



The STORM Newsletter

January 11, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! This has been a great first week back and we are in full swing, many students received reading dog tags and math medals this week. On Monday, we opened up the reenrollment process for the 2019-2020 school year. The complete timeline on reenrollment is featured below.

We've held a School Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday night and a PTO meeting last night. The SAB is working on a new strategic plan for the next five years, and the PTO has several events that are in the planning stages for the rest of this year.

The second half of the year typically goes faster than the first half, so please read all your school newsletters and text messages.

There is a good possibility of a snow event for Monday, so remember we follow the Charles County School System weather delays and cancellations. (That's in case you miss my phone message)

In His Service,

J.R. West

Up Coming Events

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January 2019

7th- Re-Enrollment opens

18th- Kindergarten Tea

**18th- Noon dismissal- no
aftercare.**

**21st – MLK Day- school
closed**

22nd- End of 2nd quarter

**25th- Teacher work day,
school closed.**

**27th-31st Catholic Schools
Week**

Re-Enrollment Calendar

You, as current parents, do get the first right of enrollment. The 2019-2020 school applications in TADS is now open. The budget is not finalized, but you should anticipate a 3% increase in tuition. The new rate will be about \$8,320, the Catholic scholarship will be approximately \$2,320 and the final Catholic rate would be approximately \$6,000. These figures are approximate at this time, but will allow for a modest increase in teacher salaries and continued facility upgrades. Our goal is to replace the rest of the carpet in the school, remodel the middle school bathrooms and eventually build an awning that spans the distance from the front door to the curb.

Once the re-enrollment window opens, you will have until March 29th to make your \$500 deposit to secure your child's place next year. This deposit does come off the tuition cost.

Please, please, please, if you have a potential pre-k student at home, please let us know a.s.a.p. You will get first dibs on the PK seats, but we have to know about you. Pre-K students are considered NEW, so they have to have an application submitted. You will NOT be charged the application fee. These PK seats are highly sought after and last year we turned away over 50 applicants. Our maximum PK class is only 20 students.

4H

St. Peter's 4-H is currently accepting new members for 2019. We accept boys and girls ages 8-18. Our meetings are the 3rd Thursday at 6PM in the cafeteria. Dues are \$25 per year which covers the county and the club. Some of our 2019 projects include rockets, paracord bands and soldering battery operated Christmas trees. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rochelle Creighton-Tompa at 301-392-6221 or email creighr@nationwide.com.

Catholic Schools Week

During our Catholic Schools Week Celebration, we are going to have a "baby shower" for the Catherine Foundation. The Catherine Foundation is a local organization whose mission is "to affirm the value of life through compassionate care, resources, education and positive alternatives." During the month of January, the Catholic Church focuses on the sanctity of life. We decided that Catholic Schools Week was the perfect time to celebrate life! In order to do this, we are hoping to collect items from our school family that will help the Catherine Foundation continue to do its good work! Currently, the organization is in need of the following items particularly:

infant clothing through size 2T, bottles of baby shampoo and baby wash, (regular size, no bulk bottles), diapers size 4, 5 and 6, Similac advanced formula, and baby wipes. There is also a need for winter coats, size 2T. Clothing can be gently used, but clean please.

During this time of the government shutdown, we are aware that there may be members of our school family who are without a paycheck today. Not knowing how long into the future this

shutdown may go (we pray not long) we understand that those who can donate will and those who cannot at this time will not. Please know that we have a wonderfully generous school family and we appreciate all that everyone does to help when they can throughout the year. If you can make a donation, please simply send your donation in with your student on January, 23rd, the day of the "shower." The students will bring their donation with them to the "shower" during an assembly, and at that time the items will be collected. Once the items are collected they will be delivered to the Catherine Foundation.

We appreciate your help in helping the Catherine Foundation to help others to choose life. For more information regarding the programs and services of the Catherine Foundation or to see other items that you may donate, visit Catherinefoundation.org



National Catholic School's Week 2019

January 27- February 1, 2019

Sunday, January 27th

- Please attend Mass and have your children in their dress uniform

Monday, January 28th

- Student Appreciation Day, leave your uniform at home- wear your PJs

Tuesday, January 29th

- Dress As Your Favorite Book Character Day

Wednesday, January 30th

- 9:00 Mass
- 10:00 Catherine Baby Shower assembly and Pinch from the Blue Crabs

Thursday, January 31st

- Wacky hair and Hat Day

Friday, February 1st

- Blue Ribbon Shirt and jean day
- Talent shows grades: 1-3 9:00 and grades: 4-8 1:00

A Note From The School Nurse to Parents of PK, K, 1st And 8th Grade Students

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

St. Peter's Catholic School is reaching out to advise you of the Maryland State mandated screening for hearing and vision that will be conducted at our school on Friday, 8 February 2019, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The screening will be conducted with our Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 8th grade students by nurses from the Charles County Health Department, and is of no charge to students' families. If possible, please plan on having your student(s) be in attendance at school on that day. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school via phone on 301-843-1955 or, personal visit, to have them addressed by staff. Thank you.

Ron Hall, RN

School Nurse, St. Peter's Catholic School

FYI:

The Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article § 7-404 (hearing and vision) mandates screening tests for students in public/private schools. The hearing and vision screenings are required in the year that a student enters a school system, enters the first grade, and enters the eighth or ninth grade.