

School Of Saint Peter Martyr
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The saints are living people who spend their eternity walking next to us and praying for us, while at the same time they bask in the marvelous Light of God's presence. Truly they are with us, urging us to goodness. In this life, each saint had special interests and strengths. We use their names when we turn to them for help, and we can draw strength from their special talents.

Lord, what tender care you have for all your creatures. You are higher than our minds can wonder, deeper than we can imagine, but you care for each of us as your own dear children. Help us to see one another through your eyes so that one day, with all the saints in heaven, we, and all those we love, may see your face. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR UPDATE

- October 30th, Thursday, the San Francisco Opera Guild's Opera a la Carte Program will be at our school to present to our students La Boheme. The performance will be at 10:00 a.m. in our cafeteria. Several of our students have been assigned parts in the opera and will join the members of the Opera Guild as participants in the performance. You are welcome to come and enjoy the performance with us.
- October 30th, Thursday, SPM Volleyball at St. Basil's, Vallejo, 4:00 p.m.
- October 31st, Friday, Halloween is a minimum day. Prekindergarten and Kindergarten will meet together at 8:10 a.m. and both classes will join in some fun activities and be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Students in grades 1-8 will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Extended Care will be open. All students are invited to wear Halloween costumes to school. We will have a short "parade of costumes" at the beginning of the school day. Please remember to use good judgment when choosing costumes. Students must be able to sit, work comfortably, and be safe.
- November 2nd, Sunday, Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.
- November 3rd, Monday, is a minimum day. There is no Prekindergarten. Students in grades 1-8 will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Students may wear free dress. Nachos will be on sale at 12:30 dismissal for \$1.00 and beverages for 75¢.
- November 4th, Tuesday, SPM School Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- November 5th, Wednesday, Countywide Shelter-in-Place Drill at 11:00 a.m. Please see the separate notice enclosed for details.

2008-09 SPM SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Each year SPM School publishes a Yearbook. This year our Yearbook will again feature color photos! The Yearbook is a distinctive memory book filled with special pictures and photographs taken throughout the school year. Information regarding the purchase of this year's Yearbook was sent home last week. Please complete and return the order form along with payment to reserve your copy of the SPM Yearbook. Orders received by November 7th receive an early bird discount, \$25.00 per Yearbook. Orders received after November 7th are charged the regular price of \$28.00 per yearbook.

SPM SCHOOL RAFFLE & AUCTION PRIZES NEEDED

Each year our school holds a raffle as part of our fundraising efforts. Fundraising is necessary to bridge the gap between income from tuition and the actual cost to educate a child. This year's raffle is scheduled to begin in early December with the drawing to be held at the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week on January 30th. In order to make this raffle a success I am asking for your help in securing prizes for the raffle. We need our top prizes established soon so they can be specified on the raffle tickets. Last year we received great support. I encourage you to assist us again this year by donating an item or service to be included in our raffle. We welcome single items to raffle as well as smaller items that may be combined as part of gift baskets. Please contact Mr. Siino at the school office if you have any questions regarding donations for the raffle. Your support is appreciated.

Sr. BARBARA BRAY, SNJM, NAMED SUPERINTENDENT

Bishop Allen Vigneron is happy to announce that Sr. Barbara Bray, SNJM, has agreed to serve as full time Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Oakland effective immediately. Sr. Barbara has served as temporary Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese since June of 2008. Bishop Vigneron has great confidence that the excellent leadership Sr. Barbara has provided for the schools of the Diocese over the last six months will continue into the foreseeable future.

Sr. Barbara Bray is well known to the Diocese of Oakland. She arrived in the fall of 1977 and spent five years as principal of St. Bede's school, one year teaching fourth grade at Sacred Heart School, then served as principal of St. Theresa's school for 13 years. She has spent the last 11 years as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese. Sr. Barbara Bray will work with the Department of Catholic Schools staff as well as seasoned educators who will serve as consultants thereby insuring that the work on John Paul II High School and with the Consortium of Catholic Schools will proceed uninterrupted as well her responsibilities for curriculum and professional development.

Sr. Barbara looks forward to working with pastors and principals throughout the Diocese to insure continuity of leadership and to successfully move forward with the mission of Catholic Schools.

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE

The initial phase and prize portion of our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser has ended. **Payment for the required two boxes of chocolate (\$100.00) is past due.** Catalog orders have been processed and orders should be sent home this week. Please let us know immediately if there are any questions or concerns regarding your order. You may continue to support our school and shop online at www.fundraisers.org (Group ID: STPETER). When you order online your orders will be shipped directly to you. Cash prizes and Free Dress prizes will be awarded soon. Catalog prizes are with your orders. **We have many extra cases of chocolate left at school. Please let us know if you can sell an extra box. Your help is needed and appreciated.**

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

- Our school participates in eScrip. The St. Peter Martyr School Group ID# is 137316591. Log on to www.eScrip.com and go to "sign up" to register your grocery cards and debit/credit cards.
- 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 the top flap of 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.

For information and photos about our school visit our website at: www.stpetermartyrschool.org

ENCHILADA DINNER

Make your plans to enjoy a homemade Enchilada Dinner on Friday, November 21st, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the St. Peter Martyr School cafeteria. The dinner is being prepared by some of our school families to help our school. If you are unable to dine in you may order to go. The cost is only \$8.00 per person. The menu includes chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, and beverage. We are requesting orders in advance. An order form is included for your convenience. Tickets are also available at the school office. Your support is needed and always appreciated. We hope you will join us for good food and fellowship.

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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. SPM Cafeteria

I would like to purchase: _____ (#) Enchilada Dinners) at \$8.00 each.

I will come and dine in at SPM School _____ (from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

I would like to pick up my orders to go at _____ P.M. (options 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (Make checks payable to St. Peter Martyr School)

Name (please print)

Phone #