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St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm excited to welcome you to the new school year at Saint Peter's School. The past three years as a member of the Saint Peter's community have been the most rewarding in my professional career. It is with great joy and honor that I am to serve as the interim Principal of Saint Peter's School. This year will be an especially joyous year as we celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Our school has earned an outstanding reputation for both its strong academic program and its commitment to a Gospel-centered education. The school's SECOND Blue Ribbon, awarded in 2020, is recognition of the excellence that happens in our school and community every day.

I'm proud to say that, once again, the most recent standardized test scores of our students are higher than the national average and the average of the schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. These outstanding scores, in the top 15<sup>th</sup> percentile for math and reading, are a testament to the dedicated work of our students and the strong partnership that exists between you and our educators.

The complete list of school faculty is provided on the last page of this communication. Our faculty, along with the other schools in the ADW, will be celebrating Mass on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We are honored that our Choir was chosen to sing at Mass.

I wanted to address a few important points as we look to our time together this year:

### **PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

As we did last year, we will formally consecrate our school to the Blessed Virgin Mary on during the morning assembly on September 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall. Families are invited to attend and pray this powerful prayer with us.

Every day throughout the school year, we will begin our school day by praying the *Hail Holy Queen* as a sign of our devotion to Mary. The Blessed Mother is our constant guide and companion.

### **FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

- **Sneak-a-Peek Day** is Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone who can to attend. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see the classroom. You may drop off school supplies. Representatives of the Home & School Association will be available to talk about volunteer opportunities, and community and fundraising events. Please follow this schedule:
  - 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. Students with last names A-L
  - 10:15a.m. – 11:15a.m. Students with last names M-Z
- Our **First Day of School (#SPSFirstDay)** for all students is Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. There is no Extended Day Program (before- or after-school) on this day.
- School hours are 7:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents may drop off beginning at 7:30 a.m. You may 'drop and go' in front of the Parish Hall. Patrols will assist with drop off. If you will be walking your child into the school, you must use the parking lot closest to Rte.108/grotto. **Reminder, the first day of school (August 31<sup>st</sup>) is a 12:00 p.m. dismissal with no before- or after-care.**

- At dismissal, please follow the directions of the faculty in the parking lot beginning 30 minutes before dismissal (3:00 p.m. for full days and 12:00 p.m. for early release days).

For information regarding our Extended Day Program, visit the [Back To School](#) page on the website. Children must be preregistered in order to attend the Extended Day Program.

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, are 12:00 p.m. dismissal days for Preschool and Kindergarten students, **ONLY!** There will be no before- or after-school care on these two days for our Preschool and Kindergarten students.

Please review the pick-up and drop-off procedures ([map](#)). **To avoid backup and confusion, during morning drop-off the campus entrance on Rte. 108 will be closed. Please enter from Buehler Road and avoid turning into the driveway from Rt. 108/Olney Sandy Spring Road.**

There is no lunch program available during the first week of school. Please be sure your child comes to school with lunch, drink, and a morning snack.

Our lunch program begins on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Boonli lunch order site is not active. There will be a separate email to the community when the Boonli site is available.

### **HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

New families will receive an email with instructions for accessing the Parent Portal on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call or email the school office if that email hasn't been received by 3:00 p.m. On both the portal and the school website, parents can view information about the new school year. Homeroom assignments will be posted to the portal at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Careful consideration was given to assigning children to particular homerooms, taking into consideration personalities, peer relationships, learning styles, and gender. Changes cannot be made to homeroom assignments.

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT**

**Back-to-School Night will be held on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Schedule for Back To School Night

- Session 1: 6:00 p.m. Classroom presentation by teachers in Preschool through Grade five
- Session 2: 6:25 p.m. (Info repeated for parents with more than one child in the school through grade five)
- 6:45 p.m. Principal remarks (for all parents, all grades) in the Parish Hall
- 7:15 p.m. Parents of students in grades 6 – 8 visit classrooms

### **UNIFORMS**

Every student must be in the complete uniform. For details, please refer to the *Uniform Policy* printed in the handbook, the parent portal, or the school website. We understand some uniform items are on back order. If your child does not have a uniform yet, please do your best to have them wear a dark bottom and light top.

Uniforms can be purchased from [Flynn & O'Hara](#). **The Used Uniform Sale will be open during Sneak-a-Peek Day, August 30<sup>th</sup>.** We encourage our students to take pride in their school uniform and personal attire. Please review the expectations that are detailed in the handbook with your child.

Regarding hair styles:

- Both girls and boys must keep hair clean, away from the eyes, and natural looking at all times. Extreme styles which may cause distraction, excessive lengths, or non-naturally occurring hair colors are not permitted.

- Boys must keep hair trimmed around the ears and neck. The length of the bangs should not go past the eyebrows and should be above the shirt collar.
- Girls must coordinate hair accessories with the school uniform colors (navy blue and white) and remain in the hair at all times. Headbands must be thin, no wider than one and a half inches. Girls may wear reasonably sized bows in their hair that coordinate with the school uniform.

### **LUNCHES AND HOMEWORK (same as in past years)**

In order to minimize the disruption to classroom instruction students are not permitted to call home for forgotten items (i.e. homework, sports gear, books, lunches). Parents may drop off labeled items on the bookshelves in the front lobby. **Lunch delivery by outside vendor (i.e. take-out orders) is strictly prohibited.** Students will be permitted to retrieve their lunch at the designated snack or lunch time. A modest charge for a substitute lunch may apply; these charges will be added to the student's Boonli lunch account.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS FORM**

Each family will receive an Emergency Contacts Form at Sneak-a-Peek. **Please complete the form and return on the first day of school.**

### **FUNDRAISING**

Saint Peter School traditionally holds three major fundraisers a year. A line item in the budget of \$100,000 is dedicated to fundraising, which helps us meet operational expenses and keeps tuition increases to a minimum.

Every family is expected to participate in fundraising. Tuition alone does not cover the costs of the school's financial obligations.

I ask you to participate wholeheartedly in our fundraising activities. Both the gift wrap sale and the raffle are designed so families can support our fundraising without any direct out-of-pocket expenditures from our parents. Extended family and friends are usually happy to purchase gift wrap and décor...and raffle tickets.

- **GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER**

Our annual Charleston Wrap fundraiser will begin the first week of school. Be on the lookout for information, catalogs, and order forms! Be sure to share the information on social media with family and friends!

- **SAINT PETER'S PANTHER PRIDE RAFFLE**


This year, the Panther Pride Raffle will be starting in October. Be ready to show your Saint Peter's School pride by helping us reach our goal of raising \$50,000! As always, there are plenty of incentives for families to sell their books of tickets.

Follow Saint Peter's School on Social media:

Twitter: @StPetersOlney  
 Instagram: @stpetersolney  
 Facebook: @stpetersolney

Here's to a healthy, joy-filled year ahead!

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Abreu  
 Interim Principal

## FACULTY & STAFF FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Preschool-3	(P3)	Ms. Jacqueline Trotta Mrs. Renee Smith – Assistant	Second Grade (2G)	Ms. Mary Glynn (2N) Mrs. Kelly Nichols
Preschool-4	(P4)	Mrs. Mara Graham Mrs. Tina Cabbage – Assistant Mrs. Ann Whittles Mrs. Erika Thompson – Assistant		Mrs. Lisa Cooley – Second Grade Assistant
Kindergarten	(KL)	Mrs. Susan Lozupone Mrs. Tish Stephens – Assistant	Third Grade	(3B) Mrs. Beth Bieberich (3D) Mrs. Samantha Deoudes Mrs. Kelly Wieland – Third Grade Assistant & Lunch Coordinator
Kindergarten	(KS)	Mrs. Cindy Salah Mrs. Ronnie Lippy – Assistant	Fourth Grade	(4D) Ms. Morgan Duffy (4P) Ms. Eunice Pak
First Grade	(1L)	Mrs. Kimberly Lee-Mott Mrs. Kathleen Hartwick – Assistant (1V) Mrs. Anne Vucci Mr. Mateo Gomez – Assistant	Fifth Grade	(5KP) Mrs. Kaitlyn Proday (5TP) Mrs. Theresa Pickett

Sixth Grade (6G) Ms. Caley Gallagher  
(6S) Mrs. Jennifer Sanders (Middle School Social Studies)

Seventh Grade (7C) Mrs. Kimberly Caldeira (Middle School Science)  
(7T) Mr. Joe Tremblay (Middle School Math)

Eighth Grade (8M) Mrs. Kate McGowan (Middle School Language Arts)  
(8O) Mrs. MaryJo OKeefe (Middle School Religion)

Mrs. Maria Hauge (Middle School Math)  
Mrs. Laure DeZinno (Middle School Spanish & Interim Vice Principal)

### Specials:

Music:	Mr. Peter Nguyen
Computers/Technology:	Mr. Steve Szot
Art:	Mrs. Peggy Meile
Librarian/Media Specialist:	Mrs. Jean Cotter
Physical Education:	Mr. Rob Carlsen

**Director of Resource:** Ms. Danielle Ford  
**Reading Specialist:** Mrs. Sabrina Worrell  
**School Nurse:** Mrs. Lindsay Baschuk  
**School Counselor:** Ms. Candice Braun  
**Director of Extended Care:** Mrs. Pooja Sachdev  
**Office Manager:** Mrs. Anna Santos  
**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Marissa Thomas  
**Director of Admission & Development:** Ms. Mary Randles  
**Interim Vice Principal:** Ms. Lauren DeZinno  
**Interim Principal:** Mr. Nelson Abreu

**Pastor:** Father Thomas M. Kalita  
**Parochial Vicar:** Father Peter Mlynarczyk  
**Parochial Vicar:** Father Nicholas Morrison