



SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



Monday, April 16th

Hall Prayer 7:50am

Tuesday, April 17th

Wednesday, April 18th

Thursday, April 19th

School Liturgy 8am—please join us in the gym

Hot Dog Lunch

No Band Today

Friday, April 20th

Saturday, April 21st

AUCTION at the Armory!!!! There are items available at all price points—please come and help support our school!

Principally Speaking:

Registration for 2018-2019: If you have not yet registered for the 2018-2019 school year, please do so ASAP. When registrations trickle in, it is a huge waste of administrative time as we take time to process a registration here, another registration there, etc. The Diocese also tracks our registrations, and they get nervous on our behalf when registrations are not yet turned in. A registration link is available on the school website ssppcatholic.com.

Program Effectiveness Surveys: I am requesting that our school families go online and fill out a Program Effectiveness Survey for our school. Please be kind. The Diocese reviews each and every answer and gives us a score and shares the score and all remarks with Fr. Tom, administration, and our School Board. (If you really want an issue addressed, it's always best to go directly to the person with whom you have issue rather than waiting to voice your concerns via survey.) While surveys are a way for us to see where we need to improve, we also need those families who are really happy to fill out surveys showing where we excel.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EffectivenessParentCommunity>

SSPP Sports: Many thanks to all of our coaches who led boys and girls basketball teams this year. We really appreciate all the time and effort you put forth to help our children to grow beyond academics. The experiences our children have being part of a team are invaluable! Thanks also to our volunteer athletic director, Ryan Walter! He did a great job organizing our games and helping us to link to the Lansing sports leagues.

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.

Dress Code: Students may wear shorts to school now. Shorts must be walking length. Capris might be the best solution for young ladies who have long legs. A good measure of whether your child's shorts are long enough is to have them put their arms down to their sides. Shorts should extend beyond their finger tips. Keep in mind that spring is a mixture of winter and summer. If your child wears shorts on a cold day, they will still be going outside for recess.

UPCOMING:

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| 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 |
| Friday, May 25 | Manner's Dinner |

