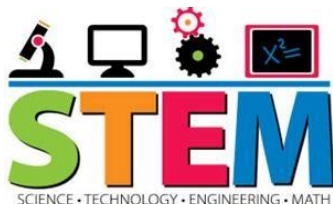


Sts. Peter and Paul School

Newsletter for the week of March 26, 2018

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On the move to Catholic STEM!



Over the past few months we've been hard at work preparing to become a Catholic STEM School.

Our **building project** has been officially initiated! The archdiocese has given Father Thuerauf the necessary approvals, we have hired a contractor and met with our architect. The architect will complete a 'code analysis' and then we will apply for the necessary building permits.

Our **teachers** have also been working hard to design our age-appropriate STEM program. Our primary, middle grade and junior high teachers have each taken a day to work together to plan next year's STEM activities and curriculum. Teachers will take another day in April to finalize their plans so they can present their outline to the whole faculty at our May Professional Development Day. All teachers are also preparing to complete some STEM related professional development over the summer.

We are very excited about this new move for our school and we thank you for your support and enthusiasm. We will give you additional updates as they are available.

Upcoming Events

- Tues, March 27 at 2:00 pm: All School Adoration & Rosary
- Weds, March 28: **Rice Bowls** are due! **and Life Touch photo orders** (or returned picture packets) are due
- Holy Thurs, March 29: Sedar Meal with Family Units; 12:00 pm dismissal.
- Easter Break!- School resumes on April 9th
- Mon, April 9- Spirit Shirts will be available for purchase!
- Thurs, April 12: Spirit Day (Assembly, Family Units, STEM activity)
- Fri, April 13: 8th grade Graduation Pictures
- Tues, April 17: 8th grade Chastity Rally
- Weds, April 18- Fri, April 20: 7th grade Outdoor Education
- Wed, April 18 6:00-8:00: STEM Family Night

Inviting New Families



Have you shared with a new family about the GREAT things that are happening at Sts. Peter and Paul?!? We need your help to get the word out! Here are some upcoming events open to new families.

STEM Family Night- April 18th 6:00-8:00 pm- Several new families attended our event in March and enjoyed seeing our SPSS family in action. Families can bring their own dinner, meet the teachers and other families, and learn about Catholic STEM.

Preschool Open House- April 19th 9:30-10:30 am – Join us for a tour of the school and spend some time observing the Preschool and PreK classes.

Showcase Night- May 2nd 7:00-8:00 pm
This is going to be an exciting night for our school. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will be sharing their STEM learning from this year. From formal presentations to show-and-tell, this will be quite the evening!

United in Prayer!



This Saturday's Easter Vigil Mass will be especially exciting for our school this year. **Danica** (2nd grade) and **Fatima** (3rd grade) will be receiving Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

We are also celebrating with **Jeremy McNew** (SPSS dad and Athletic Director) who will be making his Profession of Faith, receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Let us support them in prayer and joyfully welcome them into the Church!

Four Ways to Celebrate Holy Week as a Family

BY ALISSA ELLETT

Holy Week with children seems like a time we could be cultivating rich traditions. It is, after all, at the heart of our faith. But, does it ever sneak up on you or pass you by without you giving any real intention?

1. **Do a Holy Week Easter Egg Hunt.** Most of us do an Easter egg hunt annually. Yet, how often does the Easter Egg hunt communicate the significance of Easter? So, how can we use this tradition to invite our children to reflect? It only takes a bit of prep in filling some of the eggs with Easter symbols. Here is a [link](#) with ideas about how to do this.
2. **Bake Easter bread or rolls.** Baking is a really fun activity to incorporate into Holy Week with children. Of course, they get to learn a valuable life skill. Also, if you're having family or friends over for a meal, the children enjoy showing off their creations. Baking bread for Easter morning breakfast is a great option. Resurrection rolls are fun and easy to make. Head over [here](#) to learn how.
3. **Enjoy a Seder meal together.** Attend an interfaith Seder meal as a family. The Seder is a meal shared on Passover in the Jewish tradition in remembrance and celebration of new life after liberation from slavery. Invite your children to learn about the Seder meal prior to going. Find concise, valuable material [here](#) and [here](#) about what to expect and the meaning of the Seder's symbols. With a little bit of preparation, the experience can be meaningful for your whole family and give way to illuminating conversations.
4. **Take time to pray each day.** During Holy Week, really any week, we often feel like we don't have enough time. Parents and caretakers are often spread so thin. Perhaps this year, take the opportunity awaiting you to engage in your own spiritual practice with greater intention. So often our children gather up our attention along with our jobs, the grocery and to-do lists, other activities, the house cleaning, on and on. But, as we all know, we cannot give from a well that is all dried up. So, each day of Holy Week, carve out a couple minutes of stillness to say one prayer. A wonderful list of Holy Week prayers are [here](#).

<https://www.illustratedchildrensministry.com/2018/holy-week-with-children/>



Spring Sports



Volleyball and baseball seasons are underway. Thank you to all the coaches for helping form our children. Go Dragons!

Volleyball:

Widgets: Neyda, Alexia, Isabella, Isidra, Therese, Fatima, Annie
JV: Abbey D., Abby E., Anne, Josephine, Grace J., Savannah, Haley, Melody

Varsity: Claire G., Claire C., Elizabeth, Areana, Ruth, Isabella, Jaslin, Sabrina

Baseball (teaming up with St. Bernadette and Fatima):

Widgets: James, Benny, Nico, Chris, Elias,
JV: John, Noah D., Cristian, Lou, Victoria, Noah V.
Varsity: Mariana, Peter, Grace F., Max, Connor



Rock-a-Thon

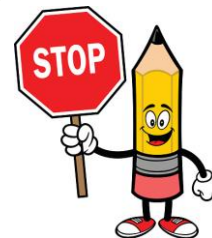
4th–8th graders are invited to participate in an all-night fundraiser in the gym.

Thurs, May 10th 6:00 p.m.
'til 6:00 a.m. Fri, May 11th
(May 11th is a No School Day)

Save the date and stay tuned for more details.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure

Morning drop off: We continue to have some difficulties during our morning drop-off. All Preschool and PreK parents must park and walk their children to the classroom. **You MAY NOT park or leave your car in the car line.** Please park along the street (next to the playground) or in the parking lot and walk your children to the classroom.



Afternoon pick up: School ends at 2:55. Students will be available at the car line until 3:10. After 3:10 all students will be taken to Afterschool Care.

Students participating afterschool programs (tutoring, sports, clubs, etc.) should go directly to their program at 2:55. Students need to stay with their programs until they are picked up by their parents. Students may not be unsupervised at school.

These procedures will help us keep all our children safe! Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.