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As we continue our celebration of Catholic Schools Week let us reflect on this year's theme: Faith, Academics, Service. Our school's primary task is to instill faith in our students. We teach about Jesus who gave us his word in the Bible and his presence in the sacraments. Our teachers develop faith in students as they teach the foundational lessons of grammar, math, social studies, and science. Since our students have learned the practical skills of reading and writing, along with the spiritual skills of faith in God, they put those skills to work in serving others. Loving Father, we give you thanks and praise for the many blessings you share with us, especially the blessing of our community. Help us build your Kingdom of love here at SPM. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR UPDATE

- February 2nd, Thursday, **No hot lunch will be sold this day. Students are reminded to bring their lunch.** Students in grades 1-8 will gather in their "Faith Families" after lunch and enjoy an afternoon of BINGO.
- February 3rd, Friday, SPM Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30 –7:00 p.m. Please remember to pick up your food if you placed an order to go. The SPM Chorus and Girls Chorus will sing at 5:30 p.m. at our Spaghetti Dinner. Chorus members are to meet in room 3 at 5:00 p.m. There will also be a silent auction during the dinner. **There is no hot lunch on this day. Students are reminded to bring their lunch.**
- February 6th, Monday, we will have hot lunch available for sale in our cafeteria. Students may purchase beef flautas for \$2.00. Snacks and drinks will also be available. We will accept donated baked goods on this day to count towards your volunteer hours.
- February 7th, Tuesday, SPM School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK RAFFLE – TICKETS & MONEY DUE

Our school is sponsoring a raffle. There are many wonderful raffle prizes you can win. Our First Prize is 4 one-day Disneyland Park Hopper Tickets, a \$100.00 Hotel Gift Card, and \$100.00 cash. Second Prize is "Taste of East County"- \$400 in Restaurant Gift Certificates, Third Prize is an Amazon Kindle Fire – 7" Tablet. There are many more assorted prizes including gift certificates, gift baskets, household appliances, and accessories. Each family received four books of raffle tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of six for \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter Martyr School. Additional books of tickets are available through the school office. We are counting on everyone's help to make this a success. The drawing will be held Friday evening, February 3rd at our Spaghetti Dinner in our cafeteria. You need not be present to win. We thank you for your support. **This week's "Early Bird" family raffle winner is the Rivera/Garcia Family whose son Pablo is in our first grade. Congratulations!**

SPAGHETTI (PASTA) DINNER & AUCTION – LAST CHANCE TO BUY A TICKET!

Make your plans to enjoy a pasta dinner this Friday, February 3rd, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St Peter Martyr School. If you are unable to dine in you may order to go. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. The menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, beverage, and dessert. The evening will also feature an auction, musical entertainment from our choirs and a raffle. Orders must be placed by tomorrow. Seating is limited.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: 2012-2013 TUITION

Our tuition rates for the 2012-2013 school year have been established. Our rates continue to be less than the diocesan average. There will be no increase in our registration fees. Our rates for the 2012-2013 school year are listed below. Our school's rates are the same regardless of which parish your family is registered. This is consistent with our mission. In addition, we continue to have substantial family rates for two or more children. Since tuition and fees alone do not cover the cost to educate a child, we ask your continued support in our annual appeal and fundraising programs. Our yearly tuition rates for next year reflect a 3% increase. I hope this minimal increase will encourage all our families to return and to reach out to invite other families to enroll their children. Catholic education is a gift of a lifetime.

Tuition Rates for 2012 – 2013

		<u>Per 10 Mos.</u>	<u>Per 12 Mos.</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
1 Child	Preschool/Prekindergarten	\$480.00	\$400.00	\$4,800.00
1 Child	Kindergarten thru 8	\$582.00	\$485.00	\$5,820.00
2 Children	Preschool thru 8	\$900.00	\$750.00	\$9,000.00
3 or More	Preschool thru 8	\$1,116.00	\$930.00	\$11,160.00

PARENT SURVEY – IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING

Recently we sent home a Parent Survey. We are asking each family to take some time from your busy schedules to complete and return the survey. The information from this survey will assist us in our efforts to provide the best Catholic education possible for all of our students. It is an important piece of our data gathering for our WCEA/WASC Improving Student Learning Process. Thank you.

EXTENDED CARE

Extended Care billing for time used during the month of January is going home today. Please send your payments to the school office on a timely basis to avoid a late charge. If you have any questions regarding your Extended Care bill please contact the school office.

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATIONS/RE-REGISTRATION

We are now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year for all grade levels, Preschool (3 years old by November 1) Prekindergarten (4 years old by November 1), Kindergarten (5 years old by November 1), and grades 1-8. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at St. Peter Martyr School and wish them to attend during the 2012-2013 school year, please pick up and complete an application. Re-registration for students currently enrolled in our school and choosing to continue their education at SPM School next school year will begin in February 8th. It is necessary to have your accounts for this school year current as well as the re-registration forms and fee for next year submitted in a timely manner in order to reserve placement for the 2012-2013 school year.

“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.

THE BASIC FUND TUITION ASSISTANCE

The BASIC Fund is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children by helping lower-income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools. The BASIC Fund offers scholarships to students entering Kindergarten through eighth grades. Grant amounts are based on household size and income. The BASIC Fund forms a partnership with parents in the education of their children and expects parents to be actively involved with the school and their children. To be eligible for tuition assistance from The BASIC Fund, at least one child in your family must be attending Catholic school for the first time and your family must meet the eligibility guidelines. **If your child is currently in Prekindergarten they are also eligible as a “new” student.** Applications for The BASIC Fund are available through our school office. You may also visit their website at www.basicfund.org Applications are prioritized by dates received. If you are currently receiving BASIC funds you should be getting information for renewing in March.

2012 – 2013 FACE GRANT APPLICATIONS/TUITION ASSISTANCE

FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education) grant applications for the 2012-2013 school year are available to families whose children are enrolled in our school. **FACE applications are now available through our school office.** If you are in need of financial assistance and your child will attend SPM School next year, you should apply. **The deadline to return FACE applications to our school office is March 2, 2012.**

CANDYGRAMS

Our Critics’ Corner Club is once again taking orders for candygrams to be delivered here at school on February 14th. For 25 cents, you may order one of six messages sent with one Hershey’s Kiss. For 50 cents, you may choose one of six messages to be sent with both a Hug and Kiss (2 Hershey’s candies). For \$1.00, you may write your own message to be sent with either two candies or an artificial flower. An order form is enclosed and forms are also available in the classrooms and our office. The last day to order is Monday, February 6th.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST

Our school participates in the General Mills Box Tops For Education Program. This program gives our school the opportunity to earn cash. To promote this program we are sponsoring a contest throughout this school year. Each month families handing in a minimum of 50 Box Tops will receive a Free Dress Pass for your children (grades K-8). It is important that you put your family name on the envelope with the Box Tops when they are turned in. All Box Tops must show and have current due dates (coupons with expired dates do not count). Our January Box Tops Contest winners are: John & Gianna Arcidiacono, Nicole Belleci, A J Beratta, Christian Cendejas, Dwayne & Donovan Crosse, Miles Daniels, Johnathan & Mikayla Diaz, Natalie Diaz, Mikaela Dimacali, David, Brianna, Nicholas, & Reilly Ferris, Gabby & Stephanie Flores, Rommel & Erwin Huerta, Jailyann Lozano, Kiarah & Aaliyah Reasoner, Benicio Reyes, Miuler, Victoria & Max Reyes, Tierra Sangiacomo, Joshua Sasser, Avery Shipe, Ashley & Amber Sublasky, Andrea Tamayo, and Nicholas Torres. They are receiving free dress coupons good for free dress, Friday, February 3rd. Contact Nancy Ferris in the school office if you have any questions.