

# Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

*“The mind of a child is fascination, for it looks on old things with new eyes.” ~ F. Scott Fitzgerald*



**Hello! My name is Diana Durkin and this is the start of my 19th year teaching at St. Peter’s School. I have a BS degree in Nutrition & Dietetics from Marywood University in Scranton, PA and a MA degree in Leadership in Teaching from Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore. I also have an Advanced Professional Teaching Certificate from the state of Maryland, and in 2013, I was honored by the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus in receiving their 2012-2013 Catholic Teacher of the Year award.**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructional Aide Mrs. Samantha Katz**

*Mrs. Katz comes to St. Peter’s with an extensive academic background and work experience in the field of science.*





*December, January, February*

*2018-2019*

*We've been busy -*

*We raised money for the "Race for Education",*

*Celebrated Halloween,*

*Worked hard to achieve all of our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards,*

*Celebrated our Grandparents, Grand Friends, and  
even Parents with our musical performances on  
"Grandparents' Day",*

*And celebrated the Christmas Spirit with our  
classmates, family, and prayer partners!*



*Over the next few months we will be  
focusing on ...*

*The 10 Commandments in Religion,*

*Multiplication & Division Skills, plus Problem-Solving  
and Measurement in Math,*

*And will continue to work on our Spelling, Grammar, Reading & Writing skills plus group and independent reading.*

*In addition, the students are completing the book Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo and then will start to read a Biography book of their choice. This will also entail a book report plus a project in Art.*

*In Social Studies, we will complete our study of Maryland geography, map skills, and MD state symbols and turn our focus to skills/concepts in Life Science.*



### *Upcoming Events:*

*Catholic Schools Week January 28 - February 1!*

*Regional Destination Imagination Tournament*

*March 9<sup>th</sup> at North Point High School.*

***Good Luck** to our two 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams that will be competing!!*

**September, October, November 2018**

## **Welcome 4<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

**The students are off to a great start in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. They have done a super job adjusting to all their new routines and procedures.**



**We want to also give a great big *SPS WELCOME* to our new students – Benjamin, McKinleigh, Brennan, Marieme, Ronan, and Kyle!**

**A “*Welcome Back*” shout also goes out to ALL of our returning students as well as to Mrs. Katz, our great Instructional Aide!**

**GO STORM!**

*Over the next few months we will be learning.....*

**Religion:** Students will learn more about Jesus, who shows us the way God wants us to live. Students will learn about the formation of conscience and the way it helps them make good choices and brings them closer to God. The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is also covered.

**Math:** Students will start off with a brief review of 3rd grade skills and then work with Place Value, Addition and Subtraction concepts, and Multiplication problems.

**Spelling:** Students will work on correct spelling, understanding vocabulary as well as phonics and reading skills.

**English:** Students will work on sentence writing, correct mechanics, sentence structures, and correct use of nouns.

**Reading:** Students will participate in group and independent reading. Our class book selection for September is “Stone Fox” by John Reynolds Gardiner.

**Science:** Students will be exploring “Force and Motion” as well as “Energy” in class and in STEM.

**Please Join Us For These Upcoming Events:**

**Race for Education: October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Halloween Parade: October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Veteran’s Day Program: November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Grandparent’s Day: November 20<sup>th</sup>**

