



# Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School

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Dear Families of SSPP,

I am not sure where the time is going! This past Monday we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! As always, the last few months of school are hectic and extremely busy. We continue to plan and finalize many up-coming events such as the Fish Fry, JJV Tournament, Lottery Dance and more. We appreciate your time, energies, and talents as we move forward on this school year. Please know that for another successful fundraising year, we really need your help and are most grateful for you to assist us.

**Mathcounts:** Congratulations to the following students who are headed to **States** for Mathcounts: The Team of Kristof Purtell, Ryan Kenney, Grace Lucci, RJ Ruckert and Dawson Summers took first place at the Penn State Beaver competition and Kristof Purtell will represent SSPP as an individual competitor, winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Congratulations to all participants.

**Congratulations** to Lindsay Faulkner (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) who is among 95 semi-finalists from across the country in contention for one of seven 2018 "Military Child of the Year" awards. Recipients are recognized for their scholarship, volunteerism, leadership, extra-curricular activities and other criteria while facing challenges of military family life.

**Penny War:** Each February local schools partner with the Adoption Connection to raise monies for their cause of assisting parents with the adoption process. We have asked the students to bring in loose change for the classroom collection jar. The class who raises the most money will be treated to a pizza party. I am challenging both Fatima and Peter & Paul to a "Dress Down" Day for the school who brings in the most money!

An email was sent last week informing you to begin the **application process for financial aid**. The two kinds of aid that the diocese provides are the Bishop's Fund (Catholic families only) and the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship (EITC). The link for the application can be found via the diocesan website at <https://diopitt.org/affordable>. Please do not hesitate to meet the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline as the monies get dispensed quickly. You must provide all required documents that includes a copy of your 2017 Income Tax Return and proof of address (Utility Bill). **Please make sure that the person(s) responsible for tuition begins the process for financial aid as soon as possible. DO NOT WAIT!**

**Fish Fry:** Please see the enclosed flyer for detailed information about the Fish Fry. We are sending home a brown paper bag for a more convenient way to send in your donations. These donations will greatly defray our costs. Thank you for your support and cooperation in purchasing our requests. Also, we will be sending out Sign Up Genius for volunteers, donations and student sign-up (Signing your child up to volunteer to work at the Fish Fry is required)

**Valentine's Day parties/ Marti Gras parties:** Our parties for the students will be on Tuesday, 1:40 to 2:30. We will not celebrate with parties on Ash Wednesday. Students in Grades Kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> will celebrate with Homeroom moms and 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will receive treats but chose to just "chill out".

**Basketball play-offs:** My favorite time of the year is March Madness! Currently our Girls Varsity is un-defeated and in first place and our Boys Varsity is tied with Our Lady of Fatima for 1<sup>st</sup> place. I like winning but just this once I would not mind sharing the section title! We will keep you up-dated.

Blessings,

Cindy Baldrige

*Thank you for all that you do for Catholic education, for your cooperation and support and for promoting our school. It is invaluable to our success!*