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**Wednesday, August 27, 2008**

God of all times and seasons, we turn to you with hearts filled with grateful amazement at all you help us to learn and be. Every time one of us extends a helping hand to another, every time we forgive each other, every time we put our trust in you, your Son, Jesus Christ, is present among us. Help us to grow in our love for you and in our desire to walk in your ways. May we never forget all you do for us. May your law of love sink into us and rule us so that in joy we will give our thankful hearts to you completely. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**CALENDAR UPDATE**

- August 27<sup>th</sup>, **today, is Back to School Night from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** The evening is an informational and social opportunity for parents, guardians, and school staff. We will all gather in the cafeteria for a general informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. At approximately 7:30 p.m. you will be invited to visit your children's classrooms. Our evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Please, no children, as this is an evening for adults. We look forward to visiting with each of you.
- August 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- September 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday, Labor Day Holiday. School will be closed. Holy God, your grace is always at work in our lives. You labored for six days to create the world. You sent your Son Jesus among us to work as a carpenter and to preach the good news. We thank you for this day to celebrate our work. We are grateful for the strength of our bodies, the skills of our hands, and the knowledge of our minds. We remember also those who are unemployed or disabled and ask you to help and guide them. We thank you for all our blessings.

**2007-08 SPM YEARBOOK SALE**

We have a few remaining 2007-08 SPM Yearbooks. They are available through the school office for only \$5.00 on a first come basis. This is an excellent opportunity to get a full color 2007-08 Yearbook for a fraction of the original cost. Supplies are limited.

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE & GIFT CATALOG FUNDRAISER**

As is our tradition, we began the school year with the World's Finest Chocolate and Catalog Gift Sale. The World's Finest Chocolate bars sell for \$2.00 each. If you chose to support fundraising when you signed your family contract, yesterday you received 2 boxes, 50 bars of chocolate. You are responsible for selling or buying 50 bars (\$100.00) Additional boxes of chocolate are available in the office. Today you are also receiving a Gift Catalog. You are encouraged to buy and sell items from the Gift Catalog. Be sure to mark the order form carefully and to collect payment along with the orders. Please make all checks payable to St. Peter Martyr School. Please do not send in coins. Tell your out of town friends and family, or anyone who likes to use the Internet, they can shop online at [www.fundraisers.org](http://www.fundraisers.org) (Group ID: STPETER) **The deadline to send in the money for the chocolate and Gift Catalog orders is Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

All families that sell \$150.00 or more in World's Finest Chocolate and/or catalog orders will earn a Free Dress Pass for each of their children at SPM. Prekindergarten students will receive a small prize. **Separate prizes are earned for catalog orders from a cumulative prize program.** Prize pamphlets are included with the gift catalogs. In addition, Cash Prizes will be awarded as follows: \$400 - \$500 in sales earns \$25, \$501 - \$600 in sales earns \$50, \$601 - \$700 in sales earns \$75, and \$701 or more in sales earns \$100. **All money must be in by the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to be eligible for prizes.**

All support is needed and appreciated. Please stop by the school office to pick up an extra box or two of chocolate to sell or simply send us a note requesting additional boxes and we will send the chocolate home with your child.

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**World's Finest Chocolate Request Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ Box (es) of Chocolate. (Each box has 25 bars @ \$2.00 each = \$50.00)  
**Money must be sent in by September 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for cash prizes.**

## **EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT**

Congratulations to Patrick Manuel from Boy Scout Troop #48 who completed his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project August 16<sup>th</sup> here at SPM School. Patrick, along with his family, fellow scouts, scout leaders, and friends, painted our school's basketball poles and goals, backstop, tetherball poles, flagpole, bike rack, playground lines, parking lot lines and directional arrows. In addition, they replaced our No Parking signs. We thank Patrick for planning, and completing a project that provides a direct benefit to all of the students and families of SPM School. Thank you to all who supported Patrick in this project and for all your efforts to enhance the appearance of our school. This is an excellent example of leadership through service.

### **REMINDERS**

- **Emergency Forms** must be completed and on file in the school office. Please remember to always notify the office if there are any changes or updates to the information on these forms.
- **Medication Request Forms** are required to be completed and on file in the school office if your child needs to take any medication during school hours (allergy, migraine etc.) A new form is required each year. For over-the-counter medication a parent signature is required. For prescription medicine parent and doctor signatures are required. Forms are available in the office.
- **Family Handbooks** were sent home last Wednesday. You are asked to sign and return the signature page to verify that your family has reviewed the handbook.
- **Milk service** has started. For only \$40.00 your child may receive milk every day at lunch. Payment should be sent to the office.
- Please notify the office before the school day begins if your child will be **absent**. Attendance and instruction begin at 8:10 a.m. Help your child get off to a good start each day by arriving on time and avoid being tardy.
- **Extended Care** is available each school day from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and when Kindergarten is dismissed at 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Extended Care fees and information may be found in our **Family Handbook**. You are encouraged to send in the \$75.00 Extended Care registration fee (per family) if your children will be using Extended Care so that we can plan for your children and you can receive the lower hourly rates.
- Our school participates in the **General Mills Box Tops For Education** program. Collect and send General Mills Box Tops For Education logos to our school. Box Tops logos are located on all General Mills cereal boxes, snack boxes, and various products including Ziploc Bags and Kleenex. **Please do not cut off the expiration date on the Box Top Logo**. This program gives our school the opportunity to earn cash.
- Our school participates in eScrip. The St. Peter Martyr School Group ID# is 137316591. Log on to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and go to "sign up" to register your grocery cards and debit/credit cards.

### **Schoolpop**

We are enrolled in the Schoolpop Shop to Support Your School program, a year-round shopping program that allows us to earn contributions for our school through your everyday purchases. It's absolutely FREE! All you have to do is register with Schoolpop and start shopping online at [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) with hundreds of your favorite leading merchant websites, select stores, and catalogs. Up to 20% of each purchase goes right back to our school! You can help us earn even more contributions when you register your credit and debit cards to shop with Neighborhood Merchants. Apply for a Schoolpop Platinum Visa to earn 1% on every purchase plus big contributions at a select group of name-brand merchants, including Marriott, Pottery Barn, and Eddie Bauer. Here's how to get started:

1. Go to [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) and click Join. Choose our school to receive the contributions from your purchases.
2. Fill out your Profile Information and choose your Preferences. Remember to apply for a Schoolpop Visa and register it on Schoolpop's secure server so that our school earns contributions from purchases you make in-store and through catalogs with Visa Rewards Merchants.
3. Opt-in to receive emails about purchase confirmations, new merchants, special promotions and extra bonuses. Be sure to add [schoolpop@schoolpop.p0.com](mailto:schoolpop@schoolpop.p0.com) to your address book to ensure Schoolpop communications are delivered to your inbox.
4. Start shopping! The more you shop through Schoolpop, the more you earn for our school.