

ST. PETER'S KEYS

Walking in His Steps!

December 9, 2024

CLASSROOM CORNER

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. Our first devotion focused on hope and promise.

Jesus is our hope and our promise of living forever in God's love. "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its root by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious and does not cease to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

Look what's happening in Middle School...

Science: In 7th and 8th grade, our concentration is an Earth Science unit on Geology; with the focus on the Earth's changing surface, plate tectonics, fossils and geographical history. In 6th grade science we are exploring various properties of matter, chemical and physical changes, along with states of matter.

Social Studies: As we continue with American history, the 7th and 8th graders are now learning about the United States during the late 19th century and early 20th century. The Progressive Era focused on social activism, corruption and reform in the United States government. Our next unit discusses how America rose to a world power and events leading to World War I. In 6th grade, we continue to learn about ancient cultures. In our study of the Israelites, we made 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.

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.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Marilyn Ferguson (Middle School)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST—DECEMBER 20TH

All families are invited to join us on Friday, December 20th at 9:30 am for our K-8 Christmas 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.

Just a reminder.....there is an 11:30 am dismissal for K-8 on this day. 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 also no afterschool on this day. Buses will run in the morning and at 11:30 am if needed.



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THIS WEEK

12/9	Chess Club 3—4 pm Girls BBall Practice 4—5 pm
12/10	Christmas Gift Shop BBall Games at Catholic Academy JV Boys 4 pm JV Girls 5 pm V Boys 6 pm
12/11	Christmas Gift Shop 4 Week Reports Sent Home JV and V Boys BBall Practice 3—4:30 pm Advent Service 7 pm
12/12	Chapel Drama Club 3:30—5:30 pm
12/13	Pizza Lunch (Preorders Only) BBall Games at St. James JV Boys 4 pm JV Girls 5 pm V Boys 6 pm OASIS CANCELLED

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12/15	Sunday Worship Service 8:30 am or 11 am, Sunday School Program 11 am Service
12/16	Chess Club 3—4 pm Girls BBall Practice 4—5 pm
12/17	Christmas PJ Day All School Pizza Lunch (Orders Taken in Class) Bring a drink BBall Games at St. James JV Boys—4 pm JV Girls—5 pm
12/18	Faculty Christmas Party 3:15 pm NO AFTERSCHOOL NO BBALL PRACTICES Advent Service 7 pm
12/19	MusicFest Rehearsal Drama Club 3:30—5:30 pm
12/20	1/2 Day K—8 MusicFest—9:30 am Dismissal at 11:30 am NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K NO AFTERSCHOOL
12/24	Christmas Eve Services 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm
12/25	Christmas Day Service 10 am

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

The Christmas Gift Shop will be open for Grades Pre-K through 8 this Tuesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 11th. Pre-K teachers will give more information to our Pre-K parents on when they will be able to shop. K-8 students may shop for family members during their designated shopping time. Classroom teachers will be assisting their students purchases and will let students know what day and time they will be shopping. Please see the attached flier and send in your money for purchases.

THANK YOU FROM SNUGGLED IN LOVE

We recently sent a check to Snuggled in Love for \$1,000. A thank you message was sent to Mrs. Scibetta and Mrs. McKie and this sweet message was posted on their Facebook page.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN- what a beautiful gift!

We Received an awesome blessing from our friends at St Peter's Lutheran School in Sanborn. The schoolchildren were told about Snuggled in Love and about our kids. The school decided to bless Snuggled in Love with an extremely generous donation of funds that were raised by the school through their chapel offerings & dress down days! What a beautiful gift, along with some very kind words of encouragement! We are so BEYOND BLESSED by their generosity. The fact that it comes from the hearts and kindness of CHILDREN makes it overwhelmingly amazing! To know that these children are being taught to care for other children, our children, who are often looked down on, or bullied for being different. The children & staff at St Peter's school went above & beyond and showed LOVE! This is what " Snuggled in Love" is all about; accepting, loving and caring for each other in spite of our differences. St. Peter's Lutheran School has fulfilled this mission of our small group! Thank you, St Peter's School kids & staff FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!!

God bless you all!!

CHRISTMAS WEAR

On Tuesday, December 17th we will have a Christmas PJ Day. Bring in \$1 and wear your fun Christmas (pj's, slippers, ugly sweaters, hats, etc.). Money will benefit Snuggled in Love.

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

OASIS FOR 6—8TH GRADERS

Oasis Youth Group will be cancelling the December 13th Christmas Party due to a conflict with basketball games. Oasis will reconvene in January....stay tuned for a new schedule.

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECT

It's that time of the year where we are looking to spread some kindness to those in need. Help us "Walk in His Steps" by bringing in items listed below. These items will be collected and distributed to The Lighthouse Women & Children's Center in Niagara Falls. We are always happy to help our dear friend Joanne Lorenzo in this area of ministry.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11/18 Can of Corn, Green Beans or Mixed Vegetable	11/19 Mac & Cheese	11/20 Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes	11/21 Bottle of Ranch or Italian Dressing	11/22 Box of Spaghetti
11/25 Jar of Peanut Butter	11/26 Box of Cereal			
12/2 Can of Cranberry Sauce	12/3 Can of Soup	12/4 Canned tuna or chicken	12/5 Jar or Can of Spaghetti Sauce	12/6 Stuffing Mix
12/9 Can of Yams or Sweet Potatoes	12/10 Can or Jar of Turkey or Chicken Gravy	12/11 Jar of Jelly		

AFTER SCHOOL SIGN UP
***Week of December 16th**
Due Thursday, December 12th
Pre-Reg (per day) 1 hour@ \$5,
 2 hours@ \$10, 3 hours @ \$ 15

Family Reg for the year is \$35.00.

Emergency (family not registered)
 \$7.00 per hour
 Late Enrollees add \$1.00 per child per
 day after Thursday.

Name _____
 Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri
 Hrs. _____ XXX _____ XXX

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 Hrs. _____ XXX _____ XXX

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**No Afterschool on December 18th (Faculty Party)
 and
 December 20th (1/2 Day)**

AFTER SCHOOL SIGN UP
***Week of December 30th**
Due Thursday, December 12th
Pre-Reg (per day) 1 hour@ \$5,
 2 hours@ \$10, 3 hours @ \$ 15

Family Reg for the year is \$35.00.

Emergency (family not registered)
 \$7.00 per hour
 Late Enrollees add \$1.00 per child per
 day after Thursday.

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 Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri
 Hrs. XXX XXX XXX _____ _____

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 Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri
 Hrs. XXX XXX XXX _____ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**No Afterschool on December 30th, 31st and
 January 1st**

AFTER SCHOOL SIGN UP
***Week of January 6th**
Due Thursday, December 12th
Pre-Reg (per day) 1 hour@ \$5,
 2 hours@ \$10, 3 hours @ \$ 15

Family Reg for the year is \$35.00.

Emergency (family not registered)
 \$7.00 per hour
 Late Enrollees add \$1.00 per child per
 day after Thursday.

Name _____
 Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri
 Hrs. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Name _____
 Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri
 Hrs. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Looking Ahead....
**No School Monday, January 20th
 and Wednesday, January 29th**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE
 ALL AFTERSCHOOL SLIPS.**

All slips and money are due on Thursday,
 December 12th.

Thank you.

**THIS FRIDAY, (12/13)
 FOR LUNCH
 PIZZA
 (Orders due Tuesday, 12/10)**

Name _____ Gr _____

_____ Slice Cheese @ \$2.00 _____

_____ Slice Pepperoni @ \$2.25 _____

Total Enclosed _____

**Please provide exact change.
 Extra money will be donated.
 Proceeds to benefit
 Snuggled in Love**