

## Kid Konnection

St. Peter's Episcopal School





November 2018

## Message from the Director, Janet Boutin

November gives those of us at St. Peter's School a special opportunity to count the many blessings God has given us. Most importantly, we are all blessed to have your children at our school. Their happy faces are a constant joy to all of our staff. We are also very thankful for the tremendous support of our families through participation in the Parent Association activities and as classroom volunteers. As Director, I am privileged to work with such a dedicated staff of loving teachers. Our staff is committed to providing the best education and ongoing opportunities to learn and grow in God's world. They deserve our thanks.

'In 1969, Rev. Marvin "Red" Bond started this school. Every year, our school celebrates his birthday (March 26th) as Red Day. We celebrate by students wearing red to school and our teachers plan red art, snacks and other red projects. This year, we are especially proud that Red Day will mark our School's 50th year on March 26th.

Please mark your calendars for two special chapels. On Wednesday, November 14th, all of St. Peter's School will join together for our "Feed the Hungry" Chapel. Our students will collect much needed canned items for the Christian Assistance Ministry. Also, on Wednesday, December 5th, St. Peter's School will join together for our Annual St. Nicholas/Toy Chapel. We will collect Christmas presents for the young children of Divinity Family Services. Both of these special chapels help our children to experience the joy of giving and helping others in our community.

May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!





### Message from the Parent Association: Amanda McDonald, President

The Book Fair was a fun success. A BIG' thanks to the families who helped set up and work the fair and to all who supported the fair by purchasing books. We not only earned much needed funds but there are approximately 100 new books in the library and classrooms and ultimately into the hands of your children. Thank you!

The holidays are around the corner. The Thanksgiving Feast for the children is Friday, November 16th. We can pitch in to

help set up, serve and clean up.

Please plan to attend our next Parent Association meeting on Friday, November 2nd, noon.







Parent Association Meeting: Friday, Nov. 2nd at noon in Tucker Hall.

<u>Daylight Savings Time Ends</u>: Sunday, Nov. 4th.

School Board Meeting: Monday, Nov. 5th.

<u>Fall Festival</u>: Thursday, Nov. 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

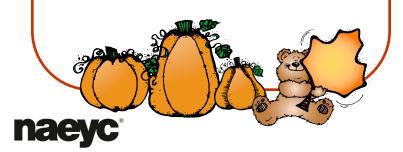
<u>School Holiday:</u> Friday, Nov. 12th in observance of Veteran's Day.

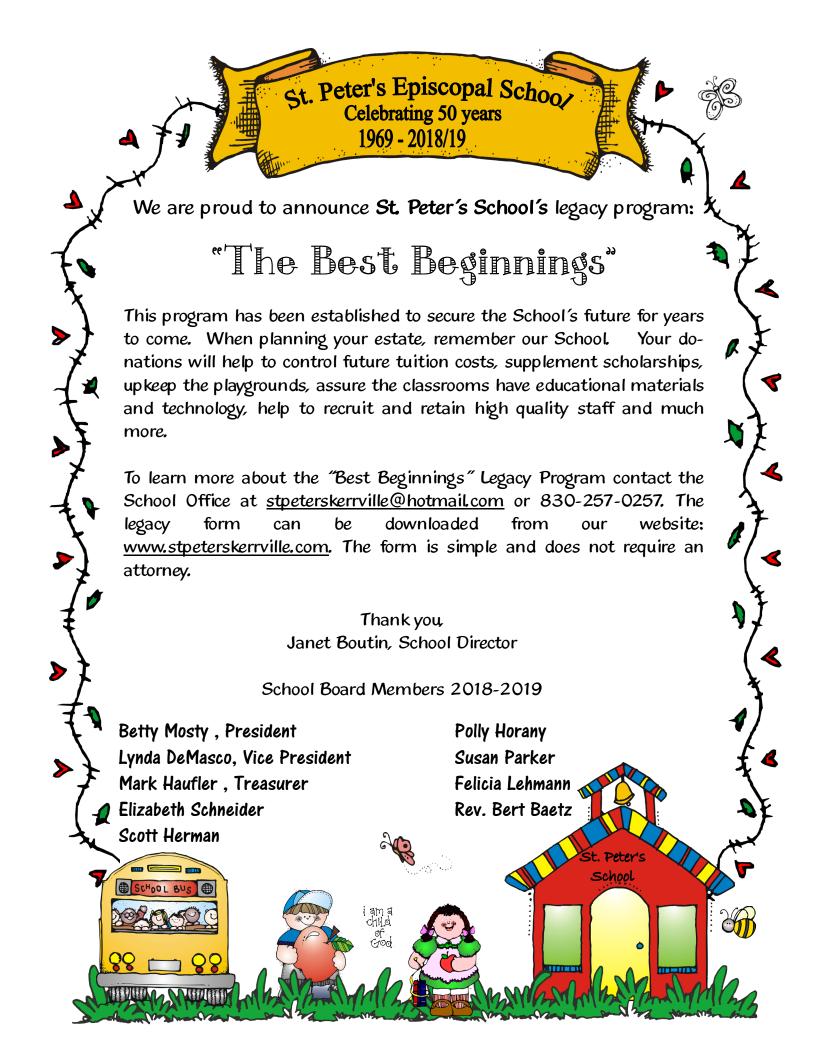
School Wide Chapel (Feed the Hungry): Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 9:00 a.m. Please send non-perishable foods anytime between now and Nov. 14th.

Thanksgiving Feast: Friday, Nov. 16th, 10:30 a.m. You are invited to participate in our celebration of Thanksgiving. The children will feast on turkey, cheese, fruit, etc. Your child's teacher will let you know what food item their class will be providing for the feast. After School Care will run as usual, but you will not need to send lunch.

<u>Thanksgiving Holidays</u>: Monday thru Friday, Nov. 19th—23rd. No School.

St. Nicholas/Toy Chapel (All School): Dec. 5th at 9:00 a.m. Please send a gift offering that will be shared with the children helped by Divinity Family Services. Please limit your gift items for children under 5 years of age, do not send weapons. Also, do not wrap the gifts. We give these gifts instead of exchanging classroom gifts.





# Health and Safety News

As a result of House Bill 2086 that passed during the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 42 of the Human Resource Code will be amended to include Section 42.064 requiring that information about **gangfree zones** be distributed to parents and guardians of children in care at licensed child care centers.

What is a gang-free zone? A gang-free zone is a designated area around a specific location where certain gang related activity is prohibited and is subject to increased penalty under Texas law. Specific locations where certain gang related criminal activity is now prohibited include, but are not limited to, public schools, playgrounds, video arcade facilities, and day care centers.

The area that falls within a gang-free zone can vary depending on the type of location. For example, certain gang-related criminal activity that occurs within 300 feet of a video arcade facility is a violation of the new law, whereas certain gang-related criminal activity that occurs within 1000 feet of a school or day care center is a violation of the law.

How do parents know where the gang-free zone ends? The gang-free zone is within 1000 feet of your child care program. Maps may be produced for the purposes of prosecution and may be updated by the local municipal or county engineer. Parents may contact their local municipality to attempt to obtain a copy of the map if they choose to do so.

At St. Peter's School, the safety of our students is always our top priority. Contact the School Office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Janet Boutin, Director

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### Dress Code

Children are expected to wear comfortable, casual, wash and wear clothing to school.

#### Tennis shoes

should be worn at all times. Sandals, boots, and other hard-soled shoes are not appropriate or safe for the playground. It is also recommended that clothing worn be easy for your child to get on and off by themselves. St. Peter's t-shirts are required for all off-campus activities.



