



SAINT PETER'S SCHOOL

The STORM Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Since my last newsletter, we have had two more staff members announce their departures. Both Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. Bouchard will not be returning in the fall and we wish them the best of luck on their new journey. In my next newsletter, we will introduce you to all the new staff members.

Here we "grow" again! Check out the pictures and story below regarding a new addition to our playground area. Also, see the article below regarding the library, reading and math information for our summer months.

We have four year books left; if you are interested in purchasing one please stop by the office. We have two soft cover books for \$30 and two hard cover books for \$35 each.

Please ensure you received the form packages that went home with your students. The forms must be filled out annually and returned either during the summer or at the Back to School Night. Plan now to get your child a physical and any immunizations that are due.

Our summer hours will be from 9:00-3:00 once we return on July 5th.

In His Service,

J.R. West

Up Coming Events

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June

26-30th Offices Closed

August

26th New family orientation and potluck lunch
29th Chromebook roll- out for middle school students and parents.
30th Back to school night for pk-5th grade parents
31st Back to school night for middle school parents.

September

5th First day of school for 1-8
6th First day of school for Kindergarten
7th First day of school for PK
15th School closed

We Need New Kindergarten and First Grade Students

We still have room for four more kindergarten students and three first grade students. We are excited to fill these classes so we are going to offer you a \$500 credit to your tuition bill for any student that you refer to us and who completes the entire enrollment process. So, if you have any friends, neighbors or family members with children ready for kindergarten or first grade, please tell them to call Mrs. Richards at 301-843-1955 to set up an appointment.

\$500 referral credit if student is accepted and enrolled!

Summer Library

There are several changes that have taken place that will have a big impact on our library hours this summer. The Sank auditorium is now the church because of the renovations in the church. Another reason is a change in math teachers for the middle school and a change in the reading teacher in the intermediate grades. Along with a host of other construction projects, and manpower issues, the library will only be open once per week from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm starting on Wednesday, July 5th. There will be no objectives assigned by teachers and no math tests taken. However, if you want to keep working through the accelerated math home portal, that is fine and the following website also has some wonderful free work sheets.

<http://www.k5learning.com/free-math-worksheets> You will be able to check out books and take reading tests when the library is open. The following are the library days and hours of operation:

July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

August 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Each day the library will be open from 9:00-12:00.

Mentor Families Needed

We have 61 new families starting with us in the fall. We want to make them feel as welcome as possible and part of our Saint Peter's family, but we need your help. We firmly believe that when new families have a mentor family, that they get connected sooner and become active participants in the community. We want to offer each new family a personal contact, a mentor. Each mentor will have 3-5 families assigned to them and will help them navigate their first year at Saint Peter's. If you would like to help a new family, please contact Mrs. Shuttles in the front office and we will make you a mentor.

[New Playground Being Installed Today](#)

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, we have a new playground being poured today! This playground is being installed at the top of the hill next to last year's new playground. This will allow the students to have a dry place to play instead of the parking lot! This will be much safer and we will be getting the basketball courts back. The cost of the playground will not affect tuition as it was a gift- Thanks be to God!



[Dangerous Game](#)

I want to make you aware of a very dangerous social media game that is making its way through the internet. The **Blue Whale Challenge**, also known as the **Blue Whale suicide game**, is an online game in which participants are purportedly assigned a curator who provides various acts of self-harm to be committed over the course of 50 days. On the final day, participants are urged to win the game by committing suicide. Over 100 teen suicides have reportedly been linked to the game so please keep your children away from it.

[Chromebooks for Middle School 2017-18](#)

It has been decided to take the next big leap in technology for our students. Starting in the fall of 2017, all middle school students will have their own Chromebook. These Chromebooks will be sold to parents through the school's supplier. Please don't rush out and buy one now, we want all students to have the same type and model. The cost will be approximately \$325. This is a one-time cost and will cover the Chromebook, license and backpack/carrying case. For rising 8th graders, we will offer a buy-back option at the end of the year. A complete roll-out and training will be held prior to school starting. There will be much more information regarding this new program over the next few months.