

Sts. Peter and Paul School

Newsletter for the week of October 29, 2018

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Stronger Together 2018 SPPS Appeal



*Great things are happening
at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic STEM School!*

Our academic program is excellent.

Enrollment is strong.

Our families are invested.

Our students are working hard and enjoying learning.

Our teachers are amazing.

Our vision is clear and bringing new energy
to our beautiful school community.



I love sharing about our school with people I meet! As I explain the many amazing things happening at SPPS, people are inevitably awed by the ways God is building His kingdom in and among us. Excitement about our Catholic STEM school is palpable in the wider Catholic community and many people have expressed interest in being a part of this unique mission.



My rich encounters over the past few months have convinced me that now is the time to extend to our parish, community, family and friends a formal invitation to join in our mission. I know that this opportunity will be a source of blessing for everyone involved. To this end, we will be launching the *Stronger Together* 2018 Appeal this coming week.

We are privileged at Sts. Peter and Paul to be able to offer financial support to many families who are truly unable to pay the full cost of tuition. Although our enrollment has increased this year (by 16%!), our tuition and scholarship income has remained relatively the same.

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 31- All Hallow's Eve parties for PreS- 4th; **students in all grades may be out of uniform with jeans and an orange or black shirt.**
- Nov. 1st- All Saints Day! 8:30-9:30 am Saints Alive- 5th grade; 10am Mass- **formal uniform**; 5th-8th parties
- Nov. 7th- SPPS Spirit Day
- Sunday, November 11th- All School Families are invited to attend the **11am Mass** at our parish- 6th graders students will be the readers and gift bearers; Pancake Brunch to follow in Big Mac. All students in complete formal uniform will receive an out of uniform pass.
- Nov. 15th 2pm and 7pm- Talent Show (Gym)
- **SAVE THE DATE: Wed. Nov 28**
 - 6:00- Open House for inquiring families.
 - 7:00pm STEM Showcase Night: Grades 5-8 participation will be graded; Grades 1-4 highly encouraged to attend.

This year we have a \$1,250 difference between the average income per student (tuition, scholarship and fundraising) and the cost to educate each child (\$5,500). This 'gap' must be filled in order for us to serve you and your family well. Our *Stronger Together* Appeal is one way we are working to bridge this gap.

How will this work?

1. We are asking each student (K-8) to bring five business envelopes addressed to family, friends, co-workers, etc. who might be interested supporting our mission at SPPS. Envelopes should be brought to school by this Friday (11/2).
2. Students will write five letters in class. The younger students will use a form letter and the older students will draft their own letters as a class assignment. These letters will explain the gift of our school, the purpose of this appeal and an invitation to partner in our mission.
3. With the letters we will include a card with information about our school and a donation envelope.
4. Parents will receive one service hour for each address their child brings. (You are welcome to submit more than 5 addresses for additional service hours!)



Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Where will the money go?* Donations to the *Stronger Together* Appeal will be deposited in the school Endowment Fund to help cover operating expenses. Donations will not impact your family's tuition rate. All donations are tax deductible.
- *Who should I ask to support this appeal?* We suggest inviting family members, co-workers, neighbors, fellow parishioners, friends who are Catholic School alumni, etc. Gifts of any size will be gratefully accepted! This time of year, many people are looking for a good cause to support as a tax write-off.
- *Should I send more addresses if I have more than one child?* Yes. **Please send five addresses for each child.**
- *Am I signing up my family/friends for a bothersome mailing list?* The school will NOT be saving these addresses for future mailings.
- *What if we don't have any business envelopes at home?* We are happy to supply the students with business envelopes if they need them. Please send the addresses on another piece of paper.
- *Can we donate stamps?* How kind of you to ask! Yes! We would gladly welcome any donations of stamps.

To make this appeal successful we need everyone's participation! I look forward to sharing with you the outcome of this appeal!

We are so grateful **YOU** are a part of our Sts. Peter and Paul School family! We are Stronger Together! Please be assured of our prayers for you and your intentions.

Sister Faustina, OCD *Principal*

Trick or Treating



Looking for a fun stop while out Trick or Treating next week? Students are invited to stop by the convent (4040 Pierce St.)

between 7:00-8:00 pm to show off their costumes and get a sweet treat!

Open House - Weds. Nov 28

92% of SPPS parents responded that they would recommend or have already recommended our school to their family or friends!



If you know of anyone who is interested in attending our school next year (Preschool- 8th grade), we have two upcoming Open Houses (Nov. 28 and Jan. 27).

Our November Open House will be a great opportunity to see our community in ACTION! The evening will begin at 6:00 with a welcome and introduction to our school. Families will then be invited to walk through the school and enjoy our STEM Showcase Night. Please be sure to extend the invitation to your family and friends!