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Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." *Luke 11: 1 - 4*

Loving Father, may your name be blessed by every voice, may your love rule all hearts, and may you become our most precious food and drink. Please forgive us, and put a pure, good heart in us, and teach us to forgive as you do. May we never be separated from you. We ask this through Jesus, who taught us to pray. Amen.

CALENDAR UPDATE

- October 10th, Friday, is a Student Holiday. Our school will be closed along with all elementary schools throughout the Diocese of Oakland so Catholic school faculty and staff may attend a special commissioning at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.
- October 13th, Monday, Columbus Day Holiday, school will be closed.
- October 14th, Tuesday, SPM Volleyball vs. Notre Dame, 4:00 p.m. at SPM School.
- October 15th, Wednesday, Tuition and Extended Care payments are due. In these difficult economic times it is very important to keep your accounts current. Please contact the school office if your payment will be late.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were sent home last Thursday to students who purchased them. If you are not satisfied with the photos and wish your child to be photographed again, you must return the complete package to the school office by next Wednesday, October 15th, along with a short note stating why you are not satisfied with the photographs. Do not cut or remove any photos before returning them. The makeup day for photos is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22nd, This day is for all students who were absent on photo day, return their photos, or did not purchase a package on photo day and now wish to purchase photos. Class composites will not arrive until after our makeup photos are completed. If you have a specific question regarding your photo packet please call Lifetouch at (925) 827-2608.

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 is being sent home today. 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.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION/RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

In addition to offering preparation to our second grade students for the reception of First Communion and Reconciliation, we also extend an invitation to students in grades 3rd through 8th who desire to receive these sacraments. If you have a child in grades 3rd through 8th in our school, that is interested in preparing for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Communion during this school year, please send a note to Mr. Siino stating your child's name and grade and their desire to receive preparation for the reception of these sacraments. Baptism is a prerequisite to these sacraments as well as active participation at your church. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Siino through the school office.

HALLOWEEN

October 31st, Halloween, will be 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.

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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.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS: SAFE ENVIRONMENT for CHILDREN PROJECT

The Oakland Diocesan **Safe Environment for Children Project** has been developed in cooperation with the Oakland Diocesan Presbyteral Council in compliance with the adoption of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People developed at the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, June 2002. Adherence to the policy and implementation of the project is a mandate from Bishop Vigneron.

Compliance requires all volunteers to complete the following:

- Complete the online training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org where you will fulfill the training requirement of the Safe Environment Project as well as reading and signifying agreement with the Diocesan Policy of Expectations for Ministry to Minors. **Please note that all volunteers (drivers, chaperones, coaches, etc.) must complete the online training. (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, or anyone who may be working with the students)**

In order to volunteer at St. Peter Martyr School, you must complete the online training. **Go to www.shieldthevulnerable.org and sign in under the Oakland Diocese (click on Catholic Dioceses then choose Oakland Diocese). (You may also access the training through a link on our website.) When finished, print the certificate of completion and send a copy to the SPM School office. If you did this last year and you already sent your certificate to the office you do not need to repeat this process this year.**

We join you in your desire to keep all children as safe as possible. Thank you very much for your support in this project. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or if you would like to make arrangements to do the online training here at SPM School.

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.
- 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 with hundreds of your favorite leading merchant websites, select stores, and catalogs.

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 due.** Catalog orders are being processed and orders should arrive in a few weeks. 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 will arrive along 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.**

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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)