



Saint Peter's Catholic School

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Panther Newsletter



2018

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/1, 8:30am Graduation Mass/10am Graduation/12:30 dismissal for all students/7:30pm Gr 7 & 8 Dance

6/6 PreK & Kindergarten End of Year Celebrations/Last day for PK & K

6/12 Family Night at Orioles game. Details on p. 4

6/13, 8:30am Mass/11:45am Awards Assembly/12:30 Dismissal/Last day for Gr. 1-7

Rachel Allen
 Enrique DeSouza
 Jordan Domally
 Brendan Galvin
 Seneca Gonzalez
 Michael Howes+
 Addison Kasley
 Christopher McDonnell+
 Priyanka Navale
 Brogan O'Leary
 Timothy Orié
 Anthony Ramos-Cruz
 Sean Santos
 Maeve Stickell
 Samantha Thomas*
 Mark Villanueva
 Shane Wensel

Sofia Chavez
 Kendall Dickerson+
 Gwen Eustace
 Evelyn Ghine
 Trista Hammersmith
 Osarumwense Ihama+*
 Paul Kerlin
 Caitlyn McInerney
 Christine Nguyen
 Finn O'Leary
 Kayleigh Page*
 Rebeca Rivera
 Therun Solangaarachchi
 Giancarlo Rodriguez
 Amber Tiongson+
 Alexandra Washington
 Tyler Worrell+

Evan Cooley
 Payton Dickerson
 Sara Fritschi
 Andrew Gload
 Patrick Hefright*
 Nolan Ikwuemesi
 William Lynch IV
 Philemon Mercado*
 Ashley Nicosia
 James Ogoti
 William Potter*
 Tyler Russo
 Phillip Stasko
 James Szot+*
 Alexander Velasquez
 Patrick Wiercinski

*Recipient of the President's Award for Educational Excellence
 +Altar Server



2018-2019 UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE

Beginning next year, every student must be in the complete new uniform. General guidelines below. For details, please consult the uniform policy printed in the handbook, posted on the parent portal or on the school website:

- All PE uniform pieces must have the new SP logo. Only the grey PE sweater is permitted (style varies by grade)
- No more 3/4 zip fleece permitted
- Uniform tie required for boys (no tie options)
- Fall Uniform (Through October 31) - Golf shirt must have new SP logo.
- Beginning November 1
 - Middle School Boys—every boy in middle school must wear navy slacks, the plaid uniform tie, a white dress shirt, and grey sweater (Logo V-neck or logo sweater vest).
 - Middle School Girls—every girl in middle school must wear the plaid skirt, a white dress shirt, and grey sweater (Logo V-neck or logo sweater vest).
 - Grades K-5 Boys—navy slacks, a white logo shirt (long- or short-sleeved), and a logo grey sweater
 - Grade K-5 Girls—plaid jumper, white peter-pan color blouse, logo grey cardigan sweater

Uniforms can be purchased from [Flynn & O'Hara](#) or [Gorman's Garments & Gear](#).

Used Uniforms Collected June 14-15

NO old logo or old style uniform items. Please donate to your favorite local charity.

On Thursday-Friday, June 14-15, you can drop off gently used NEW style uniform items: girls' skirts and jumpers, any NEW LOGO PE items. All items freshly laundered and in good condition please.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The preliminary 2018-2019 school calendar is now available in pdf format on the home page of the school website. 2018-2019 dates will be updated in the parent portal during the summer.

Sneak-a-Peek Day: 8/27
First Day of School: 8/29



Anniversary Raffle Results Over \$37,000 raised!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
BYRDY FAMILY
\$5000 RAFFLE WINNER**

Tami Carpel

\$600 Winner

Emily Brewster-McCarthy

\$250 Winner

**Thank you families who sold
extra books of tickets:**

Lechner Family

Georges Family

Baratian Family

Justin Family

Cardona Family

Corsini Family

Getachew Family

Robinson Family

VanOrsdel Family

Serra Family

Kirk Family

Schlimm Family

MARYLAND 529 SAVINGS PLAN EXPANDED TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS—STATE FUNDS AVAILABLE

A new provision in the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act expands the usage of Section 529 College Savings Plans to allow *account funds to be used for K-12 private school tuition*. The Catholic school community is excited about this new allowance and the tax benefits for parents now associated with tuition payments through 529 Accounts. Please note that Maryland law, by default, extends *an additional state tax deduction and tax-free treatment on account growth and distribution to K-12 tuition expenditures*. There is no income limitation associated with opening a 529 account. By utilizing this tool, parents may be eligible for a tax break and the tax-free growth might also be used to pay for tuition in later years! Keep reading....there's more good news!.....

More information will be made available by the Catholic Coalition but there's an urgency to acting NOW. **Governor Hogan just signed a bill expanding part of the Maryland 529 Program that allows for a \$500 contribution from the State of Maryland to encourage families to get their accounts started.**

Parents will be presumably be able to get this match for next year, **but if they want to get their free \$500 state contribution THIS YEAR, they'll need to a.) open an account before June 1, 2018 and b.) apply for the match program before June 1, 2018.**

Sorry about the short notice, but the Governor just signed this bill and the legislature allowed for this short window for people to take advantage of the state contribution THIS YEAR!

[Click here for information from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops explaining the new ability to use 529 plans for K-12 tuition!](#)

To open your account, visit: <https://maryland529.com/enroll-now>

To apply for the State Contribution Program, visit: <https://maryland529.com/MDMatch250>

Note: don't worry about all of the references to "college" in the Maryland 529 material. K-12 tuition is a new allowable expenditure! Please seek the advice of a licensed accountant in all tax-related matters.

Customize and Order Online Today!

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box™. Place your order online and it will be **DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS**. You will have the option to **CUSTOMIZE** your order by adding or removing items from the teacher-approved list. Already have a ruler or scissors? Remove them. Need an additional box of crayons for home or supplies for a sibling? Add them. It's that simple! **Order today!**



School Name:

Saint Peter's School
Olney, MD

Ordering Available:

Beginning May 24th

Allow 10 days for processing.

School Supply kits for the following grades are available:

Pre-Kindergarten
Kindergarten
1st Grade
2nd Grade
3rd Grade
4th Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade
7th Grade
8th Grade

Visit www.schooltoolbox.com to place your order today!



Saint Peter's School Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, June 12th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Boston Red Sox
Dylan Bundy Bobblehead (First 25,000 Fans 15 & over)

Left Field Upper Reserve Sections 368-388: \$15*
\$5 of every ticket sold will benefit Saint Peter's School

*There is an additional 10% service charge per ticket.

For any questions or accessible seating, please call 888.848.BIRD (2473) and ask for the Ticket Services team.

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

1. Click on the link below
2. Select game date
3. Enter coupon code: SaintPeter
4. Select a quantity of tickets
5. Create a Baltimore Orioles ticket account
6. Purchase and print your tickets

<http://www.orioles.com/tix/fund>

Tickets posted for re-sale are subject to cancellation. Offer is NOT valid at the Box Office.



HELP BOOST SAINT PETER'S RATINGS

We need parents to post recent positive reviews on Great Schools and Private School Review websites. Word of mouth marketing is powerful and is helping Saint Peter's enrollment grow—to everyone's benefit. Many families searching for a new school use the information on these websites when choosing where to apply. Please share your positive experiences with others. Visit www.greatschools.org and www.privateschoolreview.com to rate us. If you can give us a great rating tell your friends and neighbors; tell the world! If you have concerns, please tell Mrs. Whelan and give us the opportunity to work with you on a resolution



REQUIRED SUMMER MATH & READING WORK FOR STUDENTS

It's cool to keep up your reading and math skills during the summer. Be a better student in September—spend a little time each day reading and spend 20-30 minutes 3 times a week on practicing your math skills.

MATH SUMMER ASSIGNMENT—required for every student entering gr. 1-8

Students entering first grade will completed a combined reading and math review [packet](#). Click on the link to down load the packet from the school website.

Students in grades 2-8 must complete a math skills workbook from the [Summer Skills Compa-ny](#). Order online; the books take only a few days to arrive. Choose from *one* of the following levels:

- Complete a summer skills math workbook for the previous grade (i.e. students who just completed 2nd grade complete a 1st grade math workbook)
- Complete a summer skills math workbook for the school year just completed; recommended for most students (i.e. students who just completed 2nd grade complete a 2nd grade book).
- Challenge level—complete the math book for the grade you are entering (i.e. students who just completed 2nd grade complete a 4th grade book).

The goal is to do a little bit frequently throughout the summer. Don't wait to do the entire book the week before school begins. Parents—tear out the answer key at the back of the book. Spot check your child's work to make sure that they are completing the work appropriately.

Students are required to turn in the completed summer math assignment on the first day of school for a test grade.

READING SUMMER ASSIGNMENT—required for every student entering gr 1-8. Print from the school website: [Summer Assignments](#)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God keeps his promises on life's wild ride!
Registration for Saint Peter's Vacation Bible School is underway. Forms may be found on the parish website at <http://www.stpetersolney.org/vacation-bible-school-info>. You can also register in person at the SOR office and at the Rectory during office hours. Registration deadline June 5 or until full.

VBS runs from June 18 thru June 22, 2018 and is open for children from PreK (toilet-trained) through current 6th graders. Camp hours are from 9am-12:15pm. After care available.

(if you are able to volunteer to make VBS another success, call SOR or see the School of Religion page under the parish website: <http://www.stpetersolney.org/vacation-bible-school-info> for more information and forms. 301-570-4952)



Sign Up and Invite Your Friends!

HELP US WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

The Welcome Committee is looking for volunteers to help welcome new families and make sure that they feel part of our great community. There are many ways to help -- making phone calls to new families, attending a summer playdate with your kids, or helping to plan our Welcome Dinner in August. If one activity doesn't fit your life right now, maybe another will! Please take a brief survey about your availability to help, <https://goo.gl/forms/uVt8pIPPe6tnPgb13>

If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Donodeo at 571-276-4006, or at kdonodeo@gmail.com.

Art News

at Saint Peter's

Summer Art Camp for serious minded young artists ages 8+

Join Ms. Stix and Mrs. Meile for another FUN summer program that's

all about art!

July 9-13 and July 16-20

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Saint Peter's Art Room

\$350 includes all art supplies and snacks

Email carol.stix@stpetersolney.org or peggy.meile@stpetersolney.org to reserve a space and get registration info!



THE HSEB WANTS YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME OF OUR GREAT PARENTS TO JOIN THE TEAM FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR EVENT CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS.

MOVIE NIGHT (CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR)

BINGO (CO- CHAIR)

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT (CHAIR & CO-CHAIR)

FACULTY/8TH GRADE BASKETBALL (CO-CHAIR)

We are also looking for Parents to shadow on the Board this coming School Year and hopefully fill an open position in the 2019-2020 school year.
You are the key to St. Peter's Success !

Grab a friend and Volunteer together ! It is a great way to meet the St. Peter's School Community

If you are interested or have questions:

Contact Terri Russell at ct.russell@verizon.net for Event positions or
Kathleen Songer at Kathleenlane@msn.com for Board Positions

SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR SAINT PETER'S SCHOOL

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Olney, Maryland 20832

Phone: 301-774-9112
Fax: 301-924-6698
E-mail: school@stpetersolney.org

We're on the web at:
www.stpetersschoololney.org



These organizations partner with Saint Peter's to provide additional sources of revenue that can help fund special programs. Please participate in as many as you can. Last year Saint Peter's received over \$12,000 from these programs.

- **Box Tops for Education** – Clip Box Tops and send them in to school. For a complete list of products and to register online for St. Peter's, please go to www.btfе.com.
- **Giant Bonus Card** – Register your Giant Bonus Card at www.giantfood.com/aplus. Our school's ID number is **00690**. Cards need to be renewed every school year.
- **Harris Teeter VIC Card** – Every time you purchase Harris Teeter brand items or fill a prescription at the pharmacy St. Peter's will earn money. Register your VIC Card at www.harristeeter.com/community (Together in Education section). Our school's ID number is **1054**. Cards need to be renewed every school year.
- **Target**—Link your Target charge card to Saint Peter's School. Target will automatically send a check to Saint Peter's School for a percentage of all the purchases.
- **Smile Amazon**—Register for Saint Peter's when you shop on Amazon.



Volunteer Opportunities



Every family must complete 15 hours of service during the 2017-2018 school year. Please remember to log your service hours (even if you go beyond the 15 required. We track this information for planning purposes.

There are lots of opportunities. Some upcoming activities/events:

***Lunch/Recess Duty**— Help needed daily. Sign up for any day/frequency that fits your schedule. Click [HERE](#). PW: Pantherpride. Questions? Contact [Andrea Scanlon](#).

Gala Planning—Hot Havana Nights is the 2018 gala theme! Party planners needed. Get in on the ground floor of planning. Work with a fun group of volunteers. Contact [Marsha Riggio](#) for info on the upcoming organizational meeting.

** This event/activity requires volunteers to be in full compliance with the ADW Child Protection Policy: attendance at Virtus Workshop AND background screening.*

ONLINE RESEARCH RESOURCES



Saint Peter's provide students with many online research resources. These resources are also available from home using the following login and access information. If you have any questions please contact the librarian, [Virginia Riley](#)

GROLIERS: <https://go.scholastic.com/index.html>

Groliers Sign On: Customer ID: stpeters (NO CAPS)
Password: rock (NO CAPS)

SIRS: <https://ars.sirs.com/discoverer.html>

SIRS Sign On: Customer ID: stpeters (NO CAPS)
Password: rock (NO CAPS)

WORLD BOOK:
<http://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb>

WORLD BOOK KIDS (K-5)

WORLD BOOK STUDENT (5-8) Research Tools, including My Research.

World Book Sign on:
Customer ID: stpeters4 (NO CAPS)
Password: rock (NO CAPS)