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Let us pause in our busy lives to pray for all those who have died in wars and other conflicts around the world. God of all people, help us to bear Christ, the Prince of Peace, into all the places we will go in life. Against all odds, may we be peacemakers and healers. Lord God, help us to combat evil not with violence and anger, but with trust in you and in the power of forgiveness. May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

#### CALENDAR UPDATE

- September 12<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 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Tuition payments are due. Please send your payment on a timely basis to avoid late charges. Contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.
- September 15<sup>th</sup>, **Monday, is our school Picture Day. Students must be in school uniform.** These photos are used for school records and our yearbook. Information was sent home last Wednesday on prices and photo packages available. If you are interested in purchasing photos you must complete the order form and return it to school prior to Picture Day with exact payment. **Checks are made payable to Lifetouch.** If a child does not have a completed order form and payment at the time of their photo they will have their picture taken for school records but these photos may not be purchased later. The school office does not lend money to purchase photos. **If you have more than one child please be sure they each have a separate order form completed with payment.** There will be a retake photo day on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, for those who are absent, forgot their money, or if there are photos that are not satisfactory.

#### 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, 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. You also received a Gift Catalog. Additional catalogs are available in the office. 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.**

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> who desire to receive these sacraments. If you have a child in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

This year's parent teacher conferences are scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Some teachers have chosen to have a few conferences earlier that week. You should have received conference scheduling information from your child's teacher. These conferences are an opportunity for a short meeting (10 – 15 minutes) between you and your child's teacher. It is important to be on time for your scheduled conference. Please contact the office if you are not able to keep your scheduled time. You are always welcome to contact your child's teacher at other times throughout the year to discuss your child's progress.

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING**

I am pleased to announce that we will have the services of Mr. Michael Aho as our school counselor this year. Mr. Aho will be with us two days each week as a counselor to our children. He will be available to help students who are experiencing a concern that may affect the way they relate to others and their ability to attend to the learning process. Mr. Aho may sometimes visit classrooms at the invitation of the teacher to assist with a special topic or issue. In order for your child to meet with the counselor you are required to complete the enclosed permission form. Please complete and return the form whether or not you choose to allow your child to take advantage of our counseling program. You may list all your children's names on one form.

### **AFTER SCHOOL STRING (ORCHESTRA) PROGRAM**

Good Shepherd Church Music Ministry is offering a free after school string (orchestra) program for St. Peter Martyr School students. SPM students in grades 4-8 have the opportunity to learn and play violin, viola, cello, and double bass at no charge. If interested, please complete and return the signup form to the school office. Forms were sent home last week and additional forms are available in the office. Classes begin Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at Good Shepherd Church located at 3200 Harbor Street in Pittsburg and are from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Students need to purchase or rent his/her own instrument and purchase their own method book and music stand. For further information please contact Mr. Enea at SPM School.

### **ST. IGNATIUS CYO BASKETBALL**

The St. Ignatius of Antioch CYO Basketball program is looking for girls and boys, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, to participate during the 2008-09 season. The cost is \$140.00 per player plus a \$60.00 per family refundable parent participant fee. You must be a resident of Antioch and live within the St. Ignatius boundaries. A copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residence must be present at the time of sign-ups. For more information, please contact Jim Almeida, 779-1622.

### **FAMILY HANDBOOK SIGNATURE PAGE**

If you have not yet returned the Family Handbook Signature Page you are getting a second copy today. Please be sure to review our Family Handbook and to sign and return the enclosed form. Thank you to all that have already returned the completed form.

### **ITBS STANDARDIZED TESTING**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, students in grades 2-8 will be taking a nationally standardized achievement test, the IOWA Test of Basic Skills. Our Diocese chooses to give this test early in the school year so the test results may be used as a diagnostic tool for teachers. Individual and class results in skill areas can be analyzed for future curriculum planning. Students should be encouraged to do their best on the ITBS as they should for all their school activities, however, they should know this is only one measure of their achievement. We are partners in education. Please see that your child gets adequate rest, eats a good breakfast, is at school on time, and that medical and dental appointments are not scheduled during the morning hours of the testing days.