



# PRESCHOOL CHATTER



St. Peter Lutheran School, Arlington Heights September 2017

*It is my joy to welcome you to the first PRESCHOOL CHATTER* newsletter of the 2017 – 2018 school year. This monthly newsletter assists our St Peter preschool families to be better connected with the learning, activities, staff, and ministry of St. Peter Lutheran Church and School. It supplements, enriches and affirms much of the information which are shared in the classroom newsletters, too. It is hoped that all of the preschool families at St. Peter are able to take a few minutes each month to read through these newsletters so they can become very familiar with the information about school related events and topics. The PRESCHOOL CHATTER is generally sent out electronically during the first week of each month from September through May to all St. Peter preschool families. Hard copies of it are also available in both of the preschool wings of the building as well as electronically on the school's website [www.stpetermyschool.com](http://www.stpetermyschool.com)

Blessings,

Julie Klopke

Asst. Principal /Early Childhood Director



## SMILES FROM

6 of our 11 St. Peter Preschool Classes



## Let's Go to the Fire Station

The half and full day preschool classes will be walking to the nearby Arlington Heights Fire Station #2 to learn more about the work of fire fighters. These classes will be attending this trip on the following schedule:

○ Tues. Sept 19	8:25-9:45 AM	5 Full Day	Wickboldt
	9:10 – 10:30 AM	5 Full Day	Koclanis
○ Wed. Sept 20	8:25-9:45 AM	5 Flex Full Day	Grissom
	9:10 – 10:30 AM	3-4's AM Half Day	Keller
○ Thurs. Sept 21	8:25-9:45 AM	2 Full Day	Staehlin
	9:10 – 10:30 AM	3's AM Half Day	Keller
○ Fri. Sept 22	8:25-9:45 AM	3 Full Day	Sustr
	9:10 – 10:30 AM	3 Full Day	Staehlin



All students are encouraged to wear a St. Peter or any other red shirt for this field trip. Family members wishing to chaperone this trip are asked to sign-up with their child's classroom teacher and if not already done so, please complete the Protection Ministry Screening process (see the attached flyer & article). Completion of this process is needed for participation on this and all upcoming field trips. NOTE: The PDO students will be visiting the fire fighters when they come to St. Peter during early October during Fire Prevention Week.

## Pumpkin Patch Field Trip... October 16 & 17

Fall wouldn't be the same without our St. Peter preschoolers, staff, and parent chaperones experiencing Stade's Farm in McHenry on October 16 & 17. The trip will take place from 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM on each of these days. On this trip, everyone will experience a bus ride to the farm, a hayride through the orchard and pumpkin patch, viewing and petting, some farm animals, some fall attractions, a cider donut, some hands-on farm exhibits, as well as their choice of a child sized pumpkin. The classes will attend this field trip on the following schedule:

Monday, October 16	3-4's AM Half Day	Keller
	3 Full Day	Staehlin & Sustr
	5 Flex Full Day	Grissom
Tuesday, October 17	3's AM Half Day	Keller
	2 Full Day	Staehlin
	5 Full Day	Koclanis & Wickboldt



Parents wishing to chaperone (*who have completed the Protection Ministry Screening process by the day of the field trip*) can sign up to go on this field trip by signing-up through their child's teacher, as well as submitting a \$10 fee. These fees will cover all entrance fees at the Pumpkin Patch as well as all of the activities at the farm, a child-size pumpkin and a cider donut. The cost of bus transportation for all preschoolers, staff, and registered chaperones will be covered by the St. Peter Student Activity Fee accounts. The admission fees for the Pumpkin Patch for our preschool students are also covered by these Student Activity Fees so there is not extra fees for the preschoolers for this trip. Watch the classroom newsletters for more updates on this upcoming trip. NOTE: The PDO students, who do not participate in off-campus fieldtrips, will be experiencing special pumpkin picking activities on the PDO playground on October 16 & 17.

## We Welcome to St. Peter

- 85 newly enrolled preschoolers to St. Peter
- Mrs. Tracy Marchetti, our new special education coordinator
- Mrs. Daniele Folker, our new orchestra teacher
- Mrs. Miriam Eniywa, our new cafeteria manager
- Mrs. Theresa Schultz, our new receptionist
- Our new mascot.... a large St. Bernard costumed dog, who will be named in a school wide vote within the next few weeks



## It's School Picture Time

Everyone should bring their "Preschool Smiles" on September 25 – 27 for their individual and class pictures. The preschoolers will have their pictures taken by VIP Photography on the following schedule:

**Mon. Sept 25:** 3-4's AM (Keller), 3 Full Day (Sustr & Staehlin) 5 Flex Day (Grissom), 5 Full Day (Koclanis & Wickboldt) & PDO (Strickland & Engelhardt)

**Tues. Sept 26:** 3's AM (Keller), 2 Full Day (Staehlin) & PDO (Strickland & Engelhardt)

**Wed. Sept 27:** PDO (Strickland & Engelhardt)

More information about ordering individual and class photos will be sent our about a week before these picture days. NOTE: PDO Thursday & Friday students may come in during the mornings on any of these three days with their parents to have their individual pictures taken. These families should see Mrs. Strickland or Mrs Engelhardt regarding the times for their class photos.

## Spirit Wear Orders



The **St. Peter Web Store** will be open through midnight of September 10<sup>th</sup>. Special toddler and extra small sizes are now available for order through this Web Store. All orders will be available to pick up at St. Peter 2-3 weeks after store closing. Visit the store today: <http://www.waistup.com/Saint Peter Saints> A second ordering window through this site will be available in late fall for delivery before Christmas, too.

**Need a St. Peter shirt NOW?** - We have a small inventory of red shirts (child small & medium) in the D2 design available at school for \$12. Please contact Kristin Drake ([kdrake@fullifeinchrist.org](mailto:kdrake@fullifeinchrist.org)) to set up a time to purchase a shirt after school while supplies last.

# **Protection Screening Nights**

If you want to go on field trips or be a frequent or regular volunteer, you need to get screened. If you need protection screening, you can do it all in one night!

Protection Screening Nights will be held on **Wednesday, September 6 and Tuesday, October 3** in the Life Center. You will be able to complete any or all of the steps of the protection screening process: the protection application, the interview, start the reference checking process, and watch the Protection Training class video. See attached flyer for more details. Questions: Contact Isabel Peterson @224-387-3857 or [ipeterson@FullLifeinChrist.org](mailto:ipeterson@FullLifeinChrist.org).

## **Preschool Chapel Opportunities**

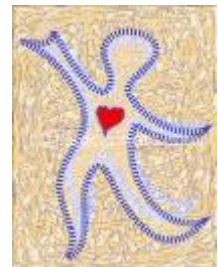
Worshipping Jesus is an engaging joy for our preschoolers. One of the opportunities that our young students have to experience worship at St. Peter is through a variety of chapel experiences. During the school year, they will experience chapel in three different types of formats:

1. Preschool Chapel- Our preschoolers come together in groups of four classes at a time with their preschool teachers every month for developmentally appropriate worship experiences. These services are held on a rotational basis on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays one month to Wednesday, Thursdays, Fridays the next month. These services are typically led on a rotational basis by our preschool staff. In September, the Preschool Chapel services will be on



September 6,7 & 8 from 9:45 – 10:05 by Mrs. Julie Klopke

2. Split Chapel- Our preschoolers join their friends in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade approximately once per month. These services are led by a variety of teachers, pastors, and outside speakers on Wednesdays from 8:15 – 9:00 AM. Preschool students are asked to arrive at 8:00 AM on these days. These special chapel services will be announced in advance on school and classroom calendars. The first Split Chapel service will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at 8:15 AM.



3. All-School Chapel- During special holiday seasons of the year, our preschoolers will be joining the kindergarteners through 8<sup>th</sup> graders for some joint school chapel services. These services are typically on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 8:15 – 9:00. Similar to the days in which they participate in the Split Chapel services, preschoolers are asked to arrive at school at 8:00 AM on these days. The first all school chapel service will be Tuesday, November 21 at 8:15 AM.



# September & October 2017

Sept 4 Labor Day: Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade & Extended Care are closed

Sept 6 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM

Sept 6 Volunteer Screening Night 6:30 PM

Sept 7 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM

Sept 8 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM

Sept 15 Spirit Day & JoJo Story Times



Sept 18 - 22 Walking Field Trips to the Arlington Heights Fire Station

Sept 20 Split Chapel for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:15. Be at school at 8:00 AM

Sept 21 JoJo Story Times

Sept 24 Fusion starts 10 AM on Sundays

Sept 25 - 27 Individual and Class Pictures- 7:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Sept 29 Outdoor Art Adventure Day

Oct 3 Volunteer Screening Night 6:30 PM

Oct 6 NID Teachers Conference- Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade closed;  
Extended Care open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Oct 9 Columbus Day: Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade closed;  
Extended Care open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Oct 11 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM

Oct 12 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM

Oct 13 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM & JoJo Story times

Oct 16 Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch (Stade's Farm):  
3-4's AM (Keller), 3 Full Day (Staehlin & Sustr), 5 Full/Flex Day (Grissom)



Oct 17 Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch (Stade's Farm):  
3's AM (Keller), 2 Full Day (Staehlin), 5 Full Day (Wickboldt & Koclanis)

Oct 20 Spirit Day

Oct 20 Preschool Pumpkin Night 6:30 PM

Oct 21 St. Peter Oktoberfest 4:00 - 11:00 PM

Oct 25 Split Chapel (Preschool - Grade 5) 8:15 AM

Oct 26 JoJo Storytimes/Tales with Tails

