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# ST. PETER'S KEYS

**KEEP SHINING!!!**

**December 18, 2023**

## CLASSROOM CORNER

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2*

As the whirlwind of the holiday season is upon us, we take the time to remember the reason for the season as we joyfully prepare for the birth of our Savior. Each morning as part of our devotional, we light a flameless candle to symbolize each week of Advent. We read daily advent prayers and discuss the symbolism of faith, hope, joy, and peace. The kids enjoyed decorating our classroom with a little Christmas tree and colorful lights. We also share a daily treat from our advent calendar, and we love to sing Christmas songs in chapel. The 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoyed a field trip to Kleinhans Music Hall. We listened and sang along to a spectacular Christmas concert by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, with JoAnn Falletta, conductor.

Math, Social Studies and Science classes at a glance:

Math 8: Students are completing a unit on linear and non-linear functions, and how they relate to graphing. We are learning how to write linear equations and identify functions.

Science 7/8: Life science is our first unit of study. We studied genetics and heredity and learned how to use Punnett Square. At present, we are concentrating on plant and animal life processes.

Science 6: In 6<sup>th</sup> grade science, we are exploring various properties of matter, chemical and physical changes, along with states of matter. To demonstrate these concepts, the students will be making beautiful crystal ornaments using a supersaturated liquid solution of Borax.

Social Studies 6: We continue to learn about ancient cultures. In our study of The Israelites, we can make many connections to context we have learned in the bible. From the story of Abraham to King Solomon and Moses, we have made the connection to the bible chapters of Genesis and Exodus.

Social Studies 7/8: Our focus is on Colonial America and events such as the Boston Tea party and taxation without representation that are leading to the Revolutionary War.

Merry Christmas and many blessings in the new year!

Mrs. Marilyn Ferguson (Middle School)

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

All families are invited to join us on Friday, December 22nd at 9:30 am for our K-8 Music Fest. Your child has been practicing in Music Class for this wonderful presentation. All are welcome to attend. You may begin entering the building at 9:15 am at the entrance near the office. **Students please dress nicely. Christmas colors welcome.**

Dismissal for K-8 on this day is 11:30 am. If the Music Fest ends earlier, you may take your child home with you. Pre-K will NOT be in session on this day. There is no afterschool on this day. Buses will run in the morning and at 11:30 am as needed.

### SECOND SESSION OF CHESS CLUB

All students in Grades 2—8 are invited to join our Second Session of Chess Club. Forms were sent home last week. If you need an additional form, please contact the office. All completed forms are due this Wednesday, December 20th.

### BASKETBALL CLUB

All students in Grades 2—4 are invited to begin an instructional basketball club. This club will begin on Saturday, January 6th from 10:30 am—Noon. Forms were sent home last week. If you need an additional form, please contact the office. All completed forms must be returned by this Wednesday, December 20th.

### THIS WEEK

- 12/18 Chess Club 3—4 pm  
V Boys BBall Practice 4—5:15 pm
- 12/19 Bring in \$1, Wear Fun Christmas Wear  
All School Pizza Lunch and Dessert  
V Girls BBall Practice 3—4:30 pm  
JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm
- 12/20 Instructional Basketball Club Forms Due  
Second Session Chess Club Forms Due  
Drama Club 4—4:30 pm  
NO AFTERSCHOOL  
V Boys BBall Practice CANCELLED  
Faculty Christmas Party 3:15 pm  
Advent Service at Church 7 pm
- 12/21 No Chapel  
Grades 6—8 Field Trip  
Drama Club CANCELLED  
JV Boys BBall Practice CANCELLED
- 12/22 NO PRE-K  
NO AFTERSCHOOL  
1/2 Day Dismissal for K—8 at 11:30 am  
K-8 Music Fest 9:30 am  
Normal buses will run in the morning  
and at 11:30 am if needed

### LOOKING AHEAD

- 12/24 Join us for Worship Service at 10 am  
Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5:30 pm or 7:30 pm
- 12/25 Christmas Day Service at 10 am

*Merry*  
**Christmas  
&  
happy  
NEW YEAR**

SEE ATTACHED JANUARY CALENDAR

## CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT

We would like to say thank you to everyone who generously donated during our daily collection of food items. The Lighthouse Women and Children's Center is extremely thankful for the kindness each of you has extended to them. We collected hundreds of items that will be lovingly distributed throughout the Niagara Falls community. God bless you all!

## OFFERINGS

What an amazing start to the school year we have had with offering donations. We were blessed to be able to send donations to three places recently. \$1,700 went to Light for Liam. St. Peter's Lutheran Church received a love offering of \$1,000. A special offering of \$400 went to the National Military Family Association to help send children to camp. Offerings are given by staff for dress down days, Chapel, certain lunches, and student special fun days. Thank you so much for your love and support!!



## CHRISTMAS WEAR

This Tuesday, December 19 will be Christmas PJ Day. Bring in a \$1 and wear your fun Christmas Wear (pj's, slippers, ugly sweaters, hats, etc.) Money will benefit our Shining Light for Liam fund.

Thrivent will be purchasing pizza and dessert for all students and staff on this day. Pizza orders will be taken in the classroom. Bring your own drink or purchase milk, water and snack box while supplies last. If you will not be ordering pizza, please bring your lunch.

## AFTER SCHOOL SIGN UP WAS DUE LAST WEEK.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH ANY  
CHANGES.**

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Thank you to all our Christmas Shoppers who shopped at our gift shop. Special thanks to our many helpers. The profit made was \$1,022. This was a PTL fundraiser.

Pizza and dessert will be provided by Thrivent Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 19th. Milk, water and snack box will be available while supplies last. If your child did not want pizza, please send in a lunch.

Thank you Thrivent!!



# JANUARY 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO SCHOOL	<b>2</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>3</b> School Resumes Drama Club 3—4:30 pm V Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm EASTER CANDY SALE BEGINS	<b>4</b> Chapel Drama Club 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>5</b> Basketball Games at Catholic Academy JV Boys 4 pm V Boys 5 pm V Girls 6 pm	<b>6</b> BBall Club 10:30—Noon
<b>7</b> Worship 8:30 Or 11 am SS 9:45 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> V Girls BBall Practice 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm Parish Board Mtg. 6 pm	<b>10</b> Drama Club 3—4:30 pm V Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>11</b> Chapel Drama Club 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>12</b> JV Boys Basketball Game at Trinity 4 pm V Boys Basketball Game at St. James 6 pm Oasis 6—8:30 pm	<b>13</b> BBall Club 10:30—Noon
<b>14</b> Worship 8:30 Or 11 am SS 9:45 am	<b>15</b> NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	<b>16</b> V Girls BBall Practice 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>17</b> Drama Club 3—4:30 pm V Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>18</b> Chapel Drama Club 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>19</b> 2nd Marking Period Ends V Girls BBall Practice 3—4:30 pm	<b>20</b> BBall Club 10:30—Noon
<b>21</b> Worship 8:30 Or 11 am SS 9:45 am	<b>22</b> Chess Club 3—4 pm	<b>23</b> V Girls BBall Practice 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>24</b> Report Cards Sent Home Drama Club 3—4:30 pm V Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>25</b> Chapel Drama Club 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>26</b> JV Boys Basketball Game at St. James 4 pm V Girls Basketball Game at St. James 5 pm V Boys Basketball Game at Catholic Academy 6 pm	<b>27</b> BBall Club 10:30—Noon
<b>28</b> Worship 8:30 Or 11 am SS 9:45 am	<b>29</b> Chess Club 3—4 pm	<b>30</b> V Girls BBall Practice 3—4:30 pm JV Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm	<b>31</b> Drama Club 3—4:30 pm V Boys BBall Practice 4:30—6 pm  Open House 6—7:30 pm	<b>SAVE THE DATE:</b>  DRAMA CLUB PRESENTATION IS FEBRUARY 10TH  MEAT RAFFLE MARCH 2ND		