



ST PETER ACADEMY

Office of the Principal
Monthly P.I.E. Memo | "Partners in Education"



Empowering Courageous Leaders of the Future

I've always enjoyed March, which brings increased daylight and gradual warmth following cold winter days. The excitement surrounding springtime is only enhanced by the return to many outdoor activities - and St. Patrick's Day celebrations held throughout "Southie". Perhaps most importantly, the month provides an opportunity to reflect upon the significant accomplishments and beneficial contributions of notable women throughout time.

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was a missing topic in the national K-12 curriculum. Thanks to the mobilization efforts of educators, activists, and politicians, the United States Congress declared March to be "**Women's History Month**" in 1987. Since then, a Presidential Proclamation is issued every year to honor the extraordinary achievements of women, noting the influence and advancement they've made within every facet of American life and culture.

Whether they are suffragists, advocates, pilots, or doctors - there are many women to acknowledge and celebrate this month in our classes and programs. Perhaps most importantly, in the spirit of this annual observance, we will continuously empower our students to become **courageous leaders of the future** in their words, actions, and deeds each day at St. Peter Academy.

Happy March!

Mr. Frank Galligan
Principal



"Making Magic in K1"

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our "Making Magic in K1" evening such a great success! **Over 35 people** attended the event on February 25th, which featured a meet-and-greet with our K1 teacher, Mrs. Kathryn Lee, in addition to dinner and an interactive performance by Magician Eric Benton! We look forward to planning more initiatives that offer opportunities for current and prospective families to learn about grade-level offerings at St. Peter Academy. Stay tuned!

Re-Enrollment is underway for 2020-2021!

Mrs. Brown distributed re-enrollment packets and a letter from Mr. Galligan to all current families on Monday, February 3, 2020. Please be advised that a completed re-enrollment form, in addition to a **\$500 non-refundable down-payment, was due to the Main Office by Monday, March 2, 2020**. These items are needed to secure your child(ren)'s place in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 6 for the 2020-2021 academic year. Parents or guardians are encouraged to reach out to the Main Office with any questions.



New for 2020! "SPA After School" Art Club!

All students in **Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6** are invited to join Miss Grogan, our Visual Arts teacher each week on **Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM**. Enjoy special art activities and open studio time to create fun masterpieces! Please see the attached flyer for registration information. Cost includes supervision, specialized instruction, and materials. **The program will begin on Thurs., March 12, 2020.**

SPA Student Council

Students in K2 through Grade 6 continue to meet each week with Mr. Galligan to discuss ways to make the school experience even better for students! Thanks to their insight and support, St. Peter Academy is proud to have unveiled the “**SPA Spot**”, a school-store offering special treats every Friday during lunch. Thanks to the leadership efforts of Student Council Vice President, Callan Deane, we plan to add clothing and school supplies very soon, too! All proceeds will benefit the year-end trip and celebration for 5th and 6th grade.



Additionally, under the direction of Student Council President, Marin Condon, St. Peter Academy is working on creating a **student library**. Starting on Monday, March 16, 2020, families are asked to donate gently used books that they no longer use at home to help build our collection. Thank you in advance for your support!



“Coffee with the Principal”

Mr. Galligan invites parents, grandparents, and community friends to join him for coffee, pastry, and conversation on **the first Wednesday of every month from 8-9AM**, immediately after our morning assembly. Can't stay? Feel free to grab a cup to-go on your way to work with his thanks for your support of our terrific school! If you are unable to join us on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**, we hope you'll consider being part of the morning on **Wednesday, April 1, 2020!**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Join us for a fun, family-friendly celebration taking place on **Saturday, March 7th from 4PM-8PM** in the Community Room. Tickets are \$20 per family and include a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, along with food options for the kids. Music, games, and other incentives are in store. This is taking place in lieu of a Sweetheart Ball for 2020.



Professional Development Day

Students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 will have an **early-release on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM** due to a Professional Development Day for faculty and staff. Extended Day programming is available until 6PM for busy families in need of this service. The Toddler Program is not affected and will continue with its usual schedule this day.

TAG Day Benefit: American Cancer Society

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to dress down in comfy, casual **green clothing** on **Tuesday, March 17th** with a \$3.00 donation to celebrate St. Patrick's Day - while supporting the American Cancer Association!



Report Card Distribution

The 2nd Trimester ends on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6. **Report cards will be distributed on Tuesday, March 24, 2020** through your child's home-school correspondence folder. Parent-Teacher Conferences are optional, but highly encouraged, and will be held on Wednesday, March 25 - Friday, March 27, 2020. Parent/Guardians may request meetings by reaching out to their child(ren)'s teacher(s) via email.



Home-School Association Meeting – March 18th

Please consider joining us for our next Home-School Association meeting on **Wednesday, March 18th from 6-7PM**. Many hands are required to help plan and execute our upcoming 15th Anniversary Celebration (see *additional information below*). If you cannot make it, but wish to contribute, please email spa@stpeteracademy.com so that we can provide you with necessary updates and information.

St. Peter Academy's 15th Anniversary - Silent Auction & Fundraiser

Mr. Galligan is seeking to **update and enhance our Academy playground** as part of our 15th Anniversary year! This move would require fundraising to undertake this project; recent meetings of the Home-School Association indicated that a silent auction or dinner event are of interest to many people. The date of this event has yet to be determined. **Parents who wish to serve or contribute on a 15th Anniversary Celebration Committee are asked to reach out to Mr. Galligan at f.galligan@stpeteracademy.com** to begin preparations for a fundraiser in late May or early June. Any help would be greatly appreciated!



April E.S.C.A.P.E. Vacation Camp

New this year! April E.S.C.A.P.E. (Exciting Stories, Creative Adventures, and Positive Experiences!) – A St. Peter Academy Vacation Week Camp (**Tuesday, April 21st through Friday, April 24th**). Open to our students in Grades Pre-K through 6. Daily rates and weekly tuition rates are available. Please consult the attached flyer for additional information. Any additional questions should be directed to the Camp Coordinators, Christian Hennessey and Carmen Pepin at gradepek@stpeteracademy.com. *The sign-up deadline is April 14th!*



Dress Code & Uniform Reminders

We've noticed many students coming to school in non-uniform shoes, pants, and shirts. We kindly ask that parents ensure that children are dressed in alignment with the St. Peter Academy uniform policy:



The St. Peter Academy uniform consists of:

- Short, or long sleeve, hunter green polo with S.P.A. logo
- Hunter green sweatshirts, hooded zipper sweatshirt or fleece jackets with S.P.A. logo.
- Khaki shorts, slacks, skorts, or jumpers
- Hunter green or white socks, knee socks or tights
- Black soft soled shoes or sneakers;

(Please note that hunter green t-shirt and sweat pants with SPA logo are worn on Physical Education days. Girls may wear solid black leggings on Physical Education days only.) *Uniform tops and fitness clothing can be ordered at Lands' End or locally at the Spot Clothing.*



Happy March Birthdays!

The happiest of birthdays is extended to the following faculty and staff; thank you for all your contributions to our special community:

Mr. Jason Hubert (Grade 3) – March 13th
Ms. Brittney Robinson (Toddler Program) – March 15th
Ms. Katie Karalexis (Grade 2) – March 29th



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2020-2021 Re-enrollment forms and \$500 non- refundable deposit due tomorrow .	2 (FREE) TAG Day: Dress up as a Dr. Seuss Character Today! Dr. Seuss' Birthday/ Nat'l Read Across America Day	3	4 "Coffee with the Principal" 8 AM – 9AM	5	6 	7 St. Patrick's Day S.P.A. Family Celebration 4 PM – 8 PM
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins (Clocks go forward one hour.)	9 Board Meeting 5:30 PM	10 	11	12	13 Teacher Professional Development – 12:30 PM Early Release Pre-K - Gr. 6 ONLY (Ext. Day Avail.)	14 National Pi Day
Growth Assessments Snapshot Week (Grade K2 – Grade 6)						
15 South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade	16	17 TAG Day Benefit: American Cancer Society – Dress in Green! (\$3.00 Donation) Evacuation Day / St. Patrick's Day	18 Trimester 2 Ends Home-School Association Meeting 6PM	19 First Day of Spring St. Joseph's Day	20 	21
22	23 	24 Trimester 2 Report Cards Distributed	25	26	27	28
Trimester 2: Parent-Teacher Conferences						
29	30	31	1 "Coffee with the Principal" 8 AM – 9AM	2	3	4

Any and all calendar events are subject to change at the discretion of the Principal.
Parents and families will be notified through email or newsletters of any changes as necessary.

SPA AFTER SCHOOL

ART CLUB

Thursdays 3-4:30pm



NEW
AFTER
SCHOOL
CLUB

Weekly art activities and
Open Studio art-making time
for students in Grades PK-6

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Extended Day pricing applies.
Please see Mrs. Brown for more details

To sign up, please detach and return the permission slip below:

ART CLUB PERMISSION SLIP - SPRING 2020

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____, to attend **ART CLUB**
at St. Peter's Academy on **Thursdays from 3pm until 4:30pm.**

At the end of the scheduled ART CLUB time, I plan for my child to be:

- picked up right away by a parent or guardian
- checked into the general after school program (pickup no later than 6pm)

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____ Date: _____



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Exciting Stories, Creative Adventures, and Positive Experiences

School Vacation Week Camp

8AM – 5 PM: Tuesday, April 21 – Friday, April 24, 2020
(Please note there is no camp on Patriots Day: Monday, April 20th)

For SPA students in Grades Pre-K through 6. Limited Space Available.
*Enjoy springtime in South Boston with hands-on activities,
organized games, and great surprises all week!*

Official Registration

Child's Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Registering for: **Daily Option** (\$90/day) on: _____ Tues, 4/21 _____ Weds, 4/22 _____ Thu, 4/23 _____ Fri, 4/24

Week Option (\$325/week) _____ Tues, 4/21 – Fri, 4/24

Cost is per child and payment must accompany registration. Please send this form, along with payment, to the Main Office at St. Peter Academy no later than Tuesday, April 14, 2020. *Have questions?* Contact the Camp Coordinators, Christian Hennessey or Carmen Pepin, at gradepek@stpeteracademy.com or call (617) 268-0750.