

Thought for the week:

*We shall never know all
the good that a simple
smile can do.*

~Mother Teresa



**Staff Spotlight:
Mrs. Eystone**

What is your resting heart rate? How high should your heart rate be when you work out? Do you even know how to find your heart rate? Mrs. Eystone, our physical education teacher does, and she has taught the students in grades 3-6 all about it. Mrs. Eystone came to St. Peter School in 1996. Before then, classroom teachers taught their own physical education classes. What a blessing it was to finally have a **real** physical education teacher! Mrs. Eystone believes in teaching students the value of lifelong activity, not just sports skills. "I prefer to teach concepts and skills that anyone and everyone can learn, rather than play games during class time," says Mrs. Eystone. Over the next couple weeks, grades K-2 will be working on tumbling skills and talking about balance and base of support. Grades 3-6 will be preparing for the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest. One boy and one girl from each age group will go to county competition at Union Middle School on December 12.



Last week I heard a comment from one of our students who said, "If you see someone without a smile, give them yours." Not surprising. Our students truly care for each other. They are willing to share and they offer to help. They make sure to include others and work on being a good friend. They know how to say, I'm sorry, please, and thank you, and they know how to cheer someone up. It is clear they are being taught values, morals, and manners at home. Parents and guardians, you are doing a great job! And for that, I would like to offer you a smile 😊

School happenings:

- This week, students in grades 2-6 will participate in a **prayer attitude survey**. They will do it again in the spring. We will look for increased religious knowledge and prayer practices. This is part of our Catholic Identity Accreditation goal.
- Our first quarter honors will be announced after the Children's Liturgy this Wednesday. **First Honors** is earned for all As, **Second Honors** is earned for a B average, and **Progress Award** is earned by students who have not gone down in any letter grades since last grading period (midterms). This year 2nd graders will have the chance to belong to the **B.U.G. Club** (Bringing Up Grades) for keeping or improving their grades since midterms.
- How are your **AVON sales** going? Sales end Thursday, November 12, so orders will be here in time for Christmas. This is the second of our 3 school fundraisers. The Spaghetti Dinner will be in March.
- Each class received their "**donation jar**" at the prayer service last Friday. Students may contribute their spare change to the jars anytime. At the end of each quarter, the money will be totaled and the class that has collected the most will win a mystery reward. Each quarter, the money collected will be used for a service project such as Angel Tree donations and Be a Good Egg baskets.
- The Student Council has designed **school t-shirts**. They are blue and gold. The front will have the newly designed St. Peter School emblem, and the back will include every student's name in the shape of a cross. Sales will begin later this week.

Did you know?

- The Pint Size Hero blood drive will take place Monday, November 23 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the school gym (students are not in school that day). Please consider being a donor.
- The average adult has 10 pints of blood inside them.
- One pint of blood saves 3 lives.
- It takes 56 days to regenerate one pint of blood.
- Although 60% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, only about 5% do.



Thank you to everyone who helped at the Harvest Party last Saturday evening. The food was delicious, the fellowship was enjoyable, and fun was had by all (I think 😊) Thank you, Parent Team, for your time and efforts to make this event successful! Thank you to the youth group (former students) who came to help. St. Peter School has the best supporters around!

Reminders:

- The second round of Parent-Teacher conferences will be this Tuesday.
- First quarter honors will be presented this Wednesday after the Children's Liturgy.
- School Advisory Council will meet Thursday at 5:30 in the Community Room. The new members will be welcomed.
- The Knights of Columbus Pork Chop Barbeque drive thru will be Sunday, November 15 from 11-12:30 at St. Peter School. See any K of C member or call the school for tickets.

Coming soon...

- Nov. 11- Veteran's Day- thank a vet for service and freedom.
- Nov. 11- Honors after Mass
- Nov. 12- School advisory Council 5:30
- Nov. 15- Pork Chop barbeque 11-12:30
- Nov. 18- *For the Love of Pete* drawing
- Nov. 23- Red Cross blood drive 9-2:00
- Nov. 23-27- no school / Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 29- Advent begins

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