

Dates to Remember Dates to Remember

Nov 30-Dec 2: SPPS 5/6
Boys' Basketball Tournament

Dec 3: Advent begins

Dec 6: Casual Day

Dec 11: SPPS Spirit Day

Dec 13: December Birthday
Day

Dec 15: Christmas Program
Dress Rehearsal @9:30 am

Dec 17: Christmas Program
Ca\$h Da\$h Drawing

Dec 19: GPD \$1 Casual Day

Dec 20: Christmas lunch

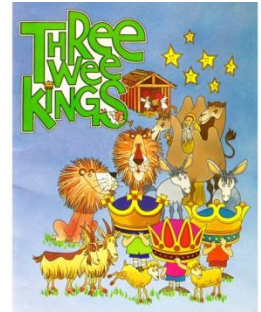
Dec 20-22: Christmas Attire

Dec 21: PreK Christmas Party

Dec 22: K-6 Christmas Parties
End 2nd Quarter

Jan 2: School Resumes

Sts. Peter & Paul students will present our Christmas program, **Three Wee Kings**, on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 pm in the gym.



The parent committee to help includes: Katie & James Boyles, Maria & Rydell Schott, Katie & Dan Bendlage, Rhonda & Joe Boyles, Tami & Jamie Kaminski, Rachel & Robert McIlmoil, and Kate Evans.

What do students need to wear for the Christmas Program?

PreK & Kindergarten, 1st – 3rd grade, 4th graders not in cast: Sunday best dress clothes

Cast: please have clothes to school by next week

angels-white pants, white long sleeved shirt, tall white socks

shepherds, Kings, Mary, Joseph-shorts, tank top/cami, tall black socks

Stars, lambs, goats, donkeys, lions-all black, long sleeve, long pants, tall socks

Our dress rehearsal for the Christmas Program will be on Friday, December 16 at 9:30 AM. We have invited the Nauvoo Elementary students, and you are welcome to attend also.

Get Your Green On in support of SPPS!

There are only a few weeks left to purchase a raffle ticket for the **Sts. Peter and Paul Cash Dash**. Each family was given one raffle ticket to sell and several of those tickets are still outstanding. Please help make this a successful fundraiser by selling one (or more) tickets. Tickets are \$100/each. One person can buy a ticket or multiple people can split the cost of the ticket. Total payout will be \$10,000, based on all 200 tickets being sold. Any tickets not sold by Friday, December 1 (tomorrow) will expire and be voided.

Acts of Random Kindness

Students are encouraged to BE LEADERS FOR CHRIST every day - a leader is someone who does the right thing even when no one is looking – and we like to recognize those students with a weekly “ARK” drawing. Congratulations to our November recipients: **Porter Bodily, Nick Schaefer, Lainey Sullivan, and Charli Wisheart!** They will be honored with an ARK t-shirt at Mass on Friday, Dec 1.

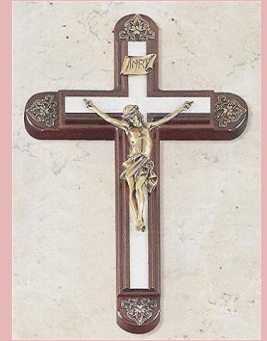
Christmas Dinner

The cooks will prepare our annual Christmas feast with all the trimmings on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:45 am. If you plan to join us, **please call the school to make your reservation by Friday, Dec. 15** so we have enough food for everyone. The cost is \$4.00/adults and \$2.50/child (please pay Mrs. Fasching in the office).

RECESS DUTY: Parents are expected to help with recess duty or pay a \$25 fee. If you haven't signed up to help or paid the fee, please contact Linda in the office ASAP – **there are many days without a supervisor.**

SCRIP Contest

Time to start thinking about shopping for that perfect gift for everyone on your list. What better way to get started than by purchasing Scrip cards for all your gift giving needs? The six-week Scrip contest is underway. **Congrats to the Kindergarten, 1st/2nd grade, 5th/6th grade, and Preschool for winning weeks 1, 2, 3 & 4!** As an added bonus, each school family that submits a Scrip order between Nov 6 and Dec 11 will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Scrip card to the business of their choice. The more weeks you submit an order, the more times you are entered. Limit of one entry per week per family. Prize will be awarded in January. Orders are due to the office by 10 AM Monday morning. **The last Scrip order before Christmas will be placed on Monday, December 18.**



With the help of

God's grace,

we form the mind,

body, and spirit

of each child

within our school

family;

we form children

to be

Leaders for Christ.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 – Adam Sullivan
9 – Gage Parrish
Nick Schaefer
13 – Isabella Newton
18 – Trenton Hanks
19 – Scott Allen
30 – Harper Huston

Students may wear Christmas clothes (shirts, dresses, outfits) December 20 - 22.

SPARTAN Shirt Orders DUE: Wednesday, December 13

Winter is here and we continue to have recess outside as much as the weather and temperature will allow. Please make sure your child(ren) have a warm coat, hat and gloves; we do have some extra hats and gloves available for students to borrow if needed. ***SPPS follows the Nauvoo Public Schools regarding the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.*** Be sure to listen to the local television and radio stations for information regarding school closings; you will also receive a call from our Parent Alert system.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)

**I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want.
I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts.
When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.**

New Scholarship Information

Through the "Invest in Kids Act," Illinois children enrolled in private schools will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover 50 to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year. Key information about the program and application process is available on the diocesan website (cdop.org) and select CATHOLIC EDUCATION. Applications are being accepted as soon as December and scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis starting January 2, 2018, so it is very important to act quickly!

SPPS/NCES 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

The 5th and 6th grade boys kick off their basketball season with games at the SPPS tournament (tonight through Saturday). A schedule of their games is included in this envelope. You'll notice that all but 1 of their home games are played here at SPPS. Thank you in advance for supporting the boys! SPPS 5th & 6th grade boys on the team include: Josh Walker, Johnathan Boyles, Ray Hughes, Oliver Koechle, and Carson Schaefer. Good Luck boys!!

ST. NICHOLAS

Wednesday, **December 6th** is traditionally celebrated as the **Feast of St. Nicholas**.

The story of St. Nicholas: *When St. Nicholas was a young man, his parents died and left him a large fortune, so he made it his business to give it away bit by bit. For years, under cover of night, he secretly tossed bags of gold into the houses of people who needed it the most. We know that his secret was discovered, because on his feast day, it is the custom in many countries to put shoes outside the door the night before his feast day, and in the morning find that St. Nicholas has filled them with goodies. We carry on this custom by hanging our stockings.*

St. Nicholas will be making a visit to SPPS, so students need to bring a shoe or stocking to leave on their desks by Tuesday, December 5.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our Christmas parties will take place before vacation on Thursday, December 21 (Preschool 10:45 AM) and Friday, December 22 (K-6 at 2:00 PM).

The following parents have signed up to help with parties:

PreK: Jocelyn Priebe, Autumn Schweizer, Elizabeth Pilkington

K: Kelly Feikert & Katie Boyles

1st/2nd: Katie Bendlage, Lindsey Henson, & Karla Sullivan

3rd/4th: Erin Harris & Kacey Sullivan

5th/6th: Sheila Poppe, Tami Kaminski, & Laura Beach

SPPS/NCES 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The 5th and 6th grade girls will open their first volleyball season with practice the week of December 18 and games in January. A schedule of their games is included in this envelope. Thank you in advance for supporting the girls! SPPS 5th & 6th grade girls on the team include: Julia Langford, Kylie Fortune, and Haley Pilkington. Good Luck girls!!

**WE ARE
LEADERS FOR CHRIST!**

Please be considerate of SPPS staff's time with their families on the weekends. It is much appreciated!