

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Saint Peter RC School believes in educating the whole child, and, towards that end, offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

DRAMA

Each year, students in Grades 4-8 are invited to participate in our All School Musical. Students can sing, dance, act, prepare scenery and costumes, serve as assistant directors, work the lights and sound or be a part of the stage crew. There is a job for anyone and everyone who wants to be involved. Drama club meets Thursdays after school and more frequently as we approach the date of the Musical...this year...March 13 and 14, 2020. A great Musical is planned and will be revealed at our first Drama Club meeting in September 2019.

CHORUS

Singing is praying twice and our Chorus does the job in fine style. Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ruth Baumler, and Mrs. Liz Krajewski, chorus members meet every Wednesday after school to prepare for Friday Mass and any other upcoming event. The Chorus performs at the Christmas Program in Church, the Night of the Arts during Catholic Schools Week, the Lewiston Gazebo which opens the Christmas season and at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine during the Christmas season. Many other invitations for our Chorus to perform occur within the community, and we are always ready to share our talents. There will be new opportunities this year with our new Music teacher, who will be offering private voice lessons after school. We have LOTS to sing about!

BELLS/CHIMES

Each year, Mrs. Baumler selects a class(es) who will practice with her to learn the bells and/or the chimes. These classes will perform throughout the year at festivals and concerts, and can pride themselves on learning an instrument that is not often seen in a band. Students learn to read music and follow the directions of the director. Mrs. Baumler takes great pride in sharing this skill with our SPS students.

FUTURE CITY

Future City starts with a question—how can we make the world a better place? To answer it, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students imagine, research, design, and build cities of the future that showcase their solution to a citywide sustainability issue. Past topics include storm water management, urban agriculture, public spaces, and green energy. **The 2019-2020 theme is *Clean Water: Tap Into Tomorrow*. Teams will choose a threat to their city's water supply and design a resilient system to maintain a reliable supply of clean drinking water.**

Participants complete five deliverables: a virtual city design (using SimCity); a 1,500-word city essay; a scale model built from recycled materials; a project plan, and a presentation to judges at Regional Competitions in January. Regional winners

represent their region at the Finals in Washington, DC in February. After completing Future City, student participants are not only prepared to be citizens of today's complex and technical world, but also poised to become the drivers of tomorrow. Mrs. Keely Say, Ms. Emma Seager and Ms. Denise Carlson moderate this club.

MUSIC LESSONS/BAND/VOICE

Ms. Kim Mortise is on site each Thursday to teach instrumental music lessons through the Paul Effman School of Music. Parents pay for lessons in flute, percussion, trumpet, etc., and as the students progress, they become members of our SPS band. Most students go on to high school and play in the school bands there. Students involved in these musical options will perform at the Christmas Program, at the Athletic Awards Assembly, at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and wherever they are invited, throughout the school year. Opportunities for All County Music Festival are a part of the opportunities and several SPS students have participated and done very well.

New this year...Mrs. Liz Krajewski will be offering private voice lessons, after school on a day and time to be determined. Parent pay options will be set in place as the lessons begin.

JUNIOR SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Giving back to others is the mainstay of our faith and Middle School students are invited to make that extra commitment to this endeavor, by joining our Jr. St. Vincent DePaul Society. Students share stories, listen to speakers and perform charitable works within the parish and in the Lewiston community as they carry out the work of the Lord. Mr. Jim Allen is our Moderator and this group meets weekly after school.

ALTAR SERVERS

Once a student has received their First Holy Communion, they are invited to be an Altar Server at the School Masses and the weekend and Holy Day Masses. Mr. Joe Conti will train any boy or girl who is interested in participating in this special gift. Father Tom will also work with the Altar Servers as they begin their ministry and might be a bit nervous...there is a first time for all!

FOOD BASKETS

All families participate in our gift baskets for the needy, especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Students not only bring in items to share, but help with the packaging and delivery of the baskets. After Friday Mass, grade 8 students help by carrying food items left in the buns in Church to the food shelf in our cafeteria.

SCIENCE FAIR

Under the direction of our Middle School Science teacher, Ms. Emma Seager, all students will be involved in this year's Science Fair. Emma has some new twists and great ideas to make this an exciting learning opportunity for even the littlest of SPS scientists!

NIGHT OF THE ARTS

As a part of our annual Catholic School's Week Celebration, on Tuesday January 28, 2020, we will celebrate our SPS NIGHT OF THE ARTS. Students will share all of their artistic talents on stage. Chorus, drama, dance, individual and group talent, a band presentation and a school-wide art display make this an event you will not want to miss.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Please contact Mrs. Anna Moran, our Student Support Teacher, who will work with families who are in need of after school tutoring for their child. Anna will work to find the right connection to support the individual needs of each child. Anna can be reached at amoran@stpeterrc.org.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Each class at SPS adopts a group or an organization for whom they pray and do good works for throughout each year. Classes choose their group or organization and determine the ways they will share God's love. It is one small way of giving back and sharing with others all the good that God has given us.

STREAM ACADEMIES

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, RELIGION, ENGINEERING, THE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS, all work together to make learning apply to real life situations and to make learning fun. 2-3 eight week sessions of academies are offered after school, with an "academy" or a "club" available for every age group. Mrs. Ann Kerr oversees these clubs as well as the ongoing STREAM learning in all classrooms and across all curriculums, and all the educationally related field trips.

THREE GREAT GRADES

Grades 3, 4 and 5 have formed themselves into a business model, complete with a CEO, CFO, and other business style positions as they learn how to be ready for the world of work, even at this early age. Representatives from each grade meet regularly to strategize and plan what they can do to help build our school. Project #1 was a huge success as the three grades held events and fundraisers to purchase and install an energy saving drinking fountain for the second floor hallway. We are excited to see what the task is for the coming school year.

SPORTS

We offer a great sports program as extra-curricular, as well, and it will be detailed under the heading of SPORTS.

If students have an interest, then we will do our best to make it happen into a club or a group. We all know that some of the best ideas and greatest learning happens when it comes from the students themselves.