



ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL

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Wednesday Newsletter

Dear SPM Community,

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who attended mass for the kickoff of Catholic Schools Week and those who joined us for our open house. It was a pleasure to showcase the incredible work our students are accomplishing in the classrooms to current families, alumni, and newcomers.

This week focuses on celebrating the wonderful aspects of Catholic schools—community. Be sure to share what you love about SPM and let your friends know that enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open!

- **Pasta Dinner and Crab Feed Dinner:** Tickets are still available: We have two great fundraising events coming up. Our pasta dinner is this Friday at 5:30 and the Annual Crab Feed is on February 28. See enclosed flyers for information and tickets.
- **Financial Aid Meeting for the 2026-2027 School Year:** If you will need any financial aid from St. Peter Martyr School, it is required that you apply for financial aid on FACTS. Please visit our website and use the "Affordability" tab for all the needed information to apply for financial assistance. If you received or are looking to receive Financial Aid from St. Peter Martyr or either Grant Company, you are required to attend the financial aid meeting held by Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Grillo. The date will be February 10, at 7:00 pm in the SPM Cafeteria. (A representative from each family must attend 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. You must apply for Financial Aid through FACTS and attend the financial aid meeting to receive aid from St. Peter Martyr School.
- **2026-2027 Re-enrollment and Tuition Rates:** Our tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year have been established and are included in this week's newsletter. We continue to have discounted family rates for two or more children per family. Catholic education is a lifelong gift. St. Peter Martyr School follows the continuous enrollment model. When a parent enrolls a student, the expectation is that the student will remain enrolled through completion of the 8th grade academic year. Parents are responsible for notifying the administration of withdrawal. See enclosed flyer for more information about re-enrollment for the upcoming school year.
- **SPM Parent Night:** Tomorrow at 6:00pm on we have our third parent night on Digital Parenting (5th-8th Grade) that address the unique challenges and opportunities of parenting tweens and teens in the digital age with practical tips for families. Two Parent Participation hours will be given to those who attend.

Virtue Spotlight:



Foresight

We need foresight in little decisions and in big decisions in our lives. Foresight looks like taking time to pray about a big decision. Have I asked God what He wants me to do with my life? Do I pray about where I should go after I graduate?

Dear Jesus, whenever I am faced with a big decision, help me to practice the virtue of foresight and turn to You for guidance. I know You will help me see how my decisions will affect myself and others. Grant me the grace to follow Your will as soon as I know what it is. Amen.

Weekly Calendar Update:

Date	Event	Lunch
Wednesday, January 28	12pm Dismissal; CSW Theme: Faith Family Colors	---
Thursday, January 29	2:45pm Dismissal; CSW: Higher Education/College Bowl	Breakfast for Lunch w/ Yogurt
Friday, January 30	2:45pm Dismissal; CSW: Decades Day/BINGO; After School: Library Club, SPLASH 3-3:30pm, Pasta Dinner 5:30pm	Straw Hat Pizza
Monday, February 2	STAR Testing Begins; 2:45 Dismissal	Teriyaki Chicken over Rice
Tuesday, February 3	STAR Testing; 2:45 Dismissal; After school: Choir, Yearbook Club (4-8), 3-3:30pm	Crispy Chicken Sandwich w/ Macaroni Salad
Wednesday, February 4	12pm Dismissal; WCEA Visit Begins	---
Thursday, February 5	2:45pm Dismissal; WCEA Visit Continues	Martyr Burger w/ Fries
Friday, February 6	12pm Dismissal; WCEA Visit Ends, Extended Care 12-5:30pm	--

Reminders

Looking Ahead

- 1/29: Parent Night: 6pm SPM Cafeteria
- 1/30: SPM Family Night Pasta Dinner 5:30pm
- 2/2: STAR Testing Opens
- 2/4-2/6: WCEA visit
- 2/6: Minimum Day
- 2/11-2/13: 8th Retreat @ San Damiano
- 2/13: STAR testing Closes, Minimum Day 12pm Dismissal
- 2/18: Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
- 2/20: SPM Community Event: Black History Museum 4pm-6pm
- 2/28: SPM Crab Feed 5:30pm Good Shepherd Church
- 3/6: No School; LCA Professional Development
- 3/9: No School; SPM Holiday (UPDATE TO CALENDAR)

Fundraising

Congratulations to Akilali Mayen and her family for winning the Early Bird Raffle Drawing.

Last Call for Raffle Tickets - Our school is sponsoring a Catholic Schools Week Raffle. There are many wonderful raffle prizes you can win: First Prize is Great Wolf Lodge Family Fun Pack One Night Stay; Second Prize is 4 Tickets to the SPM Crab Feed, Third Prize is Family Five Pack Oakland Baller Tickets. 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. Additional books of tickets are available upon request through the school office. Please help us by selling additional tickets. The drawing will be held Friday evening, January 31st, 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.

Yearbook & Yearbook Ads

The 2025-2026 SPM Yearbook is now available for order, featuring memorable photos from the school year. The yearbook staff seeks ads to support its development and promote businesses or organizations. Ads can also honor individuals or groups. Artwork or photos should be sent in .jpg format to jlzcano@csdo.org, or you can provide wording for formatting. Prices are: Full page - \$250, Half Page - \$185, One-fourth page - \$125, One-eighth page - \$75. Payments and orders can be placed online at <https://www.jostens.com>.

Counselor Corner

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Coming back to school
is tough after break.
Feeling overwhelmed?
Try Square Breathing:
Breathe in for 4...
hold for 4... out for 4...hold for 4.
Repeat 4 times to
help your body calm down.

Thanks To YLI

Yesterday, two representatives from St. Ignatius of Antioch YLI graciously presented our school with a check for \$910 from their Winter auction, aimed at supporting our mission. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the YLI and St. Ignatius for their ongoing support of our school's mission.



Financial Aid

Financial Aid Meeting
February 10, at 7:00 pm in Cafeteria.
(A representative from each family must attend to be eligible to receive any type of 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 27 2026. 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.

2026-2027 FACE Grants Applications/ Tuition Assistance - Apply Now Through FACTS - FACE (Family Aid Catholic Education) grant applications for the 2026-2027 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 27. 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.