



SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



Saturday, April 21st

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

Monday, April 23rd

Hall Prayer 7:50am

Tuesday, April 24th

Wednesday, April 25th

Thursday, April 26th

School Liturgy 8am—please join us in the gym
Hot Dog Lunch

Friday, April 27th

Jeans Day

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>

Thank you Mrs. Grummet: Many thanks to Mrs. Grummet who wrote and received a grant request to the Ionia Community Foundation which will allow our 3rd graders to receive swimming lessons at the YMCA. This is a wonderful opportunity for those 3rd graders who have never had lessons or are experienced swimmers. With the many lakes in Michigan, it is so very important that our children learn how to be safe in the water!! Mrs. Grummet is the best!

Birthday Party Etiquette: I haven't written about this issue in some time, so it bears repeating. If you opt to only invite **some** of your child's same gender classmates to a birthday party, the following holds true:

- You may not send invitations to be handed out to school
- You may not pick up students from school for the party—have the parents deliver them to your house
- Your child should not discuss the party at school—before or after
- Any signs that only some of the children in the class have been invited to a party (before or after the party) should not be visible to others (I say this because at my last school—a group of girls who had been invited to a party all came to school the next day with the same hair up-do. Others examples I can think of is all attendees showing up with painted fingernails, friendship bracelets, etc.

I think most all of us live our lives and try to never intentionally hurt another person. When we host a party for some and not all students in a class, I'm sure we have good reasons—perhaps financial, perhaps social, ... But, most of us forget that when we are dealing with kids—the hurt comes in the days leading up to the party when students realize they're not invited, the day of the party when they're thinking about it, and the days after the party when other kids are describing the fun they had.

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:

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

