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Welcome!

August 2026

Dear St. Peter's Families,

Thank you for being a part of the St. Peter's School Ministry. It seems hard to believe, but the 2026-2027 school year is upon us - the first day of school is Wednesday, August 5th! As we celebrate our 163rd academic year, my desire is that every child attending our school receives all that they need to be successful in the world in which we live. We are committed to growing each child academically, socially, emotionally, and most important, spiritually, by intentionally teaching about Jesus every day. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to accomplish the mission, vision, and objectives of our School Ministry.

Printed below is important information necessary to ensure a smooth start to the upcoming school year.

SCHOOL INFORMATION GUIDE

An Information Guide has been prepared to inform you of the various opportunities available for students who attend our school. This guide also contains important policies and procedures, including those related to discipline and athletics. The Information Guide is posted on our website at **www.stpeterscolumbus.org.** Simply click on the SCHOOL tab to access the School Ministry page of the website. Once on the School Ministry page, hover over the PARENTS tab, and scroll down to Resources. A small number of hard copies of the Information Guide are available in the school office and may be obtained by request. Thank you in advance for taking the time to carefully read though this guide.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Also available on our website is a brief summary of the curriculum taught at each grade level. For a more detailed explanation, please do not hesitate to speak with the appropriate teachers.

SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION

Much of the school lunch information, including pricing, is printed in the School Information Guide. Other important information can be found in this folder, including free and reduced hot lunch guidelines and application, and our August lunch menu.

NURSE PACKET

Important information from our nurse is included in this packet. Please carefully read through the information and return all necessary forms.

CHILDREN'S, INC. BROCHURE

Information regarding our after school extended care program, Children's, Inc., is available in this folder. Please call Children's, Inc. to reserve your spot for the upcoming school year.

FOOD ALLERGIES

An increasing number of students have significant food allergies. Please make sure to read the enclosed letter addressing food allergies.

CAR LINE NAME TAGS

Nametags, to be used in the after school car line, are included in this packet. We ask that you prominently display the name tag in the passenger side window of your vehicle so we can easily call your child's name for speedy pick-up from the car line. Please give extra name tags to other family members who may be picking up your child.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

A detailed calendar of events for the 2025/2026 school year is also in this packet.

21st CENTURY SCHOLAR INFORMATION

There is an outstanding program that is available to all families with 7th – 8th grade children who qualify for free or reduced hot lunch. The program is called, "Twenty-first Century Scholars." This program provides four FREE years of college tuition for qualifying students. This is a real program that has allowed many Hoosier young adults to attend college for FREE. Please check out the letter enclosed in this packet for more information.

6/7/8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP DEPOSIT LETTER

Students in 6th through 8th grade all take special field trips that require additional financial support. Our 6th graders participate in an outdoor education experience, our 7th graders travel to Cincinnati, and our 8th graders travel to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. Please read through the information in the Deposit Letter and do your best to meet the field trip deposit deadlines.

REQUIRED FORMS TO RETURN

All required forms are available in this packet AND on our school website at **www.stpeterscolumbus.org**. You may either turn in hard copies of the required paperwork or submit electronic copies of the paperwork to **pkamman@stpeters-columbus.org**.

Forms that must be returned are:

1. Parental Agreements Form
2. Emergency Information Card
3. Food Allergies Form
4. After School Walking / Biking Permission Slip
5. Prescription Medication Permission Form (if applicable)
6. Over the Counter Medication Permission Form (if applicable)
7. BSCS Transportation Request (if applicable)
8. Application for Free/Reduced Hot Lunch (if applicable) – Found in the Hot Lunch Folder of this Packet

St. Peter's thanks you for entrusting your children with us as we assist your family to *bring up your children in the instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)*. This truly is the most important service that we will provide for your family. As we begin another school year, let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on Christ as we partner together to educate your children.

Yours in Christ,

Staci Schiefer

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