

Celebrating a Wonderful School Community

The recent local, national, and global health situation has understandably required the delay or removal of many special celebrations; however, there are some wonderful events that cannot be postponed or cancelled. The passing of time into the warmer spring and summer months, sunsets during the eight o'clock hour, birthdays, and milestone anniversaries all come to mind. The month of May, especially, brings noteworthy days that our school is happy to acknowledge and celebrate in its own unique way; including, but not limited to, Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week and St. Peter Academy Spirit Week.

Despite the important need for social distancing, the essence of feeling connected remains strong. As our teachers continue to provide a rigorous and uninterrupted education for students, and nurses or frontline workers offer care and support to the people of South Boston, it seems only fitting that we collectively celebrate the many individuals who make our school and community so strong. St. Peter Academy remains committed to supporting the essential elements that our school founders strove to sustain when faced with the sudden closure of St. Peter School in 2004. An active Board, dedicated educators, committed families, and unwavering community pride remain at the forefront of the St. Peter Academy experience. I hope you will join us this month in acknowledging and celebrating the many wonderful facets that make our school so great at this time and all throughout the year!

Happy May!

Mr. Galligan
Mr. Frank Galligan
Principal



Achieving Success with Seesaw!

St. Peter Academy is very excited to have obtained a license for the online platform, Seesaw, that will be used by our youngest learners through sixth grade! Seesaw is an application for academic engagement that inspires students of all ages to do their best, while providing learners with another outlet to complete work, draw pictures, record videos, and capture differentiated learning in a comprehensive portfolio. Every child is given a respective ID from their teacher that follows them through their learning career at St. Peter Academy. Students have the ability to see new assignments or finish and submit previous assignments. They also can see each other's submitted work that has been highlighted by teachers, while collaborating by showcasing their own work. Using this platform, teachers can comment directly on student assignments so learners can either revise as needed or celebrate their success. Already, we are thrilled to see what students have created, while being able to give virtual feedback more directly than we have been previously able to do during virtual learning as a school!

Thank you, Miss Grogan!

Special thanks is extended to Miss Brigid Grogan, our school's full-time Foreign Language and Visual Art instructor, for all of her work in producing online videos that encourage continued creativity at home! Be sure to check out the school's Facebook page for “how to” videos on Salt Dough ornaments, Magazine Beads, and paper decorations! Additional productions are on the way, too! Miss Grogan welcomes feedback and suggestions for future videos via email at b.grogan@stpeteracademy.com.



Happy Birthday!

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

Mrs. Heseck – May 1st
Mrs. Brown – May 16th
Mrs. Blasi (Miss Maria) – May 28th

National Teacher (& Nurse) Appreciation Week 2020

St. Peter Academy is fortunate to have a dedicated team of faculty and staff who put forth their very best every day for the benefit of our students and their families. The week of May 4 – 8, 2020 is National Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week, with National Teacher Appreciation Day being celebrated on May 5, 2020. If you are able to drop a note of thanks to a teacher at some point this week, as we celebrate these special people, I know they would greatly appreciate it. Thank you to all of our staff members for the important work they do throughout the year!



St. Peter Academy Spirit Week 2020

This academic year, we are celebrating our community throughout the week of **May 18-22, 2020** with the following special events that will be showcased in our daily zoom classes and virtual meetings:

Monday, May 18: “Memorable Monday!”

Teachers and students are encouraged to **wear our school colors** using green and white clothing, or other spirit gear, as we kick off a fun week! Families are encouraged to **decorate a door or window in their home** and send a photograph of it to

spa@stpeteracademy.com for showcasing on our Facebook page and judging at the end of the week by staff!

Tuesday, May 19: “Twins and Triplets Tuesday!”

Everyone is encouraged to dress up in **similar clothing, colors, or accessories** with other friends in the community today.

Wednesday, May 20: “Wish-upon-a-Career Day!”

Students are invited to **wear clothing that denotes their desired, future profession** or career choice! Special guests will round out zoom classes for a great day! Parents and guardians are invited to join Mr. Galligan for “Coffee with the Principal” from 8-9PM that evening!

Thursday, May 21: “Terrific Tee Thursday!”

Kids are invited to **decorate a plain, white t-shirt** with things they love about St. Peter Academy!

Friday, May 22: “Freedom Friday!”

Community members are invited to **wear red, white, and blue clothing** as we honor those who gave their lives for our country and observe Memorial Day weekend as a school.

Calendar Changes

In an effort to accommodate busy families working remotely from home at this time, and to promote continued educational growth, we have decided to **cancel the half-day Professional Development originally scheduled for May 8, 2020** on the school calendar; any future professional development sessions will not interfere with online instruction. Additionally, we still anticipate **Friday, June 19, 2020 to be our final day of school** for Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 6.



Student Work Drop-Off

Assignments, not submitted through the Seesaw application, may be submitted to the school in a secured bundle (either a large paperclip or manila envelope) with their children's name written on all pages on **Thursday afternoons from 1PM - 4PM**. (Note: There will be a plastic bin on the uppermost step of the school to leave this work; the bin will be emptied consistently during this time.)

Work may also be sent to the school via postal mail to St. Peter Academy (371 West Fourth Street, South Boston, MA 02127). Please put "Attn:" and write the name of your child's respective teacher on the envelope. (Note: Mail is being held at the local post office and is being retrieved frequently throughout the week.)

Virtual “Coffee with the Principal” and Home-School Association Meetings

Please join Mr. Galligan for coffee on **Wednesday evening, May 20th from 8-9PM**. An invite link for a Zoom session will be sent out to all parents prior to the evening. We hope that you can join us! Additionally, parents, guardians, grandparents, and other family members are invited to join us for a virtual HSA meeting on **Wednesday, May 27th from 8-9PM** via a Zoom Conference. An invite link will be sent out to all families prior to the meeting. Please consider attending to discuss upcoming events that improve the educational experience of your child(ren).





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Office of the Principal

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 26	27	28	29	30	May 1 	2
3	4 	5 National Teacher Appreciation Day	6	7 Student work drop-off at school 1-4 PM	8 Virtual Student Council Meeting 2 PM	9
National Teacher & Nurse Appreciation Week						
10 Mother's Day	11 Virtual School Board Meeting 5:30PM	12	13 	14 Student work drop-off at school 1-4 PM	15 Virtual "Kid Convo's" Afternoon Snack with Mr. Galligan 2-3 PM	16
17	18 "Memories Monday" (Dress in green & white, or other spirit gear! SPA door decorating contest "at home" starts!)	19 "Twins & Triplets Tuesday" (Dress like 2 or 3 of your classmates using similar accessories or colors!)	20 "Wish-Upon-A-Career Day" (Dress up as or share your future career plans!) Virtual "Coffee with the Principal" 8-9 PM	21 "Terrific Tee Thursday" Decorate a white t-shirt to showcase your school pride! Student work drop off at school, 1-4 PM	22 "Freedom Friday" (As we start Memorial Day weekend, show your pride by wearing Red, White, & Blue clothes!)	23 Ramadan Ends
St. Peter Academy Spirit Week						
24	25 Memorial Day NO ONLINE CLASSES	26 	27 Virtual Home-School Association Meeting 8-9PM	28 Student work drop-off at school 1-4 PM	29 May Progress Reports Distributed (Pre-K to Grade 6)	30
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***Student Work Collection - Every Thursday at school (1PM-4PM):** A collection bin will be placed outside. Please ensure work is bundled with student's name.

Work can also be mailed to school: St. Peter Academy, 371 West Fourth Street, South Boston, MA 02127 (Attn: Classroom Teacher's Name)

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.