHOOL  
**Friday, Mar. 29 - Sunday, Apr. 8** ~ Easter Break  
**Tuesday, Apr. 16** ~ Vision Screening (K,2,5,8 & All New Students)

## To Do:

### Fundraising: See's Candy

Last week we launched our preorder sale of See's candy for Easter. and order forms and envelopes were sent home. Orders are Due March 13th for prompt delivery before Easter. Please make all checks payable to St. Peter Martyr School, Cash and Venmo (use "See's Fundraiser" in the memo) also accepted. Help our school fundraise and get yummy chocolate as well.

### SPM Crab Feed - March 2, 2024

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW:** Please make plans to join us for our SPM School Crab Feed on Saturday, March 2nd, 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. Tickets are available in our office. No tickets will be sold at the door. The evening will also feature a no host Beer and Wine Bar and live music, silent auction and a raffle. Make your plans to attend this special evening. Remember to invite your friends! Order form is included in this week's envelope.

### Financial Aid:

**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](http://www.basicfund.org). Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis starting Mid Jan until the deadline in March 29, 2024. 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.

**2024-2025 FACE Grants Applications/ Tuition Assistance – Apply Now Through FACTS** - FACE (Family Aid Catholic Education) grant applications for the 2024-2025 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.factsmtg.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](mailto:csamimi@oaklanddiocese.org).