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Truly, I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. May the Spirit of the living God renew our souls. May the Spirit of the risen Christ keep ever alive in us our enthusiasm for the gospel. May the Spirit who makes all things new protect us from losing heart. In this Spirit may we go on rediscovering and recreating the joy of Christ in the world. Amen.

CALENDAR UPDATE

- April 25th, Friday, SPM School Health Fair and Walk-A-Thon.
- April 25th, Friday, is Straw Hat Pizza Lunch. Students may purchase cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$2.00 a slice and soda, small Gatorade, or water for \$1.00.
- April 28th, Monday, is a minimum day. There is no Prekindergarten. Students in grades 1-8 will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. All students may wear free dress.

SPM HEALTH & FITNESS

The SPM School Board has designated April as Health & Fitness Month for our school. We are trying to increase awareness and focus on good health and fitness. Classroom discussions and daily announcements have featured health information and fun facts. This Friday, April 25th, we will have a Health Fair during the school day as well as a Walk-A-Thon. Families and friends are invited to join us at the Health Fair and Walk-A-Thon which will begin at 10:00 a.m. A separate notice is included today with more information. Families are encouraged to support the Walk-A-Thon to help raise awareness for Health and Fitness. Checks should be made payable to SPM School. Students earning at least \$10.00 from the Walk-A-Thon will receive a free dress pass to be used at a later date. Walk-A-Thon pledge forms and money must be turned in by Wednesday, April 30th. **Students who purchased our special SPM 2008 Health & Fitness T-Shirt are invited and encouraged to wear them to school on Friday, April 25th.** Come and join the fun.

SPM FAMILY PICNIC/BBQ

Our SPM School Family Picnic will be held at Small World Park on Friday, May 9th, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mark your calendars. Jumbo hotdogs and beverages will be served. There is no charge to attend. Rides will be open. A notice providing more details and to help us prepare for the picnic was sent home last week. Please respond by sending the completed form to the office. We thank those that have already responded.

2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

We are currently accepting and processing applications for the 2008-2009 school year for all grade levels, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at St. Peter Martyr School and you wish them to attend during the 2008-2009 school year, please pick up and complete an application immediately. Openings are available for all grade levels including Prekindergarten and Kindergarten.

“Tell A Friend”: Current St. Peter Martyr School families may earn a tuition credit of \$100.00 for each new family they bring to our school. The new family must list you as the source of the referral on their application to SPM School. The credit will be issued upon the acceptance and payment of the new family’s registration fee. If more than one family is listed as a referral the \$100 tuition credit will be shared equally among the names listed.

2008 – 2009 FAMILY CONTRACT SIGNING DAY

Mark your calendars. **Wednesday, May 7th, is our annual SPM School Family Contract Day.** Each year families choosing St. Peter Martyr School for their children’s education are required to sign a family contract and parent participation agreement. You are asked to come to the SPM School’s computer lab between the hours of 7:30 a.m. –7:00 p.m. to sign your Family Contract for the 2008-09 school year.

ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Our Pre-Kindergarten program strives to provide each child a safe, caring, and nurturing environment. Our curriculum is individualized to meet the needs and abilities of each child. No comparison of children with other children is made. We stress the importance of using good manners and teach the children to respect and appreciate one another. Our Pre-Kindergarten program offers a variety of activities designed to enrich children's experiences, to expand their language abilities, to provide reading readiness, to teach math readiness, and to extend cooperative social behavior. Through our religion program the children learn about God's world.

Throughout the year the children work on skills such as color and shape recognition, number and letter recognition, counting, and one-to-one correspondence. We help the children to develop their small motor skills by teaching them to color within the lines, to cut well with scissors, to print their name, letters and numbers. We also work on large motor skills – throwing, catching, hopping...

Our Pre-Kindergarten is licensed through the State of California. For safety reasons all children must be signed in and out of Pre-K each day by an authorized adult. Our maximum class size is 24 students. There are two teachers and one teacher's aide.

The Pre-Kindergarten program is a Kindergarten readiness program. Classes are Monday through Friday, 12:00 noon – 2:45 p.m. Students must be four years old by December 2nd.

LIFETOUCH SPRING PHOTOS (FINAL NOTICE)

Your child's Spring Photos were sent home recently. Please, if you have not yet done so, look them over and decide if you wish to purchase any. Once you have made your decision remove the photos you are purchasing, enclose a check or money order made payable to **Lifetouch**, and return the payment to the school office along with any photos that you are not purchasing. **The deadline to return photos you are not purchasing and to send in payment for those that you are choosing to purchase is now.** Thank you for your cooperation.

\$1.00 BAR CHOCOLATE SALE

St. Peter Martyr School is having one final fundraising event for this school year. We are selling assorted chocolate bars for only \$1.00 each. The chocolate comes in boxes containing 52 bars that include 14 Creamy Caramel, 12 Roasted Almond, 12 Crispy Rice, 6 Mint, and 8 Tasty Truffle. We are also offering a prize program for those choosing to participate. If you would like to participate please let us know how many boxes you can sell and we will send the chocolate home with your child. The deadline to send in the money to be eligible for prizes is May 1st.

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**One Dollar Bar Chocolate
Request Form**

Name _____ Grade _____

Please send _____ Box (es) of Chocolate. (Each box has 52 bars, \$52.00, 14 Creamy Caramel, 12 Roasted Almond, 12 Crispy Rice, 8 Tasty Truffle, and 6 Mint)

Money must be sent in by May 1st to be eligible for prizes.