



SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 4th: Please go to church this weekend. Your faith community needs you.

Monday, December 5th

Hall Prayer
Book Fair all week
Homework Club for Grades 3-8 2:30-3:15pm
6th Grade Band and Jazz Band Concert 7pm Watt Auditorium
Boys Basketball Games 3/4, 7/8 @ Grand Rapids Our Savior 5pm



Tuesday, December 6th

7th/8th Grade Band Concert 7pm Watt Auditorium
Walking Club for grades 3-8 2:40-3:40pm (weather permitting)

Wednesday, December 7th

8th Grade Toys 4 Tots Shopping 12:00-2:30
Yearbook 2:30-3:30
Walking Club for grades 3-8 2:40-3:40pm (weather permitting)

Thursday, December 8th

School Liturgy 8am—all are welcome Immaculate Conception Feast
Homework Club for Grades 3-8 2:30-3:15pm
7th/8th Basketball Game @ SSPP vs. New Convent Christian 6pm

Friday, December 9th

5th/6th Boys Basketball Tournament @ Grand Rapids Our Savior TBD

Principally Speaking

Scholarships for 2017-2018 School Year: If you would like to apply for scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year, go to ssppcatholic.com and click on Scholarships. Our school code 12044. Our parish code is SSPPionia. Deadline to apply is December 21st for existing families.

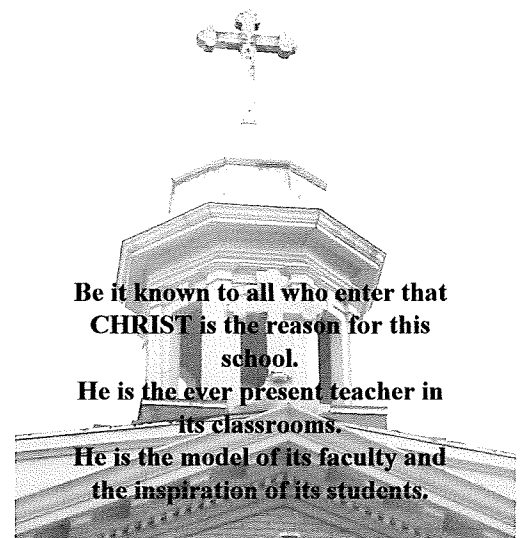
Boots: Just a reminder as boot season approaches that students must have another pair of shoes to wear indoors.

Fall/Winter: Please watch the weather and send your child to school prepared for outdoor recesses. In general, we go outside unless the wind chill drops below 0°. We even go outside when it is raining lightly. In addition to winter coats, all students in grades PS-4 should have clothing items that provide comfort on cold days (hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, etc.) Students who are not wearing boots and snow pants are not allowed to play in the snow. Everyone goes outside, even if they do not have hats, gloves, etc. Older students should have hats, gloves, and girls who are wearing skirts or skorts should have leggings to wear at recess time. If the older students wish to play in the snow, they also need to have boots and snow pants. Students who are well enough to go to school are well enough to go outdoors unless a note from a doctor suggests otherwise. Cold weather does not cause illness, so a doctor's note is a rare occurrence and is usually associated with chronic asthma.

SCRIP: SCRIP is still available by order. Place your order by Friday (or on Sunday morning with Mr. Weller), and your SCRIP will be available by the following Wednesday.

Upcoming Dates:

- December 11: Sixth grade at 11:30am Mass
- December 13, 14, 16: Secret Santa Shop
- December 15: SSPP Christmas Program Ionia Theatre
6:00 PM - Preschool 6:30PM - K-8
- December 19: Classroom Parties (afternoon)
- December 20: Cold Lunch Only
IPS: Half Day No Hot Lunch No Bus Home
Jean Day
- December 21-January 2: Christmas
Vacation
- January 3: School Resumes
Cold Lunch Only
No Hot Lunch No Bus Service



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. It will even help them get into college! Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills. Talk about books and what your child is reading.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read to our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Monday, December 5th – Friday, December 9th

Shopping hours: Tuesday – Friday from 2pm - 3pm, Thursday 9am - 10:30am, Friday 7:30am – 8:30am

Special activities: Don't miss our Book Fair kick off on Sunday, December 4th from 9am – 11am, during Breakfast with Santa!

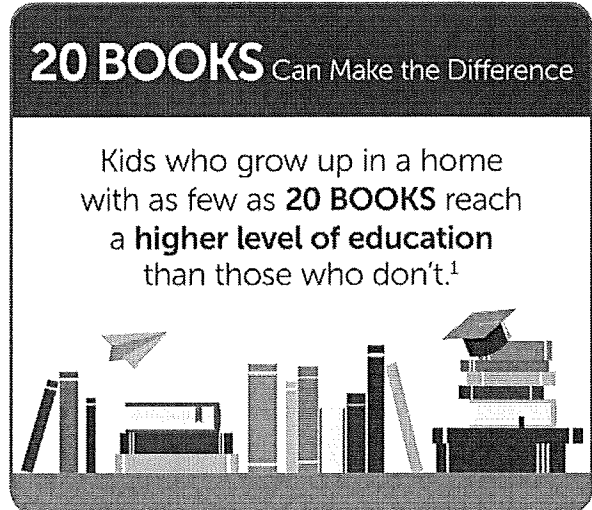
Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs.

If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at www.scholastic.com/bf/sspp. Our online Fair is available from Thursday, December 1st to Tuesday, December 13th.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Johnson
SSPP Librarian



¹Evans, Mariah, Dr., Kelley, J., Sikora, J. and Treiman, D. J. "Family Scholarly Culture and Educational Success: Books and Schooling in 27 Nations." Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Volume 28, Issue 2. Pages 171-197. June 2010.