



# SS. Peter and Paul School Panther Press



**Friday, August 30th - Monday, September 2nd**

No School - Labor Day Weekend

**Sunday, September 1st - Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Please go to church this weekend. Your faith community needs you.*

**Monday, September 2nd**

No School - Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 3rd**

***Hot Dog, Hamburger or Cold Lunch***

Picture Day!

- Students may be out of uniform, but no jeans.  
Shirts MAY NOT be graphic tees.  
Think Sunday Best!

First Day of Panther Playhouse (after school care)

**Wednesday, September 4th**

***Waffle Breaded Chicken Nuggets, Pizza or Cold Lunch***

**Thursday, September 5th**

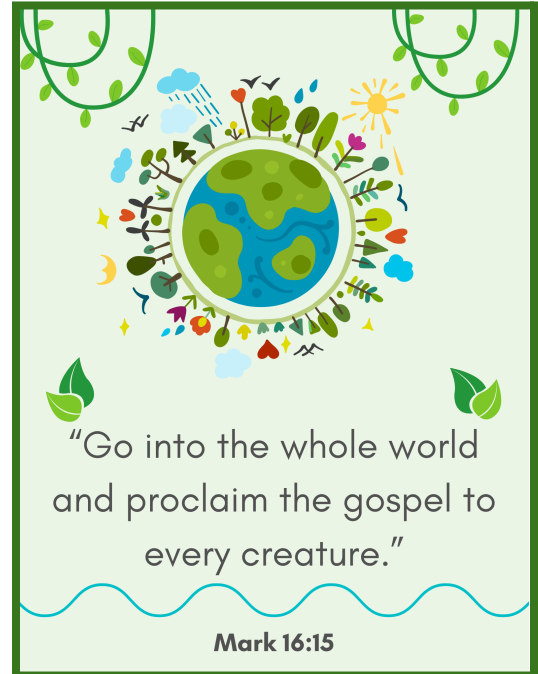
***Bosco Sticks, Hamburger or Cold Lunch***

School Mass @ 8am

**Friday, September 6th**

***Buffalo Chicken Pizza, Pizza or Cold Lunch***

Jeans Day



## *Principally Speaking*

**Welcome:** This week we welcomed our Developmental Kindergarten students and our Preschool students to the building! We are so glad to have everyone in session again! As we continue through the school year, please remember that you can always reach out to staff with any questions!

With that being said, we do have a few seats available in each class. If you have a friend or family member that would be a great fit for Saints Peter and Paul, please let them know that it is not too late to start at SSPP!

**Board Members:** Saints Peter and Paul School Board of Directors with Limited Jurisdiction is looking for individuals who would be interested in filling two or more School Board seats for a three year term beginning with the 2024/2025 school year. School Board members must be at least 18 years of age and can be parents of school children, parishioners or members of the community. Interested candidates should submit a short letter of interest which contains any strengths that they might be able to bring to the Board (i.e. background in finance, marketing, fundraising, etc) to Mrs. Jenny Leik ([jleik@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:jleik@ssppcatholic.com)). The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm.

**VIRTUS Training:** Saints Peter and Paul will be hosting a VIRTUS training on Wednesday, September 11th at 6pm. VIRTUS training is required for all volunteers throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids. The training is considered a one and done training. Once you have completed the training, you will not have to take it again. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Click on First Time Registrant and be sure to select Grand Rapids Diocese. If you need help, please call the school office.

**Picture Day:** All staff and students will have their photo taken on Tuesday, September 2nd! Students are not required to wear their uniforms on this day, however it is not a jean day. Students should not wear jeans or graphic tees. As you are working on picking out the perfect outfit, please think Sunday best! All regular dress code rules apply for length and modest. When in doubt, please ask!

**Jean Days:** Our first jeans day is Friday, September 6th. In the past 8th grade students were allowed to wear athletic wear on jean days. However, that is no longer the case. No one is allowed to wear athletic wear on a jeans day, unless it has been specifically named an athletic wear day.

Students do not have to wear jeans, but can wear shorts that are not normally part of the dress code, such as colors besides navy or khaki, plaid or patterned. Female students are allowed to wear skirts, dresses, skorts, etc., that are not typically included in the dress code. Even on jean days the rules of length and modest are still in place. Again, when in doubt please ask!

**Tuition Contracts:** Tuition contracts are available in FinalSite for all families. Please be sure that you have your contract signed by August 30th. Log back into FinalSite using the link below and click on continue enrollment for each student. The contract will pop up and need to be signed for each student. Let me know if you have any questions!

<https://ssppcatholic.fsenrollment.com>

**Infinite Campus:** Just a reminder that all parents have access to their students grades and attendance electronically through Infinite Campus. There is an app called Campus Parent available for both Android and Apple. You will need a code specific to your household/family to log in. Each parent is able to have their own account. If you are interested in your code, please email Mrs. Leik at [jleik@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:jleik@ssppcatholic.com).

**School Mass:** Each week, our newsletters will offer a little insight into the Catholic faith. This week, we are focused on the importance of Mass. All students, regardless of their denomination, in Kindergarten through 8th grade attend weekly Mass on Thursday mornings at 8am. Parents are always welcome to join us!

Weekly Mass attendance is important here at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic school. Even though God is present and we can pray to Him anywhere, there are four ways within the Mass that the presence of our Lord Jesus surpasses that outside the liturgy of the Catholic Church. First God is present in the community we form within the church. Second, Christ is present during the Mass in the person of the priest. Third, the Lord is present in the Mass in the Word of God. And He is present to us uniquely during the Mass in the Eucharist, His body and blood presented to us under the signs of the bread and wine. Those are the ways we are blessed to encounter God that is not available anywhere outside our Catholic Mass.

**Upcoming Dates:**

September 10	School Board Meeting - 6pm in the library
September 11	VIRTUS Training
September 16	Ionia Community Awareness Jeans & Purple Day
September 20	No Public School Bussing
	Cold lunch only (no microwave meals)
September 27	Ionia Community Awareness Purple Day