

Have Faith in Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School

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August 5, 2019

Dear Parents:

I hope that your family has had a good summer. We are all excited to welcome our students back to SPPS for the 2019-2020 school year.

As parents, you are always the first and most important teachers for your children. All of us at Sts. Peter & Paul School are here to help you. Together we can help our children grow in their Catholic faith and in their academic progress. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
- 2) reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills and completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
- 3) shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- 4) knows that you expect him/her to succeed by doing his/her best and informs you if he/she needs additional support.

More importantly than our academics is our Catholic faith, learning what the church and Gospels teach us about being followers of Jesus Christ. Sts. Peter & Paul School provides inspirational experiences that teach the Catholic faith and develops a positive prayer life. Faith building is not for school alone and cannot be done without YOU, the parents. What you do and say as Catholic parents, your attitude toward your faith, your example, your attendance at mass, and your prayer life are so important. Together we can help our children know God, love God and serve Him. We look forward to walking this journey of faith with you, We need and appreciate your active and prayerful support.

The school day BEGINS at 8:10am (students should be unpacked & ready to learn) and ends at 2:50pm.

Ordinarily, students **should NOT arrive at school before 7:50AM**. If students from either building arrive before that time they should report to the cafeteria until they are released to their classrooms. A reminder that the doors will be unlocked from 7:30 – 8:15 AM at the Locust St. Building, 7:50 – 8:15 AM at the 4th St. Building, and from 2:45 – 3:15 PM. at both buildings. At other times, you will need to use the buzzer and intercom.

Students may be dropped off on the east end of the church parking lot or on the north end of the Locust Street parking lot. NO ONE is to use the Day Care driveway or drive across the church parking lot to the west exit. Vehicles dropping students off on Fourth Street **MUST** park on the north side of the street. Please be aware of the speed limit, orange cones, crosswalks and crossing guards. Staff members will be directing traffic the first few weeks of school. Please be patient and cooperate by following their direction. Safety is key!

SIGN OUT POLICY – All students in the Locust Street building arriving after the start of the school day or leaving early due to illness or appointments **MUST SIGN IN/OUT** in the office. Adults picking up students in the Fourth Street Building will need to stand at the East door, ring buzzer, state name and who they are there to pick up and their relationship with the individual.

The **school lunch** price for the 2019-2020 year is \$2.60. Please take into account that children in grades 3-8 will be able to purchase extra items with a regular lunch. Parents are encouraged to put money on their child's account at Open House and are asked to send lunch money, as needed. One check can be written to SPPS for multiple children. If doing so, on the memo line record each child's name and the amount you want applied to each account. Low account balance notifications will be sent on the first and last day of the week by e-mail. Students with a negative account balance will not

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be able to purchase extra items. You can check your child's lunch balance by going to our website at sppsottawa.com. Click on "About Us," "Cafeteria," and "Lunch Balance."

We are breaking in a new system for the cafeteria this year, when it is up a running you should be able to add money to your child's lunch account online. Fingers crossed we will have it going sometime in October.

Tech/book bill fees of \$95 per student are due by the first day of school. (Aug. 21).

Please visit our website to update or sign-up for text alerts we will issue throughout the year.

Important activities over the next two weeks:

Thursday, August 14 - Vigil Mass for The Feast of The Assumption – 5 P.M.

- Open House (Grades 1-8) and Ice Cream Social that evening from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

(Plan on stopping by to say hello to your teachers and friends, drop off your school supplies, turn in enclosed Emergency Medical Forms, pay your tech/book fees, and of course enjoy some ice cream.) Kindergartners are invited to attend the ice cream social; however, the kindergarten classrooms will not be open to visit or drop off supplies. These activities are included in the screening on Thursday morning.

Thursday, August 15 - Kindergarten Screening in the A.M.

Wednesday, August 21 – ***The first day of a great new school year***

Friday, August 23 – Join us for our first School Mass at 8:15 AM

2019-2020 Sts. Peter & Paul School Tuition:

<u># of Children</u>	<u>Cost to Educate</u>	<u>Multi Student Discount</u>	<u>Active Parish Member Scholarship</u>	<u>Active Parishioner Cost</u>
1 Student	\$4,950		\$3,000	\$1,950
2 Students	\$9,900	\$ 600	\$6,000	\$3,300
3 Students	\$14,850	\$1,830	\$9,000	\$4,020
4 Students	\$19,800	\$3,780	\$12,000	\$4,020
5 Students	\$24,750	\$5,730	\$15,000	\$4,020

The school office is now open from 8:00 – 2:30, but will be closed on the afternoon of Thursday, August 15 for staff meetings.

Thank you for all of your continued support of Sts. Peter & Paul School and Parish. Please contact any teacher to ask questions or solve problems, and know that my door is always open to help in any way possible.

Blessings,



Connie S. Niese,
Principal