

# 5th-8th Grades Newsletter

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Upcoming Events, Projects, Tests, Etc.

*The mission of St. Peter School is to educate the whole child within the framework of Catholic beliefs.*

News from Mrs. Nahach - [lnahach@stpeterfultonmo.org](mailto:lnahach@stpeterfultonmo.org)

Students and teachers are joining forces for many of our traditional activities, such as Red Ribbon Week and Halloween Extravaganza. During Red Ribbon Week, we promote school spirit and drug awareness. On the afternoon of October 31, we hold Halloween Extravaganza, a two-hour party with a costume contest, snacks, and games. It's not too early to start planning your costume.

For the annual essay contest, the Daughters of the American Revolution want students to address the pros and the cons of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment gave women the right to vote and hold elective office. Nowadays, women take that right for granted, but in the early 1900s, the amendment was a divisive issue. What would have been your opinion on it?

News from Mrs. Dubbert - [jdubbert@stpeterfultonmo.org](mailto:jdubbert@stpeterfultonmo.org) As you may have noticed in the upcoming events, it is DAR essay time again. Fifth and sixth grade students will be working on the essay in computer, as well as, with Mrs. Nahach. The topic this year is "The Women's Suffrage Campaign". All students will be required to submit an essay. Fifth grade students' essays are to be between 300-600 words. Sixth grade essays are to be between 600-1000 words. All essays will be submitted using Google Docs. The teachers will determine which essays qualify for the essay contest. Fifth and sixth graders will receive a grade in communication arts for their final draft. They may also receive credit in Mrs. Nahach's classes.

I look forward to seeing you at our fall conferences. I expect the student to attend conferences with parents. Please make sure you sign up on Option C so you can select a convenient time.

News from Mrs. Arms - [tarms@stpeterfultonmo.org](mailto:tarms@stpeterfultonmo.org)

During testing week, our regular class schedule is altered. We have had math classes twice this week. Sixth grade students are multiplying decimals and working with writing and evaluating multiplication algebraic expressions. We will have a Chapter 2 test next week before the end of the quarter to assess these skills. As always, practice with basic facts helps alleviate errors with basic multiplication.

Eighth grade has been working with basic equations and showing their work and steps to solve them. Along with this is being able to write and solve equations in problem solving. Those are the skills that they will apply in "real life" problem solving and in their future educational endeavors. Careful attention to detail and checking work are essential habits to develop in problem solving.

I look forward to seeing everyone at conferences in two weeks.

- **Friday, October 12: END OF FIRST QUARTER**
- **Thursday, October 18: Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**
- **Friday, October 19: NO SCHOOL!!!!**
- **Thursday, Nov. 8: 5/6 DAR Essays - Final Draft-DUE**