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From the Principal

Hello Families,

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in Ss. Peter and Paul School January 29-February 4. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."

Catholic Schools are noted for their academic excellence, high moral standards, faith development and commitment to service. The theme focuses on developing students both academically and spiritually so they can become leaders in our community tomorrow.

Now more than ever, Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education. Each year, at this time, we focus on the gift that Catholic education provides to America's young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. We build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic schools throughout the country. We honor those who contribute to the success of Catholic schools---students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, community supporters, and local, state and national leaders. It is not just during Catholic Schools Week that we are reminded of the value of Catholic Education. We should be thankful for this gift every day.

Our Catholic Schools Week celebration began with our students taking an active role in the 9:30a.m. liturgy at SSPP Church on January 29. They proclaimed the readings at Mass.

UPCOMING DATES

- 1/31-2/3- Catholic Schools Week
- 2/1- Open House 6:00-8:00 PM
- 2/7- Parents' Guild Meeting 6:30 PM
- 2/10- Mass
- 2/10- Meat Raffle
- 2/17- Mass
- 2/20-No school- Presidents Day
- 2/22- Ash Wednesday
- 2/21-2/24 No school- Winter Recess



"Let it be known to all who enter Ss. Peter and Paul, that JESUS CHRIST is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the inspiration for its students."

From the Principal, continued...

Our school is participating in the Buffalo Catholic Schools Spelling Bee. The class spelling bee competitions and school finals took place in early January

The top four students from SSPP will enter the Diocesan Spelling Bee finals Competition on Jan. 30 at Mt. St. Mary Academy. This is the first year this event is taking place. Congratulations to these students who are competing on Jan. 30: Felicity W., Liliana S., Zoe S., and Megan D. Thank you to Mrs. O'Connor and Mr. Bittner for organizing the school spelling bee. We are grateful that Mrs. Sellers was one of the judges for the school spelling bee. The classroom teachers had oral or written spelling tests in their classrooms to determine the students who participated in the school spelling bee on January 9-10. Congratulations to the following students who participated in the school spelling bee. The students received a certificate.

Gr. 3 Eli B., Megan D., Penelope P.

Gr. 4 Brooklyn B., Landon L., Joshua S., Zoe S.

Gr. 5 Emma P., Myla S., Caleb T.

Gr. 6 Connor L., Liliana S., Felicity W.

Gr. 7 Savannah B., Alex L., Brenden S.

Gr. 8 Alex L., Isaac S., Shepard S.

During Catholic Schools Week, the students will have opportunities to wear different clothing: favorite Buffalo clothes, red shirts and jeans, mix and match clothes, orange or black athletic clothes, SSPP clothing. There will be a door decorating contest for "Let's Go Buffalo Day". Students will play games and have sweet treats to share on Tuesday. They will enjoy pop and popcorn at the Palace Theater as they watch "Toy Story" on Wednesday. Students will be making Valentines for the people at Creekbend. As a service project, students will be donating crackers, tuna, canned soup or pasta to Outreach. The Buffalo Bandits will be at SSPP on Thursday, and the students will have gym classes with the Bandits. The players will teach the students the game of Lacrosse. On Friday, all of the students will cheer on the volleyball game with the Grade 8 students and Hamburg First Responders.



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Open House in SS. Peter and Paul School takes place on February 1 at 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Come and see the school, speak to the teachers, and see the wonderful things our students are doing. The Book Fair is taking place, as well as the opening games of the Basketball Tournament. Families will be able to enjoy the Ice Cream Social, and look at the Science Fair display from Gr. 6-7-8. The Open House snow date is Feb. 8 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

We thank God for all the blessings He has given us so far this school year and pray that we may be blessed in the months to come. Catholic Identity is key for us at Ss. Peter & Paul School. Our theme, "Love God and Love Others", reminds us daily of following Jesus as we grow in our faith. At SSPP, we have the advantage of being able to emphasize our Catholic faith, as well as our academic excellence. All of our teachers are implementing the Common Core Standards and the Next Generation Standards. We are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. We celebrate the many contributions our students make to the school, our parish, other parishes, and community. SSPP School is visible in the Village of Hamburg and supports our community. We commit to preparing our students for the future by infusing them with the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that are the hallmarks of Catholic education. We instill in students the value of service to others. We teach children respect of self and others. It is a benefit for us that our Pre K classes are five full days. We use technology effectively to enhance education. Our students in grades 2-8 each have a chrome book to use in school. In January 2023, we purchased 22 touch screen chrome books, from our Hardware money through the Hamburg District. We have Interactive Panel Boards to utilize for instruction. A panel board that was purchased through our Frontier District Title I money was installed in January in the Gr. 6 homeroom. Our Spanish program begins with children in Pre K and continues through grade 8. We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.

Thank you to all the faculty, staff, students, and parents for your school spirit, planning events, and cooperation during Catholic Schools Week.

We acknowledge students who practice the virtues and values that are designated for each month. The Catholic Schools received information from the Diocesan office in regard to the character program. Traits are set for each month. The trait for September was "welcoming", October's was "sportsmanship", November's was "service", December's was "appreciation", January's was "determination", and February's is "inclusion". A short video is available on the Diocesan website showing how the trait for the month can become a part of the school culture. Each school is asked to nominate a student at the end of the month for the Character Award. One of those chosen from the classrooms for our Student of the Month recognition will have their name sent to the Diocese. The student from each grade level who has the chance to be chosen from the school for the Diocesan Award will receive the Student of the Month Award at SSPP. These certificates will be presented to students at the end of a Mass celebration close to the end of each month. The SSPP Students of the Month for January received their certificate at the end of the Mass celebration on January 30. Parents of the January Students of the Month were informed when those certificates were presented to the students.

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The SSPP Student of the Month awards for February will be distributed at the end of a Mass celebration in later February or early March. Parents will be notified.

One of the fundraisers sponsored by Parents' Guild is the "Monday Blues". The children may participate in this for \$20 per child or \$40 per family, and wear jeans on the first Mondays of the months, with the next being February 6. Students may wear jeans, khaki pants, cargo pants, or sweatpants (or shorts depending on the season). Jeans must not have holes or slits in them. They should not be tight fitting. No pajama bottoms may be worn. Leggings cannot be worn as a stand-alone bottom. T-shirts or sweatshirts with inappropriate sayings and/or pictures are prohibited. All casual/dress down clothing must look neat, be free of rips, holes, or tears, and must be school appropriate. Clothing should not be tight fitting. Clothing must remain modest, and be neat in appearance. No tight fitting or revealing clothing (i.e. leggings or short shorts) should be worn.

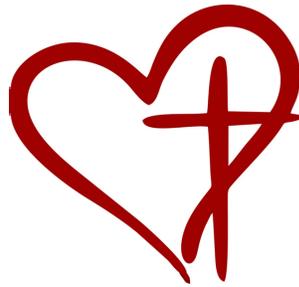
We are thankful to and for so many people who help to make Ss. Peter & Paul School one that prepares us for life: Fr. Darrell, our faculty, staff, Hamburg staff, maintenance staff, cafeteria staff, School Board, Parents Guild, Parishioners, volunteers, parents who help in the classrooms/school, parents, and students. Let us celebrate all of God's goodness to us in our school. Enjoy the Winter Break February 20-24. The meeting of the Parents' Guild is on February 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Savannah B., a Grade 7 student, received the "Natalie Mattimore Lewis Kindness Counts Character Award". The description of this award was in the January newsletter. Savannah received this award on Jan. 26 at the Catholic Education Luncheon. Attending this event were Savannah's parents, her brother, our Grade 7 homeroom teacher, one of our Deacons, two Board members, and our Principal. The following is a part of the nomination form that was sent to the nomination committee:

"Savannah starts every school day with an infectious smile on her face, and a warm greeting to everyone she encounters....In Savannah's free time she helps out the Saints Peter and Paul Community by babysitting younger students at school in the evening while their parents attend school meetings, cleaning and decorating our church and volunteering with faith formation. It's not just the acts of kindness though that is notable for Savannah, it is the exuberant energy she brings to the room and sense of wanting to be good for others."



From the Principal, continued...



**God Bless You, Fr. Darrell, as you begin
Your new assignment on February 8 as Pastor
In the South East area of Chautauqua County.
May Jesus continue to bless you with much peace and joy.**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Ash Wednesday comes during the winter break. Students should attend Mass with their families, and receive ashes as a reminder of this special season. Lent is the time we think about and look at our lives and see what we need to change or renew in order to follow Jesus more closely. Lent is the time to prepare for Easter. Children should be encouraged to do positive things during this season to show their love for God and others. It is not only a time to “give up” certain things, but is a time to do more---pray, to share with those who have less, to give our time, to be more loving, and to be more kind.

Reregister your child/children by March 1 so that you may reserve their place and take advantage of the \$100 discount off of the registration fee.

God bless you...

Sister Marilyn Ann
Principal



Student of the Month

Congratulations to our January Students of the Month. The trait was “determination”.

Pre K Nicholas P.
Kdg. Sam R.
Gr. 1 Jackson S.
Gr. 2 Isabelle K.
Gr. 3 Megan D.
Gr. 4 Taylor F.
Gr. 5 Tim K.
Gr. 6 Tyler F.
Gr. 7 Brenden S,
Gr. 8 Isaac S.



Lunch Volunteers Needed

In an effort to reduce last minute requests for volunteers in the lunch room, we have put together a sign up genius for the remainder of the year for lunch room volunteering. We do have a couple of consistent volunteers that help in the lunch room (thank you to each of you), but by creating this signup we hope to make it easier for more parents to volunteer and ensure we have 2 parents for each lunch period (vs 1 today). You'll find 2 spots for every day in this signup. Please know that we are starting this process new so there may be some hiccups, but we'll work through them.

[Click here to sign up.](#)

At SS. Peter and Paul, We...

- continue spiritual growth and understanding of our faith
- nurture students in an atmosphere of kindness, love, and understanding
- instill respect for ourselves and others, for we are all children of God
- educate to the highest standards of learning
- develop the potential that lies within each student
- foster communication skills, creativity, and independence

Mission Statement

"The mission of Ss. Peter and Paul, is to transform the lives of our Pre K through eighth grade students by being rooted in Catholic tradition and Gospel values. In partnership with families, we promote faith, respect, charity and quality education as we prepare students to reach their potential in a nurturing and challenging environment."



Save the Date

Attention all families the date for our biannual auction has been set!

We are rolling out the red carpet on Saturday April 29th right here at Sts. Peter and Paul. Please look for a save the date and more info to come shortly but in the mean time we need lots of help to make this event a success! If you'd like to help our committee, please fill out the volunteer google form below. We will need help with decorations, organizing donations, making baskets, day-of set-up, day after take-down, mailings to solicit sponsors and more! We will also be having virtual committee meetings so if you'd like to have more input in the event please indicate that on the form!

[Click here for the form](#)

Saints Peter & Paul Parents' Guild

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January 10, 2023

Welcome: Melissa D'Arcangelo - Introduction of Dick Blake

Opening Prayer: Sr. Marilyn

Old Business:

Principal Report: Sr. Marilyn

- Tomorrow is jeans day for the students whose parents attend
- February newsletter deadline is January 24th
- Catholic Schools week will be coming out soon- Last week in January
- Progress Reports will in the portal on January 26th
- Students are not in attendance on January 16th and January 27th
- Spelling Bee- Went well and the kids enjoyed- We ended up with 3 students being registered for the Diocesan spelling bee
- Santa's shop- crafts were so nice and students enjoyed it. Open House is February 1st
- During Catholic Schools week the Bandits will be coming in February 2nd

Auction: Lauren Smith

- Saturday April 29th at SSPP- Roll out the Red Carpet
- Lauren Gibson and Danielle Lovelace are bringing it back to the school
- Danielle- coordinating decorating committee
- Art Christie from Frontier Catering- food
- Ticket prices are TBD
- Next Ask- Homeroom Angels will be asked to help in 2 ways- every grade level needs to donate an art project and ask each class to donate an auction item or basket/gift card
- If you are interested in helping with the Auction please complete the google form that will be sent out via email
- Parish mailing- investigate doing a whole mailing or specific people
- Send to parents in backpack, Facebook and emailing
- Gift Gathering Parties-? every classroom or create a basket- Mrs. Brady and Sue
- Sign up for the theme of basket and art projects collected so we have a variety
- Sponsorship- one large list of business and tracking what they are sponsoring to ensure that we are not over-asking. Create one google sheet of sponsorships



Saints Peter & Paul Parents' Guild continued...

Meat Raffle: Patty Geary and Leslie Brooks

- Meat Raffle- February 10th at SSPP
- \$10 ticket or \$75 a table
- Ask Andy for ideas for locations of food- Patty will email
- Sponsorship- one large list of business and tracking what they are sponsoring to ensure that we are not over-asking. Create one google sheet of sponsorships
- Order Pizza
- Volunteers to sell tickets
- Need to send out email for tickets and is already on Facebook to purchase tables
- 50/50 as additional

New Business:

School Financial Update: Dick Blake (School Board Member)

- Various financial items discussed
- Attempt to create categories- relatable for parents/ experience their kids are having for the Auction
- Teacher poll of wish list to prepare categories and needs of teachers/school

Sports Committee: Mr. Talluto, Mary Rogers

- Ask about sports committee line/account for donations/fundraising
- Come back with needs of sports- equipment, uniforms, etc.
- Sponsorship- one large list of business and tracking what they are sponsoring to ensure that we are not over-asking. Create one google sheet of sponsorships
- Going to give us their program of sponsorship

Open House:

- February 1st 6-8pm
- Basketball games will be going on during the open house (Trying for JV Boys/Girls)
- 7th and 8th Grade students for tour guides
- Parent Volunteers for each tour group
- Leslie will be sending out sign-up genius
- Ice Cream Social in cafeteria
- Book Fair in Library
- The school office will send an email for student volunteers

****Spaghetti dinner January 28th** - drive through or dine in**

Miscellaneous:

- Ask Quilted Owl to come in and present
- Create a parent survey to get feedback
- Look at exit interviews from 8th Grade Parents and anyone leaving the school
- Look at streamlining school communication