



Wednesday Newsletter

Week #7 | Wednesday September 27, 2023

Your words are truth and life, Holy Wisdom. So the Book of Sirach tells us, "If you love to listen you will gain knowledge, and if you pay attention you will become wise." Help us learn to listen attentively, Source of all wisdom. Listening does not always come easy. Help us to remember these words from the scriptures so that when we listen we will learn, and when we pay attention we will be planting the seeds of wisdom. God, please help us to listen and attend. Amen

Principal's Desk

Dear SPM School Families,

I hope you have had a great week so far. I wanted to share a few important updates with you:

- Kitchen Project:** Our kitchen renovation project is continuing, and we are making excellent progress. We anticipate having it completed by next week, ensuring a safer and more efficient space for meal preparation.
- Parking Lot Renovation:** In addition to the kitchen project, we are also embarking on a renovation project for our school parking lot. These upgrades will enhance safety and convenience for all families and staff members. This will take place on Oct. 9th and 11th.
- Cherrydale Fundraiser:** As we work towards completing these crucial renovation projects, we want to remind you that our Cherrydale fundraiser is in full swing, running through October 4th. Your support in this fundraising effort is vital to the success of these projects, and we genuinely appreciate your participation. Make sure to share the links to help your children win cool prizes.
- Room Moms:** If you haven't heard from your child's room moms, please check your spam folder. If you find no messages in your spam folder, kindly reach out to Emma, ejeda@csdo.org, who will be more than happy to assist you.
- Literacy for All:** This year, one of our goals is to further emphasize literacy. We are committed to fostering a love for reading and writing among our students, helping them develop essential skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. Please make sure that your child is reading at home every night and completing the reading logs sent home by their teachers.

Thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

In Partnership,

Mrs. Wilson

Calendar Update:



Wednesday, September 27th: Early Release (Noon Dismissal); SPM Spirit dress or uniform; Extended Care open after school from 12:00 - 5:30pm.

Thursday, September 28th: Bring a lunch; PE Day ~ Wear appropriate shoes

Friday, September 29th: Straw Hat Pizza, \$3.00 a slice; Regular School Day

Monday, October 2nd: Bring a lunch; Regular School Day

Tuesday, October 3rd: Bring a lunch; Regular School Day; PE Day ~ Wear appropriate shoes

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Parent Teacher Conference - October 11th-13th

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Teachers will be sending out their Signup Genius for scheduling Parent/Teacher conferences. Conferences will be Oct. 11th-13th. Each teacher has specific times they will be available in-person. Teachers ask that students in 5th - 8th attend their conference with parents. Please reach out to the teacher if one of the times does not work for you. It is very important to meet with the teacher to review students progress so far this school year and STAR benchmark test scores.

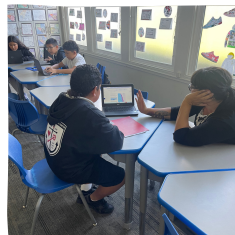
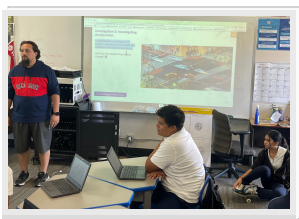
Weekly Update

School Photo Day

Our school photo day is Tuesday October 10th. Students must be in school uniform. These photos are used for school records and our yearbook. If you are interested in purchasing photos you may order online. To order online visit: mylifetouch.com and enter your Picture Day EVTQC873H. There are various packages and options available including customized packages. There will be a retake photo day on November 15th for those who are absent or if there are photos that are not satisfactory.

12th Annual Holiday Boutique & Luncheon

Our St. Peter Martyr School Holiday Boutique & Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 4th at SPM School from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We are currently seeking vendors interested in reserving a table at our boutique for \$50.00 to sell Homemade, Handcrafted, items. Contact Louanne Grillo at our school office, 925-439-1014, for details.



Reminders

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. Ms. Emma sent out an email on Monday for parents to sign up for chocolate sales this weekend at St. Peter Martyr Church at all their masses. Please consider donating some time this weekend to help promote our school and sell chocolate for us. Our Cafeteria should be back in operation by the beginning of October. We will resume parent hours and donations at that time.

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.

To Do

Fundraising



World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser has ended. Any families that have not turned in their chocolate money have been charged on FACTS.

Today we are launching our next fundraiser (Amounts raised do not go towards your yearly fundraising goal). Catalogs are enclosed in today's envelope. Cherrydale fundraisers bring communities together and empower kids to make positive change in the world. Plus, the engaging programs ensure fundraising participants always have fun! All parents have been emailed the information on how to participate. We ask that you follow the directions to share the great items that Cherrydale has to offer. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help with the unexpected additional cost of the kitchen renovation as well as the parking lot repaving project that will be happening in October.

Reading at SPM Scholastic Reading Club Book Order

This year we are focusing on increasing our school's literacy rate. One way we will work on this is to encourage our students to read each day in the classroom and at home. All classes will have reading logs and/or goals for students. Scholastic Books is a 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. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wilson, kwilson@csdo.org with a \$25 order, you can pick a FREE \$5 Book (use code: READS). Please share the School's Page link to extended family and friends. All orders also earn FREE Books for our school. Help us teach our students to love reading. Thank you for your support!

Sacrament Preparation: Reconciliation & Communion:

In addition to offering preparation to our second grade students for the reception of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, we also extend an invitation to students in grades 3rd through 8th who desire to receive these sacraments. If you have a child in grades 3rd through 8th in our school, that is interested in preparing for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Communion during this school year, please send me a note stating your child's name and grade and their desire to receive preparation for the reception of these sacraments. Baptism is a prerequisite to these sacraments as well as active participation at your church. If you have any questions please email me at KWilson@csdo.org.