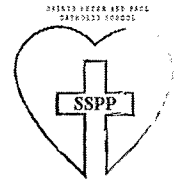


SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



Sunday, August 26: Please go to church this weekend. Your faith community needs you.
VIRTUS Training at St. Patrick's Portland 2pm-5pm

Monday, August 27th
Breakfast begins 7:30am
Hall Prayer 7:50am

Tuesday, August 28th
Preschool Begins!! Enter through Door G.
AM 7:45am-10:45am
PM 11:30am-2:30pm

Wednesday, August 29th

Thursday, August 30th
School Liturgy 8am, please join us
VIRTUS Training at SSPP 6-9pm

Friday, August 31st
NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Monday, September 3rd
NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY WEEKEND



Principally Speaking

Uniform Swap : Our uniform swap will continue until Labor Day weekend. Bring uniforms you can no longer use. All items on the table are free!!!

Water Bottle Fillers: Saints Peter and Paul was gifted with two more water bottle filler drinking fountains for the school. We would like to thank our generous donor for this gift. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home, especially on warm days.

Morning Routine: We have begun a new morning routine! Each morning, there will be a supervisor outside beginning at 7:25am. **Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:25am.** Bussers are the exception. Our goal is to keep all students safe and your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Tuition: If you have not logged into your Smart Tuition account yet this year, please do so. It is important that all of our families stay current on their tuition. If you have any questions, contact the school office.

Free and Reduced Forms: In today's folder, you should find a Free and Reduced Lunch form. Please return this to school ASAP. It is important that all families return this, even those who do not qualify. For returning this form, all students in your family will receive a Jeans Day slip! The slip will state the date of the jean day on it!

Dress Code Reminders: Just a reminder that socks are to be white, navy blue, black or tan. We have had several students wearing socks that were not dress code. Remember sweaters and shirts should be a solid color—no stripes or other embellishments, and shirts should have a collar. Any undergarments that are visible should be white in color. Sweatshirts are not allowed. Students are required to have their shirts tucked in. Parents may want to consider buying a size larger to ensure students have enough shirt to raise their arms above their head without the shirt becoming untucked.

Recess Helpers Needed: We could always use more volunteers to help with lunch and lunch recess. Enter the building through Door G, come to the lunch room and sign the clipboard. Supervise students in the lunchroom and outside. 12:00-12:40pm.

School Pictures: Tuesday, September 4th, is our School Picture day. K-8 students do not have to wear their uniforms that day, but may not wear jeans or shirts with words/slogans. We want all of our students to look nice when they are pictured in both individual and group shots. If your child is absent that day, they may have their picture taken on October 8th, our retake day!

Drop-off/Pick-up: Just a reminder that parents are asked to only drop off and pick up students while driving South on Baldie St. to prevent students from having to cross the street to come from or get to their cars. Also, teach your children to exit the car on the curb side of the vehicle, please. Additionally, we ask that no parents park on the east side of Baldie (opposite the bus side) before or after school in order to give plenty of room for Dial-a-Ride and Ionia Public School buses to maneuver.

Preschool families are asked to go to Door G to enter the building to drop off and pick up their students this year. Mrs. Leik or Mrs. Drown will open the door for you at 7:40am, 10:45am, 11:25am, and 2:30pm. If you miss those times, you can come to Door A to be buzzed in. ‘

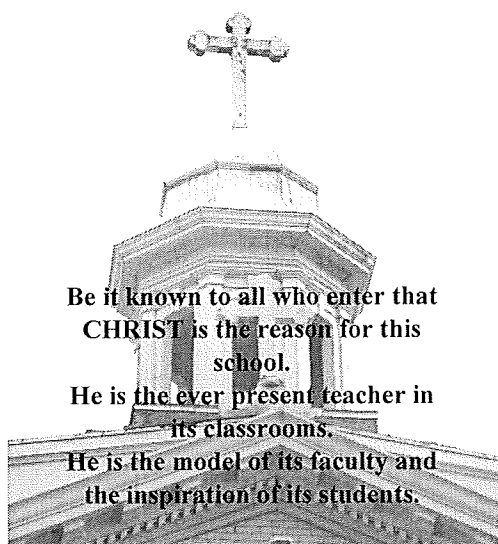
Virtus Training: *Protecting God's Children VIRTUS* training sessions will be held at the following churches. This one time training session is required for all school volunteers. It is required for parents to be able to attend field trips as well. To register for the training session, go to www.virtus.org and click on Registration. You will need to select Grand Rapids, MI (Diocese) to find local sessions. If you plan on attending, please register as soon as possible.

Saint Patrick Parish in Portland on August 26th, from 2-5 pm in the Parish Hall.

Saint Peter & Paul in Ionia on August 30th, from 6-9pm, in Apostles Hall.

Upcoming Dates:

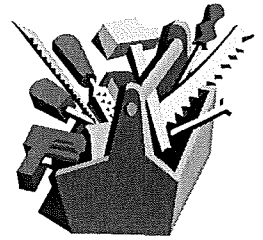
September 4:	School Picture Day
September 7:	Jeans Day
September 9:	7/8th Grade at 11:30am Mass
September 8-14:	Purple Week
September 19:	Cold Lunch Only No PM Ionia Public Bus
September 20:	8th Grade Fundraiser Lunch Begins



Protecting Young Eyes and Ears



-A Message from Jenny Leik, Principal
SS. Peter and Paul School



You may have begun to read this article with the expectation of reading medical information regarding your child's vision and hearing.

Actually, what I will write about today is in regards to your child's emotional health!

Picture your child getting ready for school each day. Perhaps the last step each day will be to put their backpack across their shoulders. Students are often quite fond of their backpack. In it, they keep important papers, their snack, and sometimes treasures they have accumulated which they want to share with parents and classmates.

Each student also has another very important "invisible" backpack they carry to school each day. For the sake of clarity, let us call this bag their "toolbox". Contained in each student's toolbox is all of the coping skills, manners, and a mental snapshot of everything they have heard and experienced in their short lives.

Much of what is contained in your child's toolbox is very positive. You have perhaps modeled for them how to care for someone who is hurt, sick, or scared. They will behave in the same fashion when a classmate is hurt or having a bad day. Unfortunately, some students also bring inappropriate items to school in their toolbox. Toolbox items that are inappropriate include:

- Swear words and "rough language" such as crap, suck, fricking, etc.
- Disrespect, especially of adults, in the form of refusing to do as they are told
- Stories about PG-13, R, and X movies and video games they have been allowed to watch
- Physical violence as a means to solve problems

You may remind your children each day how you expect them to behave in school. You may tell them what they may and may not share at school. But, once they are here each day, they will reach into their toolbox when they are seeking attention from others, when they are stressed by schoolwork, when they have hurt feelings, when they are sad or angry, etc.

If they are hit at home by parents, caregivers, siblings, or allowed to hit others at home, they will hit at school. If they are allowed to view media (movies, TV shows, video games, etc.) in which there is adult sexual content, swearing, rough language, sarcasm, mocking attitudes, etc. or if they hear adults or older children swear or use rough language, all of this goes straight into the toolbox, and in turn is pulled out to shock, impress, scare, or intimidate others.

What should be in each child's toolbox?

- Love and respect for both of their parents (whether their parents relationship is intact or not)
- Confidence that they are a beloved child of God and of their parents
Ability to be directed by an adult—without melting down

I strongly recommend that parents visit the website protectyoungeyes.com to learn how to set up a safe internet experience for children at home.

What will be in your child's toolbox next year?

What will your child place in the toolbox of other children?







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