



# SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



## *Weekly Calendar*

**Sunday, November 6th:** Please go to church this weekend. Your faith community needs you.

**Monday, November 7th**

Hall Prayer  
Homework Club for Grades 3-8 2:30-3:15pm

**Tuesday, November 8th**

**Election Day**  
Walking Club for grades 3-8 2:40-3:40pm  
(weather permitting)

**Wednesday, November 9th**

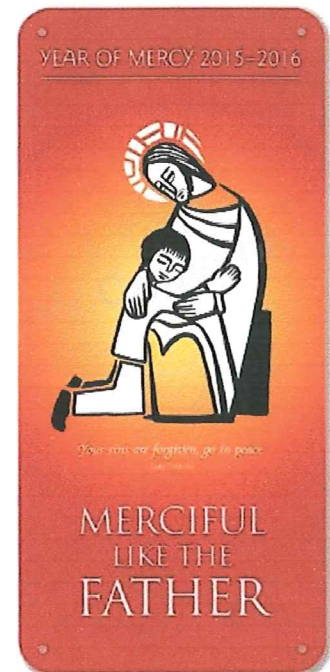
DARE ~ 5th grade 11-11:55am  
No Walking Club today due to staff meeting  
School Board Meeting 6:00PM Library

**Thursday, November 10th**

School Liturgy 8am—all are welcome  
Homework Club for Grades 3-8 2:30-3:15pm  
Girls Basketball Banquet 5:30PM AH

**Friday, November 11th**

Conferences Times will be sent home for K-8 conferences on November 21st and 22nd



## *Principally Speaking*

**Scholarships for 2017-2018 School Year:** If you would like to apply for scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year, go to [CatholicSchools4u.org](http://CatholicSchools4u.org). Our school code 12044. Deadline to apply is December 21st for existing families.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** K-8 Grade Parents—Please fill out and return the Conference Time Request form sent home today. It is due to your child's teacher by Monday. We will schedule conferences at a staff meeting on Wednesday and your times will be sent home next Friday, November 11th. Conferences will be held on November 21st and 22nd.

**The Bishop's Visit:** We are so blessed to have Bishop Walkowiak visit us on Tuesday of this past week. We celebrated All Saints Day Mass with him, and then he and Fr. Tom visited all of the classrooms to speak with the students. Bishop Walkowiak even ate lunch with the students—sharing 7th grader JG's birthday lunch! It was a wonderful day!

**Halloween and Trunk-or-Treat at SSPP:** Thank you so much to the Family School Council and all of our parent helpers who made Halloween special for our students at SSPP. Trunk or Treat at the bowling alley went very smoothly and the students very much enjoyed the treats and games! Congratulations to the Ferris's and Heinlein (grandparents) who won the trunk decorating contest this year. Many thanks to the bowling alley for graciously letting us use their parking lot.

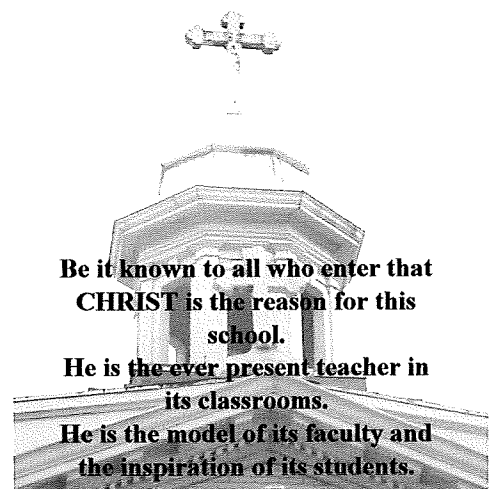
**Lunch Time Helpers:** Many thanks to our parents who come to help with lunch recess. We have a faithful group who come very regularly which is very helpful in adding consistency to behavioral expectations on the playground! We are always looking for new helpers who are VIRTUS trained, and especially need assistance on rainy days when we can't go outside and recess is held in the classrooms.

**Fall/Winter:** I am sure winter weather will eventually begin. 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:**

- November 13: 5th/6th graders will be participating in the 11:30am parish Liturgy
- November 15: Ionia Public Schools—NO SCHOOL: No bus No Hot Lunch
- November 16: Ionia Public Schools—Half day No bus home No Hot Lunch
- November 18: Spelling Bee for Grades 4-8 8:30am AH
- November 21: Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7pm (full day of school)  
NO PANTHER PLAYHOUSE
- November 22: Parent Teacher Conferences 12-5pm (half day of school)  
NO PANTHER PLAYHOUSE
- November 23-25: No School Thanksgiving Vacation



## Fall Conference Sign-up

Fall conferences for PS through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take place on Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd. Fall conferences are considered mandatory for grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please fill out and return the bottom portion of this notice to your oldest child's homeroom teacher to ensure that a time is scheduled that is convenient for you. Please return this request no later than Monday, November 7th.

A confirmation of your assigned conference date and time will be sent home by Friday, November 11th.

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### **Conference Time Request**

**Please return no later than  
Monday, November 7, 2016**

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Student Name(s):

Grade:

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have conferences scheduled with their homeroom teacher. If you would like to meet with another middle school teacher, please add your request to this form. We will attempt to schedule your conferences as requested.**

Scheduling will be done after school on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, so please have your slip returned by the deadline. If you would like a conference with any of our specials teachers, please contact the school office.

Señora Paton: Spanish and Art

Mrs. Jones: PE

Mrs. Strickling: Computers

Mrs. Grummet: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Reading and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies

Mrs. Crooks: 2-6, 8 Religion

Mrs. Gerdes: Music

**My preferred date is:**

- Mon., Nov. 21st**
  - 3-7pm**
- Tues., Nov. 22nd**
  - 12noon-5pm**