

St. Peter's Elementary School
September 2011 Commission Report

1. The Toledo Diocese requires all diocesan schools to submit a five-day enrollment count to their office each year. Last year's enrollment in preschool through grade at that time was 362. This year's enrollment is 343. Please see the figures below.

<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
Pre – 67	59
K – 46	44
1 – 29	41
2 – 37	48
3 – 47	45
4 – 41	46
5 – 39	39
6 – 37	40

2. The 2011-2012 St. Peter's Elementary/Montessori Parent Handbook has been updated and posted on the school's website. All parents received notification of this in last week's parent letter.
3. The Elementary School's Teacher Handbook has been updated for this school year and is posted on the t-drive for teacher access.
4. All teachers in the elementary school sign up to serve as members on committees and are asked to act as moderators/advisors for after-school enrichment programs. A handout listing the committees and after-school enrichment programs will be provided to all School Commission members at our September meeting.
5. The theme for the coming school year in the elementary school will be "The RESPECT You Want = The RESPECT You Give." This theme is in keeping with our school improvement plan goals. You will see this theme being emphasized in various communications and highlighted in the entry of the school building. This theme reflects the goals of our School Improvement Plan as we begin year three in our five-year plan. The plan goals are:
Catholic Identity Goal: Students at St. Peter's Elementary School will give witness to the message of Jesus Christ by demonstrating growth in their respect for each other.

Student Learning Goal: Students at St. Peter's Elementary School will improve their critical thinking skills in math by developing problem solving strategies with practical applications.
6. The kickoff for the magazine sale was held on Monday, September 12. The first collection date is Thursday, September 15. Students who turn in twelve or more orders on that date are eligible to ride the Hummer limousine to lunch. A packet of information containing details of this event was sent home on Monday. **All**

- checks for magazine sales should be made payable to St. Peter's School.** For even easier ordering and tracking of your magazines you may go online at www.qsp.com, school code is 425001686. Mrs. Sue Blank is coordinating this fundraiser. If you have any questions, please call Sue at 419-756-5080.
7. School pictures will be taken tomorrow Wednesday, September 14. For this occasion, students may be out of dress code. We ask that parents choose clothing for the photograph which is in keeping with the guidelines and spirit of our dress code and is appropriate for a Catholic school setting, remembering that only a student's body above the waist actually shows in the photo. All students, even those who are not purchasing their pictures, will be photographed for the school yearbook.
 8. Free and reduced lunch applications are available on our school web site at <http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org/stpeters/schools/freeLUNCHform.pdf>. For those families who qualify, the form is to be returned to the school office or cafeteria by Friday, September 16.
 9. Students in grades 3-6 will be administered the Scantron achievement tests in the areas of reading, language arts, math, and science during the last week in September and during the month of October. The students in grade three who are part of the Ohio EdChoice program will be administered the Ohio Achievement Assessment in reading during the week of October 3. In addition, students in grade 5 will take the ACRE (Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education) test during the week of October 3.
 10. Parents of third graders as well as parents of all new students (grades 3-6) have received information about Progressbook. Progressbook allows parents to access information online about their child's progress, test scores, homework assignments, missing work, etc. Directions for using Progressbook and the confidential user name and password were included in the letter. Parents of children in grades 4-6 who attended St. Peter's last year already have this information.
 11. Parents of students in kindergarten through grade six also have received a letter about Moodle that our teachers will once again be using this school year. Directions for using Moodle and the user name and password for each student were included in the letter sent home to parents last week.