

St. Peter's Parish School Commission  
High School and Junior High Report for Tuesday, April 5, 2011  
(Adapted from April 4 Newsletter)

1. Our last scheduled Parent-Teacher Conference Night for the year is this Thursday, April 7, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. with appointments at 15-minute intervals. To make appointments, just email our office manager, Mrs. Laura Gregory, and let her know what teachers you'd like to see and when you can be here. She'll organize your appointments for you and send you a schedule. Her email address is [gregory.laura@myspartans.org](mailto:gregory.laura@myspartans.org) and, if you prefer to call, her number is 419/524-0979, ext. 6100.
2. Remember that we used so many snow days during third quarter that we extended the term. This means that report cards may not hit your U.S. mailbox in time for you to decide whether or not you want conference appointments. Please consult ProgressBook on or after Wednesday morning, April 6, for final third quarter grades. Be sure to click quarter three on the pull-down menu so that you get the right information.
3. Thursday, April 7, is also the spring uniform sale. Representatives from Educational Apparel will have our school uniform items available for you to purchase in the Church basement from 2:30 until 6:00 p.m. Several of our young ladies need new skirts. The too-tight, too-short skirts should be replaced, please. Thank you for your help and support with this.
4. Thank you, in advance, to all who are able to support the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Silent Auction at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center this Friday, April 8, from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. If you have not already purchased tickets, they are available at the door. All adults are welcome!
5. Our last day of school before Easter vacation is Friday, April 15. On that morning at 9:00 we will hold a pre-Holy Week Morning Prayer Service for grades 1 – 12. This is not a Mass but a way to allow students to experience a different prayer form. Because Easter is so late this year, our vacation happens during Holy Week. This Morning Prayer will allow a bit of a preview into the feeling and emotion of the prayers of Holy Week. It is a somber, reverent service of both spoken and sung prayer and scripture. I hope our students find it meaningful.
6. We return from Easter vacation on Tuesday, April 26. On this day our juniors will attend the Richland County Mock Crash program at the fairgrounds. Please remind them to dress for the weather. I'm concerned that they will forget about this over vacation. Please note it on your calendar. They will hold it as scheduled if the weather is cold. Rain, though, will move it to the next day, Wednesday, April 27.
7. Tuesday, April 26, is also the day we begin Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) testing in the junior high. One of the requirements of the Ohio EdChoice program is that we use the same assessment tools as the public schools in our state. The high school students all take the OGT so they are covered. The junior high students, however, do not use the same assessment so our EdChoice students need to take the OAA even though they have already taken their Scantron tests. Please encourage them to stay well-rested and have a good breakfast each day that week.
8. We have two May calendar changes to note. May Crowning was originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 3. Due to a scheduling conflict in the Church, our **May Crowning**

**ceremony has been moved to Monday, May 2**, at 12:00 noon in St. Peter's Church. Also, the high school band and the high school-junior high choir concert had to be moved off of Wednesday, May 11. The new date for **the high school band and high school-junior high choir spring concert is Monday, May 9**. The time is yet to be determined as we may have to accommodate a sporting event prior to the concert. (We're back to the thing about spring weather again!) The concert starting time will be either 7:00 or 7:30.

9. On Thursday, May 19, we will celebrate our eighth graders with a Mass for them and their parents in Church at 6:30 p.m. Now that our students are part of a grades seven through twelve program, we do not treat the passing of eighth grade as a graduation but we do want to celebrate their transition from junior high to high school. The Mass planned for Thursday, May 19, will be much like our eighth grade graduation Masses of the past. Students will wear gowns and be escorted in by their parents. The significant difference will be that students will not receive diplomas. As the year will have not yet ended on May 19, it would be premature to distribute diplomas anyway but, now that our program includes both junior high and high school, we will no longer confer diplomas at the eighth grade level. All are welcome to attend this Mass. I need some seventh grade parents to help organize a cake and punch reception to follow the Mass. Please reply email or phone me at 419/524-0979, ext. 3101 to volunteer.
10. Please keep our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Monica Sved, and her family in your prayers. Mrs. Sved's father died early Sunday morning. Mrs. Sved will be away so that she can be with her family this week. If you would like to express your condolences in a card, we would be glad to collect them for you in the school office. We will assemble them prettily in a container and I'm sure they will bring Mrs. Sved comfort in the days to come. May the souls of our loved ones and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.
11. Your students may have told you that I asked them to pray for one another. It strikes me that everyone is in need of a break. Tensions are a little higher than usual and I think that's because Easter and our vacation are unusually late. God bless you and your family as you pray your way through Holy Week and celebrate the miracle that is Easter. We pray especially for those who are entering the Church and will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday Night. Our own Mr. Lew Friend, director of our bands, is one of them. Please keep all of these candidates for entrance into the Church in your prayers.

Best wishes for a safe and restful Easter vacation!

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Reith