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ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL

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Wednesday Newsletter

Dear SPM Community,

Here are the updates and events for this week:

- **Rhythm and Moves Spring Showcase:** On Friday May 15th at 1:00pm all our classes will be showcasing their skills learned during our Rhythm and Moves classes this year at the California Theatre on Railroad. After lunch on Friday, Students will walk to the Theatre for the performance. We welcome all parents to arrive around 12:30 to the theater. Students are welcome to wear free dress. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Students do not need to bring backpack on this day and can be signed out from the theatre after the show.
- **SPM Family Picnic at Small World Park Thank You:** Thank you for the tremendous response in joining for family fun and food last Friday at Small World Park. Many thanks to everyone for contributing to the spirit of hospitality and joy. Thank you for sharing your food and blessings! Special thanks to Daniel Arroyo, Marcos Gutierrez, Rudolfo Ojeda and Mr. Lozano. We also especially thank the teachers, school board and staff that came to roll hot dogs and helped throughout the evening and with our speedy clean up. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate our school at Small World Park. Thank you all for supporting the mission and traditions of St. Peter Martyr School.
- **STAR testing continues:** The final STAR testing window of the year began on Monday, May 11, and continues through May 22nd. Please make sure that students are getting enough rest each night and have a healthy breakfast before coming in each day.
- **Thanks to St. Peter Martyr Church:** This past week St. Peter Martyr Church presented us with a donation. We received a check for \$3,206 from the money that was collected during second collections at the parish. We are very grateful and appreciative of this generous support from Fr. Jesus and the parishioners of St. Peter Martyr Church. Thank you!
- **End of Year Mass, Luncheon and 8th Grade Graduation:** Thursday, May 28th students in grades K-8 will participate in a special mass honoring our eighth grade graduates at 10:00 a.m. at SPM Church. 8th grade parents will be joining us to honor the graduates. We will walk from the school to church at approximately 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us at this special liturgy. Students may wear free dress that is appropriate for church. After school, 8th grade will be honored at a Graduation Luncheon beginning at 12:30. This event is by invitation only. The school office will close at 12:15p.m. Extended Care will be open until 5:30 in room 3. Our 8th grade class then graduates next Friday, May 29th at St. Peter Martyr church. The ceremony begins at 5pm. All are welcome to join us for this wonderful occasion.

Virtue Spotlight:



Gratitude

As we practice gratitude, we remember that it means having a thankful disposition of mind and heart. Do I remember to thank Jesus for the things that don't always feel like gifts? Gratitude looks like saying: "Thank you, Jesus, for a new day to learn!"

Dear Jesus, sometimes it is hard to be grateful for another school day, especially when the weekend is so close and I am tired. There are some days when I would rather stay in bed. Help me today, Jesus, to realize what a gift it is to be alive and learning new things in a good school. May I show my gratitude by serving You and my neighbor today. Amen.

Weekly Calendar Update:

Date	Event	Lunch
Wednesday, May 13	12pm Dismissal; Extended Care available until 5:30pm	Taco Salad
Thursday, May 14	2:45pm Dismissal; Afterschool: Outdoor Rec (K-3); ELA Intervention/Study Hall (4-8); Robotics (6-8), 3-3:30pm	Frito Boat
Friday, May 15	8:15 Friday Assembly with May Crowning 2 nd & 4 th Spring Concert 1:00pm California Theater	Straw Hat Pizza
Monday, May 18	2:45pm Dismissal; After School: Math Intervention (4-8), Intervention ELA (K-3), 3-3:30pm	Chicken Burrito
Tuesday, May 19	2:45pm Dismissal; After School: Choir 3-3:30pm	Hot Dog & Chips
Wednesday, May 20	12pm Dismissal; Extended Care available until 5:30pm	Macaroni & Cheese
Thursday, May 21	2:45pm Dismissal; Multicultural Day (Come dressed in your families traditional clothing or representing your Heritage) Afterschool: (LAST DAY) Outdoor Rec (K-3); ELA Intervention/Study Hall (4-8); Robotics (6-8), 3-3:30pm	Martyr Burgers
Friday, May 22	8:15 Friday Assembly with May Crowning K & 3 rd 12pm Dismissal, Rythym & Moves Field Day 9:30-11am (more information to come), Free Dress	--

Reminders

- Looking Ahead**
- 5/12: MS to Exploratorium
 - 5/15: Spring Concert (Date Changed) @ California Theatre 1pm, May Crowning 2nd & 4th
 - 5/21: Multicultural Day Sponsored by SPLASH
 - 5/22: 12pm Dismissal, 3rd & K May Crowning
 - 5/28: End of Year Mass 10am SPM Church, 8th grade luncheon, 12:30; 8th grade dance at ELKS
 - 5/29: May Crowning PS/PK; 8 & Siblings; 2pm Dismissal, 8th Graduation 5pm @ SPM Church
 - 6/1: 2pm Dismissal, Student Council Free Dress Day
 - 6/2: 2pm Dismissal
 - 6/3: 12pm Dismissal; K Graduation (8:30), PS/PK Graduation (10am), Extended Care Available
 - 6/4: 12pm Dismissal, Extended Care Available
 - 6/5: Last Day of School 10am Dismissal, No Extended Care

Fundraising & Parent Participation

Parent Participation & Fundraising

The final hours for Participation Hours in the 25-26 School year have been input in to your family spreadsheet. Any unfinished hours will be charged to your FACTS account at a rate of \$25 an hour due on May 15th. Please reach out to Emma Ojeda with questions or review your spreadsheet provided at the beginning of the year.

Fundraising ~ Walkathon Update

Our goal for the Walk-a-thon was to raise \$26,000 and we have exceeded that goal. While we are still totaling all of the donations from Friday's event, I can confidently say that we made our goal and appreciate all of the hard work from our school community to reach the goal. Our fundraising is used to bridge the operating gap between the cost to educate a student and the tuition paid to the school. Fundraising is essential to assist the financial aid awarded to families in need. Thank you to those who went above and beyond their goals. All families who did not bring in the \$150 by May 1 have had their FACTS account charged payable by May 14. Please reach out to Louanne with questions.

Counselor Corner



Virtue of the Month

Gratitude

Also known as: *Thanksgiving*

Definition of Gratitude:

Thankful disposition of mind and heart

Prayer for Gratitude:

Dear Jesus, Please give me a thankful heart, realizing that all I have comes from You.

Gratitude Looks Like:

- Smiling at your mom after she cooks dinner
- The Blessed Mother singing the Magnificat
- Receiving the legos with a smile
- Appreciating friends
- Praying after I receive Jesus in Holy Communion

Gratitude Sounds Like:

- Silence. Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my heart.

Reading At SPM

Scholastic Reading Club Book Order

Scholastic Books is one 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. The first order for Scholastic Books has been delivered to our classrooms. The next order will be submitted at the end of this week.

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 and Mrs. Wilson. All parents/guardians are asked to complete this Lumen Christi Academies Family Satisfaction Survey: St. Peter Martyr by May 8th. Scan the QR code below or use the link on 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.

