



SS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL  
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The SS. Peter and Paul School Family ministers to students in pre-k to grade 8: encouraging actions that model Jesus.

- S Strengthens Catholic teaching through prayer and community service
- S Supports students' academic, spiritual and emotional needs
- P Promotes a safe and positive learning environment to an increasingly diverse population
- P Provides opportunities for family involvement in children's religious, academic and social lives.

Dear SS. Peter and Paul School families,

I trust that everyone had a joyous holiday season. We have many events scheduled for January 2018! Catholic Schools Week runs from January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The staff is planning many fun activities for this week. We will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our annual Catholic Schools Mass on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Open House is also scheduled for this day starting at 3:00 P.M. We are planning to serve a big ziti and meatball dinner with other goodies in the school gym courtesy of Home & School after the Mass.

SS. Peter and Paul scholarship money will be distributed in several weeks. Information regarding scholarships will be located on our website. We try to distribute scholarship money as evenly as possible to families in need. Student academic progress and family involvement are two important criteria that are used in determining the amount of the awards.

In late April, SS. Peter and Paul School will be visited by a New England Schools and Colleges visiting team to evaluate the school for our continued accreditation. The staff is in the process of preparing for this now. I have been trying to do some painting in the hallways and in the lower grade classrooms in preparation for this visit. It would be nice to get a group together during April vacation to go through the school to make sure that it looks as good as possible.

We periodically need new members for the SS. Peter and Paul School Board. Parents who are supportive of the school and can meet on Tuesday night every other month are welcome to inquire about joining the school board. The pastor makes the final decision regarding the appointment of school board members.

There have been a few questions regarding students receiving detentions versus warning slips. I have explained if students violate rules deliberately, causing physical/verbal harm or create classroom disruptions that they should be given detentions. Warning slips may be given for minor problems such as missing homework, etc.

Students may continue to wear their spirit shirt hoodies in school during the winter months. The faculty has agreed that the students look fine and that they are not causing any distractions.

Progress reports will be coming out on January 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be distributed to students in grades 1-8. Also midterm exams will be given near the end of the month in grades 6-8.

As always, please check the school website at [sspwtby.com](http://sspwtby.com) and our Facebook page for school updates. The school calendars and the Home and School updates are located on our website. All school fundraisers are posted there. Please try to participate in fundraisers, as they help to offset tuition costs.

Thank you for your continued support and may God bless you,

Mr. Gambardella