



Wednesday Newsletter

Week #21 | Wednesday January 31, 2024

Lord God, we bless and thank you for our share in the mission of Catholic education. May we always be reminded of our call to serve you. Continue to make us a community of believers growing every day by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have brought us together and we have the opportunity to share in our Catholic education. Help us see the talents you have given us and the gifts that are around us so that we may always find joy in learning and following you. Help us respond to the gifts of faith so that we may be recognized as your disciples. Amen.

Principal's Desk

Dear SPM School Families,

Thank you to everyone who made our Catholic Schools Week Open House a wonderful event. We had a lot of families come visit and see the amazing work that our school is doing. We as a staff appreciate all the support from our families and friends. Please join us this Friday for the conclusion of our Catholic Schools Week celebration at our Pasta Dinner. Tickets are still available. Our CSW Raffle and Auction will also conclude Friday as well.

- 1. Tuition and intent to return to SPM:** Our tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year have been established and were sent out last week with the letter from the LCA. We also have sent out our intent to reenroll survey via ClassDojo. We continue to have discounted family rates for two or more children per family. I encourage all families to return and to reach out to invite other families to enroll their children as well. Catholic education is a lifelong gift. We have extended the deadline to February 2nd. This information is vital for our planning efforts. Graduating 8th grade families do not need to participate in the survey unless you have children who will be re-enrolling. We appreciate a response by the deadline as there are wait lists for some classrooms.
- 2. Financial Aid Meeting for the 2024-2025 School Year:** If you will be in need of any financial aid from St. Peter Martyr School, it will be required that you apply for a financial aid through FACTS. Please visit our web site and use the "Affordability" tab for all the needed information to apply for all financial aid. If you received or are looking to receive Financial Aid, you are required to attend the financial aid meeting held by Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Grillo. The meeting is **Tuesday February 6, 2024, at 6:00pm** This meeting will be on **ZOOM, <https://csdo.zoom.us/j/85938825074>. The Meeting ID is 882 1455 5042** and there is no password. (A representative from each family must attend in order to be eligible to receive any type of financial aid.) Please plan accordingly as it is a required meeting for any type of financial aid. Now is the time to prepare your tax information, get all things ready. You must apply for FACE (Family Aid for Catholic Education) and attend the financial aid meeting to receive aid from St. Peter Martyr School.
- 3. CSW SPM Pasta Dinner - LAST CALL:** Make your plans to enjoy a pasta dinner on Friday, February 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St Peter Martyr School. If you are unable to dine in you may order to go. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. The menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert. The evening will also feature a silent auction, and a raffle. Orders must be placed in advance. Seating is limited. A special flyer is enclosed today for your convenience. Tickets are also available at the school office. If you wish to volunteer your help please contact Emma Ojeda. We are seeking help in the kitchen, serving, and of course clean up. Your support is needed and always appreciated. We are still gladly accepting items for our auction and/or raffle. Perhaps you have an "extra" gift from Christmas or a gift card you are willing to donate. We also need empty baskets to fill with prizes. Thank you.
- 4. 100th Day of School:** Can you believe it? **Monday, February 5th** is our 100th day of school. SPM celebrates this day by encouraging students to dress up. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Calendar Update:

Wednesday, January 31st: Early Release (Noon Dismissal); **CSW Activity:** Faith Family Spirit Day & SPM Trivia ; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30 pm

Thursday, February 1st: Regular School Day; **CSW Activity:** Higher Education Attire & College Bowl; **Lunch:** 1/2 Ham & Cheese Sandwich with Soup; PE wear appropriate shoes, **After School:** Homework Club & Reading Club 3-3:30 pm; Extended Care open after school

Friday, February 2nd: Regular School Day; **CSW Activity:** School Spirit Attire & Faith Family BINGO; **Lunch:** Straw Hat Pizza, \$3.00 a slice; **After School:** Library Club 3-3:30 pm

Monday, February 5th: Regular School Day; **100th Day of School;** **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets w/fruit salad; **After School:** Choir Club 3-3:30, Computer Club 3-4pm

Tuesday, February 6th: Regular School Day; **Lunch:** Beef Tostada and Fruit with Tajin; PE wear appropriate shoes; **After School:** Yearbook 3-4pm; **Financial Aid Meeting Zoom 6pm**

Wednesday, February 7th: Early Release (Noon Dismissal); Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30 pm; **LCA Financial Aid meeting on zoom, 6:30pm**

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. Order forms are being sent home today. 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@csdo.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>

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.

Intent to Reenroll Due Friday, Feb 2nd



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Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Feb. 14 ~ Ash Wednesday Mass, 10am SPM Church
Friday, Feb. 23 ~ Black History Museum, 3-4pm
Friday, Feb. 23 ~ 1st half of Registration payment due.
Friday, Feb. 9 ~ First Reregistration Payment due on FACTS
Friday, Feb. 16 ~ Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)
Monday, Feb 19 ~ President's Day NO SCHOOL
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
Monday, Mar. 11 ~ School Holiday, NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, Mar. 13 ~ Trimester 2 Report Cards Go Home
Friday, Mar. 29 ~

To Do:

Fundraising: Catholic Schools Week Raffle

Congratulations to Alenna Delgadillo and her family for winning the Early Bird Raffle Drawing.

Our school is sponsoring a Catholic Schools Week Raffle. There are many wonderful raffle prizes you can win: First Prize is 4 Season Passes to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and a night stay in Santa Cruz; Second Prize is SF Dinner Cruise for 2; Third Prize is \$300 in Gas & Grocery Gift Cards. Each family received four books of raffle tickets before the break. The tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 10 for \$50.00. We are counting on everyone's participation to make this a success. This is an opportunity to invite others to support Catholic education. Please send the money to the school office and make checks payable to St. Peter Martyr School. Send the payment and stubs in an envelope clearly marked with your family name. Please help us by selling additional tickets. The drawing will be held Friday evening, February 2nd, at our Pasta Dinner and Auction in our cafeteria. You need not be present to win. We thank you for your support. **Reminder: This is part of your fundraising goal. \$200 will be charged to your FACTS Account next week if you do not participate in the raffle.**

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. 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.