

# St. Peter School Newsletter

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## RE- REGISTRATION TIME

It's time to re-register at St. Peter School for the 2018/2019 School Year. We are expecting to have waiting lists for more than one grade level so it is imperative that you get your name on next year's roster list soon! Please note the following important dates:

### **February 28, 2018**

Current students and siblings re-registration deadline to hold a spot. EdChoice Traditional and especially EdChoice Expansion Renewals should be submitted to office

### **March 1, 2018**

Open registration for new families April 30, 2018 EdChoice application window closes. It may reopen again in July for Traditional EdChoice applications ONLY.

Dear Parents,

We continue to be saddened by violence happening in schools around us. I know that in the midst of tragedies that occur parents wonder if their children are safe here at St. Peter School. While no one can guarantee a risk free environment, I want to assure you that we take the safety of our students and staff very seriously. Below lists a summary of some features that we have in place every day:

- St. Peter School Safety plan meets all local, state, and federal requirements. We have had the input of safety personnel in the plan as well as access to a former Homeland Security Officer who is on call to assist us with any planning. Our local safety forces had to sign off on the plan after it was first developed.
- Mrs. Fusillo received an A.L.I.C.E. Instructor Certification in 2014 with a refresher course in 2016. All staff was instructed in A.L.I.C.E., a proactive method of school safety, and have had refresher courses yearly. In the fall of this school year, a detective directed a workshop/in-service for all staff members in this procedure.
- At least monthly, we have safety drills that include shelter in place, evacuation, lock down at 3 levels, and tornado drills.
- We have secured a grant 3 years ago, that allowed for the purchase of the main door cameras, and the door system that can only be opened from a secure location. The doors are monitored continuously from the main offices.
- We have secured a grant 2 years ago, that paid for an all school phone system, adding a phone in every classroom and includes paging/announcement, and two way communication features.
- We installed a gate across the front steps from Cleveland Ave to eliminate cut-through traffic in front of the main door.
- Within the classrooms, teachers have the use of their cell phones to access our safety plan flipchart and rosters from an app called Navigate. Their cell phones also provide a means of room-to-room or room-to-office communications.
- Students, parents, and staff, are reminded NOT to open doors for anyone, even if they know them.
- We are continually looking for additional grants and resources to acquire even more surveillance equipment.
- Our safety plan is a fluid plan in the sense that we are always looking for better procedures.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns regarding school safety at any time.

Blessing,

Mrs. Sandie Fusillo