



# SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



## *Weekly Calendar*

**Sunday, December 11th: Please go to church this weekend. Your faith community needs you.**  
Sixth grade at 11:30am Mass

**Monday, December 12th**

Hall Prayer

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

3rd/4th Boys Basketball Game @ SSPP vs. PW St. Joe 5:30pm

**Tuesday, December 13th**

5th/6th Boys Basketball Game @ SSPP vs. Westphalia

St. Mary's 6pm

**Wednesday, December 14th**

**Thursday, December 15th**

School Liturgy 8am—all are welcome

NO Homework Club today

SSPP Christmas Program Ionia Theatre

6:00 PM - Preschool 6:30PM - K-8

**Friday, December 16th**

Jeans Day



## *Principally Speaking*

**Many Thanks:** Thank you to Mrs. McGuire and our 8th grade class for making us proud during Friday's Main Street Electric Christmas Parade! Thank you also to those parents who helped decorate (and Miss Jessica Campbell who visited and helped as well), and those who loaned us the wagon, pulling vehicle, and generator! Thanks to those who walked along side the float as well!

Thank you so much to Mary McGuire, Jana Droste, for helping to make the Christmas season so special for us at SSPP. Our showing at the Mrs. Claus Bazaar was very well received and Breakfast with Santa was a wonderful event. Thank you to all who donated cookies, worked at the Bazaar, and attended and/or worked at the Breakfast. Special thanks to Joyce Essich and Santa for the great pictures and to Joann Johnson for running our Book Fair in the Library!!

**Congratulations!** Thomas Toaz has been selected to play Euphonium in the All State Honors Seventh and Eighth Grade Band. Of the 60 students who auditioned, Thomas is one of three chosen. He is the son of Scott and Lynn and in the seventh grade.

**Girls Winter Basketball:** SSPP will have a 6th-8th grade girls basketball team this winter, with games beginning in January. Please call or text coach Kristen Hanulcik at 616-902-0225 if your daughter is interested in playing.

**SSPP Adopt-a-Family Request:** From Mrs. McKay—We still have 10 families from the Ionia area who would like to be “adopted” for Christmas. These families are asking for our assistance in helping their families celebrate Christmas.

Additional information: Family sizes vary, and you are given suggestions for items they could use or would like to receive. If you adopt a family, you would purchase gifts for them that would be also be supplemented by items from Toys for Tots and food baskets provided by the parish. Please call or stop by the parish office to select a family as soon as possible. Delivery of food and gifts takes place on Saturday, December 17, so time is of the essence!

**Boots:** Just a reminder as boot season approaches that students must have another pair of shoes to wear indoors.

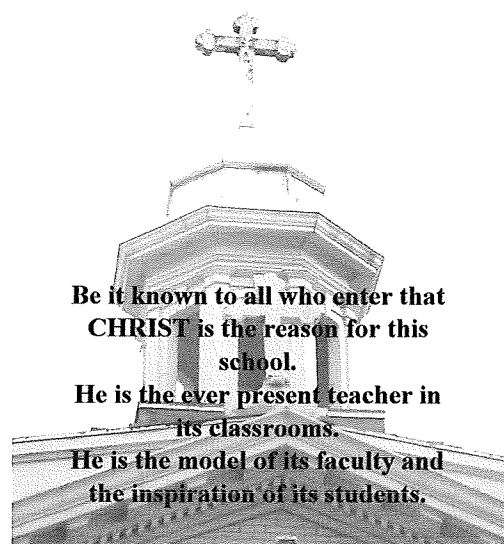
**Fall/Winter:** Please watch the weather and send your child to school prepared for outdoor recesses. In general, we go outside unless the wind chill drops below 0°. We even go outside when it is raining lightly. In addition to winter coats, all students in grades PS-4 should have clothing items that 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.

**Scholarships for 2017-2018 School Year:** If you would like to apply for scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year, go to [ssppcatholic.com](http://ssppcatholic.com) and click on Scholarships. Our school code 12044. Our parish code is SSPPionia. Deadline to apply is December 21st for existing families.

**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:**

December 19:	Classroom Parties (afternoon); Jeans Day
December 20:	Cold Lunch Only IPS: Half Day No Hot Lunch No Bus Home
December 21-January 2:	Christmas Vacation
January 3:	School Resumes Cold Lunch Only No Hot Lunch No Bus Service
January 16:	No School—Martin Luther King Jr Birthday



Dear Parents,

This year, we the FSC, have decided to try something new for our lower elementary classroom Christmas parties. The parties will all be held on Monday December 19th, starting at 1:00pm. Our first through fourth graders will celebrate with snacks together this year. Then each will have crafts and games to play with their classes. Therefore, much like Mrs. Leik does with her Kindergarteners, we will be sending home a note on Monday with your student for a specific item we are asking that you supply for the celebration. If you are unable to bring the assigned item in on Monday, December 19th (or send it earlier), then please, do not hesitate to contact me or Jana Droste. We will be happy to arrange something else. We will additionally try to reach out via email and/or FB to let you know what we are hoping you can supply. Not every student is being asked to bring something for the celebration. When Valentine's Day parties arrive, those families will certainly have a chance to bring in things as well!

If you do not receive a note on what to bring, and would still like to send something, you are absolutely welcomed to do so. So as not to have too much and waste food, we simply, by random selection, chose families from the class listings. Also, please, do plan to attend the celebrations and have fun with your student(s)!!

Thank you!

Thank you and Merry Christmas,  
Family School Council

## SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

\*BELOW ARE VOLUNTEER TIME SLOTS TO SIGN UP FOR! PLEASE RETURN ON MONDAY THE 12TH OR CALL (616)902-9324:

**I WILL PLAN TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING TIMES FOR SANTA'S WORKSHOP... PLEASE, IF YOU CANNOT WORK THE TIME SLOT YOU CHOOSE, EVEN AT THE LAST MINUTE, PLEASE CONTACT MARY MCGUIRE ASAP!! THANK YOU!!**

### **TUESDAY DECEMBER 13:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:00-10:00

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00-12:00

\_\_\_\_\_ 12:45-2:30

\_\_\_\_\_ CHOOSE MY OWN HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

### **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:00-10:00

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00-12:00

\_\_\_\_\_ 12:45-2:30

\_\_\_\_\_ CHOOSE MY OWN HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FRIDAY DECEMBER 16:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:00-10:00

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:00-12:00

\_\_\_\_\_ 12:45-2:30

**NAME AND PHONE #**

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## SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 13, 14, + 16 2016

**THIS COMING WEEK SSPP WILL HOST SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP. IT IS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR STUDENT(S) TO PURCHASE AFFORDABLE, FUN GIFTS FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND PETS. THE WORKSHOP IS HELD IN THE VERITAS ROOM AND EACH CLASS HAS THEIR OWN SPECIAL SHOPPING TIME WITH ELVES TO HELP THEM SELECT GIFTS AND WRAP THEM TO SURPRISE YOU LATER! ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ENCLOSE A CHECK OR CASH FOR THE AMOUNT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEND AND WRITE OUT WHO THEY HAVE PERMISSION TO SHOP FOR. THE COST OF ITEMS RANGES FROM \$1-\$6. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PURCHASE ANYTHING FOR THEMSELVES, CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING!!!!**

**BELOW IS A LIST OF THE DAYS YOUR CHILD'S CLASS WILL BE SHOPPING :**

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 13:

- 8:00-8:50 -FIRST GRADE
- 9:00-9:50 -3 DAY AM PRE SCHOOL
- 10:00-10:50 -4 DAY AM PRE SCHOOL
- 11:00-11:50 -FOURTH GRADE
- 1:00-1:50 -FIFTH GRADE

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14:

- 8:00-8:50 -KINDERGARTEN
- 9:00-9:50 -SIXTH GRADE
- 10:00-10:50 -THIRD GRADE
- 11:00-11:50 -SECOND GRADE
- 12:50-1:30 -4 DAY PM PRE SCHOOL
- 1:30-2:20 -5 DAY PM PRE SCHOOL

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 16:

- 9:00-9:50 -EIGHTH GRADE
- 10:00-10:50 -SEVENTH GRADE
- 11:00-1:30 -OPEN SHOPPING/EXTRA WRAP TIME/CLEAN UP