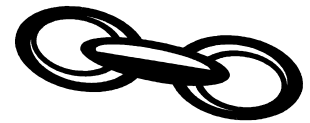


“ I myself will pasture my sheep... says the Lord God.” (Ez. 34:11)



THE LINK



November 17, 2011

We will not publish THE LINK next week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 17

- Report cards go home
- Book Fair is open 'til 3:30

November 18

- Out of uniform for the families who bought Pies from Market Day. Names are in last week's LINK
- **December lunch orders are due**
- Book Fair is open 'til 3:30

November 19

- High School Placement test at Badin High School

November 21

- Conferences from 2:30– 8:30
- Book Fair open until 8:30 pm

November 22

- Conferences from 2:30-5:30
- Book Fair open until 5:30

November 23, 24, 25

- **NO SCHOOL**

December 15

Christmas Program– Primary grades K-3 12:30 and 7:00 pm in church.

CONFERENCE TIPS



As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You and your child's school have something in common: You both want your child to learn and do well. When parents and teachers talk to each other, each person can share important information about your child's talent and needs. Each person can also learn something new about how to help your child. Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to start talking to your child's teachers. This tip sheet suggests ways that you can make the most of parent-teacher conferences so that everyone wins, especially your child.

WHAT SHOULD YOU TALK TO THE TEACHER ABOUT?

- Progress. Find out how your child is doing by asking questions like: Is my child performing at grade level? How is he or she doing compared to the rest of the class? What do you see as his or her strengths? How could he or she improve?
- Assignments and assessments. Ask how the teacher gives grades.
- Your thoughts about your child. Be sure to share your thoughts and feelings about your child. Tell the teacher what you think your child is good at. Explain where he or she needs more help.
- Support learning at home. Ask what you can do at home to help your child learn. Ask if the teacher knows of other programs or services in the community that could also help your child.
- Support learning at school. What services are available at the school to help your child? Ask how the teacher will both challenge your child and support your child when he or she needs it.

HOW SHOULD YOU FOLLOW UP?

- Make a plan. Write down the things that you and the teacher will each do to support your child. You can do this during the conference or after. Write down what you will do, when, and how often. Make plans to check in with the teacher in the coming months.
- Schedule another time to talk. Communication should go both ways. Ask how you can contact the teacher, and don't forget to ask how the teacher can contact you too. There are many ways to communicate-in person, by phone, notes, email. Make a plan that works for both of you. Be sure to schedule at least one more time to talk in the next few months.
- Talk to your child. The parent-teacher conference is all about your child, so don't forget to include him or her. Share with your child what you learned. Show him or her how you will help with learning at home. Ask for his or her suggestions.



GEOGRAPHY BEE

THE NATIONAL Geographic Bee is a nationwide contest for schools in the United States. The Bee is open to students in grades four through eight. There are three levels of competition: school, state, and national.

The Preliminary Competition at the school level consists of seven Preliminary Rounds of 35 questions each. The Preliminary Competition determines which students will advance to the Final Competition of the school Bee.

The Preliminary Rounds will take place on Monday, November 21 & Tuesday, November 22 in the grade 4 through 8 classrooms.

To compete for advancement from the school to the state level, the winning student in each school must take the written, multiple-choice qualifying test. As many as 100 of the highest-scoring students in a state or territory advance to the state level. The first-place winner from the state Bee advances to the national level.

Bee questions are designed to test a student's knowledge of geography. The format calls for brief answers, usually only a word or a phrase. Questions may require interpretation of maps, graphs, and photographs.

Continental Math League

Continental Math League (CML) is a nationally sponsored mathematical competition. Students are challenged to solve six higher level thinking problems in thirty minutes. The problems are designed to encourage students to use a variety of mathematical and visual problem solving techniques. Students in grades 4 through 8 will participate in five meets (6 questions per meet) during their math class beginning in November and ending in March. Grades 2 and 3 meets are held 1/5, 2/9, and 3/15.

While some of the Continental Mathematics League non-routine questions call on a student's factual knowledge in a particular area, most continue to develop creative and pertinent skills, such as: trial and error, working backwards, simplifying the problem, looking for patterns and reasoning logically. This approach to learning builds confidence and the willingness to tackle new problems and, thus, become better problem-solvers.

The time limit is 30 minutes and is administered during regular Math class. The meets for grades 4-8 are 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/9 and 3/15. The 6 highest student scores create the team scores which are cumulative throughout the year. Mrs. Wirtz sends in the scores for our school and they are tabulated along with hundreds of other team scores across the country.

Awards are given to 1st and 2nd place grade level team members at our award ceremony at the end of the year.

The following are the results of our first meet. These students scored 4 or more correct.

Grade 8: Logan Warner (5), Tara Dinh (4), Kyle McGill (4), Mike Nye (4), Riley Petri (4)

Grade 7: no students qualified; Grade 6: Kenny Pendergest (5); Grade 5: no students qualified.

Grade 4: Max Boulton (5) Andrea Clark (4), Emma Fritsch (4), Alex Prough (4), Emily Sauer(4), Jack Brandabur(4), Sophie Tischler (4)

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!



HOSPITALITY MEMBERS

HOSPITALITY MEMBERS:

THANK YOU so very much to all who sent in their items for this past week's Records Day breakfast! The breakfast was appreciated by all, and helped to make the day brighter! Thanks for all that you do, and for your generosity!

If you received a note in your white folder today about contributing to the upcoming Conference Dinner night, please make sure all items are in the office by this coming MONDAY MORNING, NOV 21 ! We are happy to count on you!

Thank you to all of our special members who contribute to help make these special days even better!

Kathy Prough

Who Likes to Shop at Target??

I know my hand is up in the air, right along with everyone else's saying "I do, I do!!"



Did you know that you can save 5% every time you shop, all *the while* supporting St. Peter's?

They offer a Target Debit Card that links right to your checking account for hassle free shopping. It draws right from your *existing* personal checking account from your bank ~ it is just like writing a check but you will get 5% off your purchases **EVERY** TIME!!

When you visit Target next time take a blank check with you. They can sign you up and get you started right at the checkout line. It doesn't take long at all.

You then receive a Target card in the mail with account information and more about the program. At that time you can go online at <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005174> under the Take Charge of Education section and designate St. Peter in Chains School as your school. Target will then give you 5% off purchases **AND** will donate 1% of your purchases to St. Peter's.

It doesn't seem like a lot, but knowing all the Target shoppers out there, it will certainly add up!

We only have 14 people signed up to date. St. Pete's has more Target shoppers than that!!

Let's start saving money ourselves while helping out our awesome school!!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Michelle Luebbe 893-1806 or mluebbe@cinci.rr.com



The Giving Tree

November 21-December 14

Please bring in new socks, gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves to decorate our Christmas Trees.

New and/or gently used coats will also be accepted.

All donations will be delivered to a needy organization in time for the holidays.

Spread some holiday cheer by living the Corporal Work of Mercy of Clothing the Naked.



THE GREAT TUITION GIVEAWAY

School parents in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati can now use their Facebook accounts for more than just keeping up with old friends.

The Catholic Schools Office recently launched a Facebook-based tuition giveaway that offers \$17,500 in tuition credits and prizes to families who will send their children to Archdiocesan Catholic schools next year.

Both current and prospective families are eligible to win. Entrants must go to <http://facebook.com/mycatholicschool> to register. Deadline for registration is noon Friday, Feb. 3, the last day of Catholic Schools Week, and the drawing for winners will be held that day.

Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program

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This is just a friendly reminder to continue using your Kroger Neighborhood Rewards cards!!

If you do not have one, let me know, I will get you one the next school day! Promise!

If you are not using yours, start loading it up and making money for St. Pete's.

This is such an easy PTO fundraiser because we all need groceries/gas.

Every time you load money onto your card you are raising money for SPS. When our school gets \$5000 or more (re) loaded onto the cards we will earn 4% of that amount. That is \$200! You can use your loaded cards at their gas pumps now too. You can purchase a **large** variety of gift cards at Kroger. ***Please use your Rewards card for all your Christmas and birthday present needs this year.***



One thing to remember...a zero balance on your card for 90 days or more will make your card inactive. You will then need to contact me for a new card because you can't get a Rewards card in the store.

Thanks for supporting the St. Peter's PTO!!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Michelle Luebbe 893-1806 or mluebbe@cinci.rr.com

Hostess Donut Party

The winner of the PTO sponsored Hostess Donut & Juice Party this month is Mrs. Warner's class with 18% of her parents attending the PTO meeting. They will receive their special treat after Thanksgiving Break! Thanks to all the parents, committee chairs, and teachers who attended the meeting. We appreciate your support!



We wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving

Let us be grateful for all our blessings not just Thanksgiving Day, but every day. Help us turn our gratitude into action by caring for those in need and by working for a more just society. Enjoy the precious time with your family!