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St. Peter's Episcopal School



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Message from Rev. Bert Baetz

Dear St. Peter's School Families,

I remain grateful for the joy your children bring to our entire St. Peter's community! Our children can so often remind us of the reason for the season. Yes, this time of year seems so much busier, but perhaps we ought to look to the children when all they are seeking is pure joy. If we fully embrace this season preparing us for Christmas, we will await God's true gift with expectant hearts.

I remember when our first child learned how to stand on her tiptoes. She was still in a crib, and whether she was up from a nap or awake for the day, she would brace herself on the crib, and she would stand on her tiptoes expecting to see mommy or daddy walk through her bedroom door at any moment.

This time of year gives us an opportunity to stand on our spiritual tiptoes. I love the titles for the two stories in the Jesus Storybook Bible that prepare us to celebrate Christmas. The titles are *Get Ready!* and *He's here!* In these stories, we learn how God never stopped loving his children, even when they had gone astray. God always wanted to come back for his children, and when he would return, his children will be so happy. We hear how Mary and Joseph gazed in wonder at the newborn Savior, God's great gift, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

Embrace and enjoy this time of year. It is like the child waiting for the most special person in her life to walk through the door. Come, Lord Jesus, come. We will wait for you with joyful and expectant hearts.

Faithfully,

Bert

Jesus
is the
Reason



**Message from the Parent Association:
Amanda McDonald, President**

Thank you for supporting our first Big SPPA Drawing! Mother Nature blew in weather that was just too cold to host our outdoor Fall Fest event so, we are especially appreciative of the success of the Drawing. All the funds raised will directly benefit your child's classroom.

Please join us at our next Parent Association meeting on Friday, December 6th at Noon in Tucker Hall.

It All Benefits The Kids!

Ho! Ho! Ho!



IMPORTANT DATES

All School Movie Day: Tuesday, December 3rd, 9:30am, Tucker Hall. Students wear P.J.'s, robes, slippers and bring a stuffed animal for movie fun.

Parent Association Meeting: Friday, December 6th at Noon in Tucker Hall.

Chik-fil-A Day: Monday, December 9th, eat at Chik-fil-A and say it's in support of St. Peter's School!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, IN TUCKER HALL.

ST. NICHOLAS TOY CHAPEL: WEDNESDAY, December 11th at 9:00 a.m. Please send a gift offering for a child helped by Divinity Family Services. We give these gifts instead of exchanging classroom gifts. Please do not wrap. It is very important for our children to learn that Christmas is the season for giving.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Thursday, December 12th in Tucker Hall.

Christmas Program: Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cailloux. Children will need to be there by 5:15 p.m. If you arrive early, please keep your child with you until 6:15 p.m. at which time they can join their class. Get ready for the "shortest but sweetest" Christmas program ever!

Early Out Day: St. Peter's closes at 12:00 Noon — Wednesday, December 18th. There will be no ASC.

Christmas Holiday—No School: December 19th — January 6th. School will resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020.



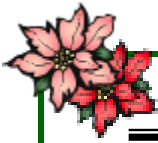
Mark your calendars . . .

Special Grandparents Chapel will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Please start inviting grandparents to attend.

Keeping Kids Healthy

1. Keep students home if they are sick, help us prevent illness from spreading.
2. Have children wash hands frequently with soap and water.
3. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. We teach them to cough into their elbow (not their hands).
4. Seek medical attention early if your child has flu like symptoms.

Check this website for our Google calendar and upcoming school events.



Consumer Product Safety Recalls

Background: According to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (also referred to as CPSC) in 2007, children's products were recalled an average of four times per week, yet recall information is not effectively reaching consumers. When a recall occurs, the commission alerts the media; however no further action is required to ensure that use of the product is discontinued. This means that dangerous children's products can unknowingly end up in homes, childcare facilities, or anywhere children's products are used. The Texas Legislature enacted a new law during the 81st regular session that requires child care providers to regularly check the CPSC recall list and ensure there are no unsafe children's products in the center or home.

How do I know if a "children's product" is unsafe? A children's product is considered to be unsafe if it has been recalled by the CPSC. View a list of current recalls and notices on the CPSC internet website at [WWW.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

- You may sign up to receive email notifications from the CPSC by going to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>.
- There are several types of notifications that you may sign up for. Licensing recommends that you sign up for recalls involving infant/child products (list name: child). You may also want to sign up for recalls involving products used for sports and recreation (list name: recreation), particularly if you have school-age children.

At St. Peter's School we are required to check recall listings regularly. Also, our classroom furniture and toys are purchased through reputable and established school supply businesses. If you have further questions, contact the School Office.

Thank you,
Janet Boutin, School Director



"Health and Safety"



Severe Weather

This is just a reminder that in the event of severe weather (flood, ice, etc.) St. Peter's School follows Kerrville ISD school closings.

If there is severe weather, please tune to the local radio stations and listen for information regarding KISD school closings. Whatever KISD does, St. Peter's School will follow (if they close schools, we will too. If they delay school opening, we will follow).



School Entry Gates

Families we need your help . . .

Please do not let "little" hands use the green release buttons or keypads. We do not want the children to know how to leave the school.

Also, close the gates slowly. This will help the magnetic device to last a lot longer.



Thank you,
Janet Boutin
School Director



Warm wishes
for the
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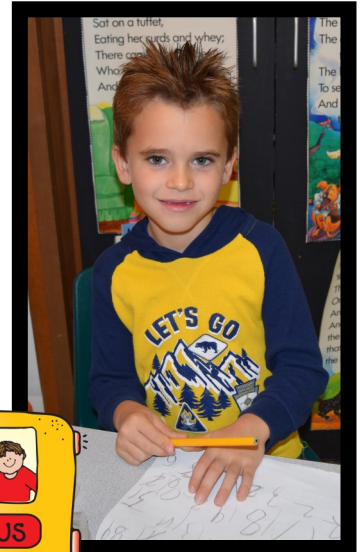
WELCOME BACK



Proud to have our School's graduates visiting their younger brothers and sisters classrooms!



50th Day of School!



Feed The Hungry Chapel



BE THANKFUL





Thanksgiving Feast

