



# SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



**Sunday, March 25th**  
**Palm Sunday**



**Monday, March 26th**  
Hall Prayer 7:50am

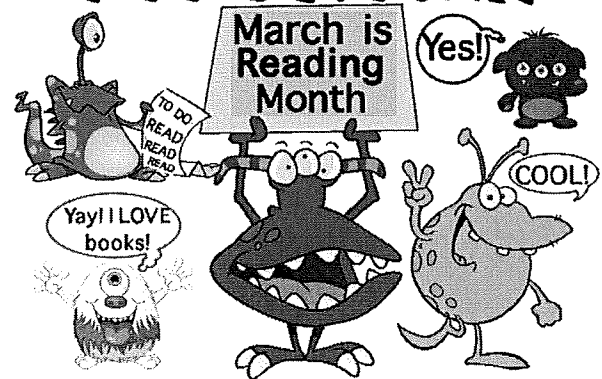
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**Tuesday, March 27th**

**Wednesday, March 28th**  
Yearbook 2:30-3:30pm

**Thursday, March 29th**  
8:30am 8th Grade Living Stations in church  
No PM Bus  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper SSPP Church

# Let's Read!



**Friday, March 30th**  
Good Friday—No School  
11:30 am Way of the Cross (in English)  
12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (in English)  
7:00 pm Way of the Cross (in Spanish)  
8:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (in Spanish)

**Saturday, March 31**  
8:30pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 1**  
Easter Sunday—parish Liturgies as usual

**Spring Break—April 2-6**

**School Resumes on April 9th**

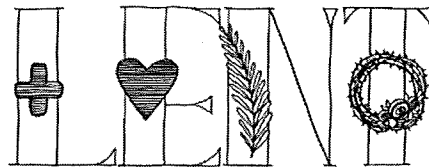
## *Principally Speaking:*

**March is Reading Month:** Thank you to our Super Heroes, Mrs. Helene Dunn, Mrs. Sue Kessler, Mr. Mike, Mrs. Kay Marsden, Johnathan Johnson, and First Responders: Jim Valentine, Kevin Booth, Mike Ketchum, and Vanessa Booth for reading to our classes this week.

**Registration is Here:** A registration link is available on the school website [ssppcatholic.com](http://ssppcatholic.com). You will have a chance to win \$50 off of your 2018-2019 tuition if you register by March 29th. Thank you to those who have already registered. I am excited every single time I receive an email telling me another family has signed up!

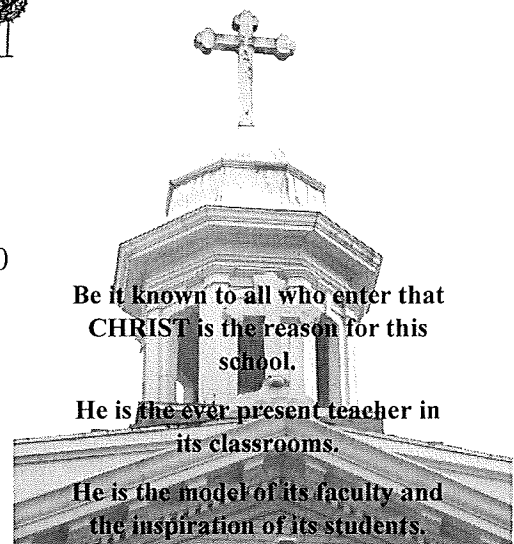
**SSPP Spirit of Giving:** For many decades, the students and families have been donating non-perishable goods at our Thursday morning school Mass. Suddenly this year, only two or three children per week are bringing donations. I am sincerely hoping that the majority of our families are not experiencing poverty to the level that they are unable to foster the spirit of giving in their children. If you cannot afford to send in an item, I definitely understand. But if students are not bringing items because they are simply forgetting to bring them, please remind them to put an item into their school bag Wednesday evenings.

**Tuition:** At this time of year, we begin to get nervous about outstanding tuition balances. Tax returns are starting to come back, and those families who have fallen behind should have been able to get caught up. Our school budget is similar to your home budget. If you don't receive your pay check, you have serious problems paying your bills. It is the same here. When you log into Smart Tuition to look at your Tuition account, this is a contract you have made with SSPP. If you do not make your payments, it is a big deal to us, as we can't pay our bills. Our church is not wealthy. They already give us a generous subsidy so that we can keep tuition as affordable as possible. They do not have extra funds to cover the lack of income from unpaid tuition. Please don't make SSPP the last bill you pay! On our part, we likely have the lowest school budget in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. We are very good stewards of our resources.



### **UPCOMING:**

Saturday, April 21	SSPP Auction—Armory
Friday, May 4	First Communion Retreat 7:40-2:30
Saturday, May 5	First Communion 4:00pm
Tuesday, May 8	Cold Lunch Only NO PM Bus
Friday, May 11	Mother's Day Tea—Kindergarten 8th Grade trip to Chicago
Sunday, May 13	4th Grade at 11:30am Mass
Tuesday, May 15	Wagon Wheel Fundraiser



# SS. Peter and Paul School Board Budget Information 2018-2019

## Highlights

- The budget for the 2018-2019 school year for Preschool-8th grade will be \$512,505.
- Anticipated enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is 108 students in grades preschool through eighth.
- The SS. Peter and Paul Education Foundation will be granting the school approximately \$55,000.00 towards tuition reduction for all families.
- Program highlights and changes include:
  - 3 year old/Young 4's program with a choice of 3 or 4 days per week
  - 4 year old/Young 5's program with a choice of 4 or 5 days per week
  - continuation of the utilization of the Ionia Public Schools Band program for grades 6-8.
  - continuation of the utilization of Ionia Intermediate School District for student services such as speech, educational testing, and consultation.
  - continuation of our Spanish program in grades kindergarten through eighth
  - continuation of student counseling services provided one half-day per week
  - full-time Principal

## Tuition

The overall average cost of educating a K-8 student at SS. Peter and Paul School is approximately \$4,400. This cost is offset by fundraisers and the combined monies of the parish, and Education Foundation which grants the school approximately \$1,600 per each K-8 parishioner family. If your family does not need to utilize all or a portion of the parish/Foundation support, please pay the non-parishioner tuition amounts. Tuition for students is listed below.

<b>Parishioners</b>		<b>Non Parishioners</b>	
1 child	\$3,762	1 child	\$4,713
2 children	\$5,426	2 children	\$6,518
3 children +	\$6,390	3 children +	\$7,400

<b>Preschool 3's/Young 4's/Young 5's</b>		
3 half days per week =	\$1,285	4 half days per week = \$1,714
		5 half days per week = \$2,121

## Financial

It is the goal of the school administration, the parish pastor, and the School Board of Directors to ensure that parishioners who wish to send their children SS. Peter and Paul School will be able to do so regardless of financial status.

For those families who wish to seek financial assistance, the application for scholarships is available through Smart Aid is available on the school website at [www.ssppatholic.com](http://www.ssppatholic.com). The application process is confidential. Scholarships are currently available from three sources. For parishioners: The Diocese of Grand Rapids offers the Bishop Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance and funds are available from the parish O'Connor Scholarship Fund. For non-parishioners, there are funds available from the SS. Peter and Paul Scholarship Fund.

Many families also participate in a tuition reduction program through SS. Peter and Paul SCRIP program in which a certain percentage of purchases at retailers is deducted from school tuition bills quarterly. Information concerning the Scrip program is available through the school office.

## TENTATIVE SS. Peter & Paul Catholic School 2018-2019 School Calendar

August 16	Back-to-School Mass (All Catholic and non-Catholic Families are invited!), Potluck BBQ, & Open House 5:30pm Mass, 6:45pm Announcements, 7:00pm Dinner on the Playground Families to bring dish to pass and your own beverages; table service and BBQ provided
August 21	Classes Begin: K-8 in uniform – Half Day-Dismiss at 11:00 am
August 22	Hot Lunch begins
August 27	Breakfast begins
August 28	Preschool 3/4/5 begins
August 31	No School
September 3	Labor Day – No Classes
September 4	Picture Day for all; No Jeans or shirts with words for K-8;
September 5	Picture Day makeups
October 18-19	No School Teacher Inservice
October 26	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
November 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7pm (full day of school)
November 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-5pm (dismiss at 11:00am)
November 21-23	No School Thanksgiving Break
December 7	Cookie Sale; Main Street Electric Christmas Parade (come walk with our float)
December 8	Mrs. Claus Bazaar
December 9	Breakfast with Santa
December 13	Christmas Program at the Ionia Theatre Preschool 6pm; K-8 6:30pm
December 22-January 6	Christmas Break
January 7	Classes Resume
January 18	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
January 21	No School – Martin Luther King Jr's. Birthday
January 27-February 1	Catholic Schools Week
February 18	No School – Mid-Winter Break
March 6	Ash Wednesday-Lent Begins
March 7	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest
March 8 or 11 TBD	No School one of these days for Diocesan Teacher Inservice
March 13	Preschool-Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night for 2018-2019 school year 6:30pm
March 19	Kindergarten Round-up for 2019-2020 school year (by appointment)
March 22	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
April 1-5	Spring Break
April 8	School Resumes
April 19	No School – Good Friday
April 22	No School – Easter Monday
May 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion
May 9	May Crowning
May 27	Memorial Day – No School
June 5	Fun Day
June 6	Last Day of Classes K-7, dismissal at approximately 9:30am ?

SS. Peter and Paul School reserves the right to make calendar changes as is necessary.
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