

Welcoming the new year with new mindsets!

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called *Opportunity* and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

This thought by Edith Lovejoy Pierce is an idea that many individuals can relate to at some point. How many of us have sought – or know people who have pursued - opportunities to better their lives with the turn of a calendar year? Resolutions to save or better manage money, exercise more, eat healthier, or travel abroad typically top the list within my own circle of family and friends.

At St. Peter Academy, our mission statement encourages each child to *attain his or her maximum potential – spiritually, emotionally, academically, physically, and socially*. Therefore, we consider each day – rather than each year – as an opportunity to embrace positive change. The mindset of "I cannot do it" is immediately replaced with "I cannot do it - yet." Thanks to our dedicated team of professionals who impart this growth mindset, children are continuously challenged to be better thinkers, students, and leaders. It is my hope that every member of St. Peter Academy welcomes change this year and views these moments as opportunities for reflection, growth, and self-improvement in our community of lifelong learners.

Happy January -- Happy 2020!



Mr. Frank Galligan
Principal



Thank you!

The Faculty, Staff, Administration, and Governing Board of St. Peter Academy extends its sincere thanks for the cards, cookies, gifts, and well wishes extended to us during the holiday season. As Mr. Galligan mentioned during his remarks at the annual Christmas show, it is the people of our community who make the joyful spirit of the season last throughout the year. **Thank you to everyone who helps to make St. Peter Academy so special just by being part of it each day!**

C.A.S.E. Classes now offered every day!

Originally offered on Tuesday through Friday, St. Peter Academy is excited to announce that C.A.S.E. (*Cultural Arts and Science Education*) classes are now being offered every day during the week! Known as "specials" in most schools, we are proud to provide instruction in **Foreign Language (Spanish), Visual Arts, Music, and Physical Education** by talented instructors to help meet our school mission and vision of "educating the whole child". (Please note that students should continue to wear their physical education clothes on Thursdays as this schedule has not changed.)



Winter Open House

We received a phenomenal turnout at our recent Fall Open House! Mr. Galligan is working with various community members to promote all of the exciting things happening at St. Peter Academy! Please help us to spread the word about our upcoming Winter Open House taking place on **Wednesday, January 9, 2020 from 9-11:30 AM and 3-6PM**. Faculty, Staff, and Board Members will be on hand to give facility tours, answer questions, and welcome prospective families. **Please be sure to "like" and "share" our Open House post from our Academy page on Facebook!**

“Teddy Bear Tea” -- New Initiative for 2020!

Toddler families who are interested in our Pre-K program are invited to join Mrs. Carmen Pepin, our Pre-Kindergarten teacher, for a drink, allergy-friendly snack, and a storybook reading on **Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 11 AM – 12 Noon**. Bring a stuffed animal friend to share in the fun and enjoy some free play with friends as Miss Carmen meets with parents and highlights our Pre-Kindergarten program. As one of the largest classes in our Academy, we invite you to see what makes the 3 and 4-year old program so special!



Coffee with the Principal

Join us for our monthly “Coffee with the Principal” session on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 8-9AM** in the Community Room (following our morning assembly). Enjoy hot coffee, pastry, donuts, and casual conversation with Mr. Galligan about school happenings and future plans before you head off to work!

Home-School Association Meeting

Join us for our next Home-School Association Meeting on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6PM**. Many hands are needed for helping to plan and execute our Valentine’s Day Sweetheart Ball and other fun activities slated for the Spring. We look forward to having you with us!



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Closing

Please note that the Academy, inclusive of the Toddler Program, is closed and there are no classes on **Monday, January 20, 2020** as we observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Distribution of Trimester 2 Progress Reports

It’s hard to believe, but we are already nearing the midpoint of the second trimester for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6! Progress Reports will be distributed to all students in the aforementioned grades on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. Parents and families are invited to contact the classroom teacher with any questions or concerns.



Upcoming Field Trip

Grades 2 through 6 will be visiting the **Harvard Museum of Natural History** on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions that day.

Happy January Birthdays!






The happiest of birthdays are wished to **Miss Brigid Grogan**, our Visual Arts and Foreign Language teacher, who celebrates on Friday, January 17th - and **Miss Taylor Hale**, our Academy Music Instructor and also one of our Toddler teachers, who celebrates on Sunday, January 26th!



Winter Weather Closings

Please be advised that St. Peter Academy **does NOT follow** the directives of Boston Public Schools. If, and when, a decision to close or delay opening our Academy is made, **the message will be posted separately** to all major television news outlets (CBS4, 5, WHDH 7, FOX 25, WSBK 38, CW 56, and NECN) separately as **“St Peter Academy”**, in addition to being sent out via an official text and/or email from the school.

***Parents are kindly asked to secure a contingency plan now regarding retrieval or care of their children when weather becomes hazardous before, during, or after school hours; there may be a need to close our Toddler or Extended-Day programs early if conditions warrant it to avoid placing our students and staff in unsafe conditions. Thank you in advance!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL Toddler Program <i>CLOSED</i>	2 Classes Resume Welcome Back!	3 	4
5	6	7 	8 Coffee with the Principal 8 AM – 9AM	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Home-School Association Meeting 6PM	16 	17 TAG Day: Dress Down in Patriots Gear with \$3 or a Pet Toy Donation!	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL Toddler Program <i>CLOSED</i>	21 	22	23	24	25
National School Choice Week IReady Assessment Week (Grades K2 through 2)						
26	27 Board Meeting 6PM	28	29 Winter Open House 9 AM – 11:30 AM 3 PM – 6PM	30 	31	
IReady Assessment Week (Grades 3 through 6)						

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.