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# Claver's Chronicle

St. Peter Claver  
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## Here is to May & Moms!

First and foremost, huge thanks go to the hard working staff and parent volunteers who made our "Boots & Bling" Spring Auction a great success. Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts!

We all worked hard and it showed! The Parking lot was decorated beautifully, the baskets were amazing and a good time was had by all! I am so appreciative to everyone who contributed to this day and made it the success it was. Here's to next year! Thank goodness it's a long way off!

Thank you to everyone for taking time out of your busy schedules to come and meet with your teacher for parent-teacher conferences. It is so important that we work in concert to provide the best learning experiences for your child. We recognize that you are the primary educators of your children and value your input and assistance.

Don't forget, there is no school on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The staff will be going on a retreat. This is an opportunity for us to reconnect spiritually and affirm our vocation to teach in a Catholic school.



This month's restaurant fundraiser will be on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at Slice House. The fliers will be coming home soon.

Our annual end-of-the-year Picnic in the Park will be on Friday, May 24, at Lemon Park.

Memorial Day is a day where we honor all those who have fallen in service of our country. It is observed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and there will be no school.

And, of course, May 12 is Mother's Day. The job of Mom is one that defies description - the best, hardest and most important of jobs! We need only look to the example of our Blessed Mother to know this is true.

May you cherish and be cherished this Mother's Day.

In closing, I want to wish all of you moms a Happy Mother's Day. I appreciate all the sacrifices you make for your children and the commitment you make to instruct your children in the faith. Happy



Mother's Day from one deserving mom to another!

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."  
-Isa 66:13

## Open House for current families.

We will have Open House for our current families on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. This is an opportunity to visit classrooms, ask questions and get to know the staff. We recommend that all current families attend especially if your child is coming back for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.



## Service Hours

Now's the time! The end is near! Remember, there is a 20 hour service commitment from each family. Any unfulfilled hours will be charged at \$20 per hour, per your tuition contract. We can accept hours until the last day of school, June 14<sup>th</sup>!

Keep in mind, too, that service to our parish also counts!

## Bingo Night



Every Thursday evening. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Paul Hopkins at (805) 390-7781 for Bingo.

## Picnic in the park

Please join St. Peter Claver students and families on our annual end of the year picnic in Lemon Park Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. More information will be provided soon.



## Food Fundraiser!

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at Slice House! Doesn't the prospect of no cooking, no clean up and no dishes sound good?! Fliers will be coming home soon. Please bring your flier. Our school will receive a 20% of the sales!



## Questions



Do you have questions about our school? Office procedures?

Making payments and navigating Smart Care? Upcoming events? How you can volunteer?

On May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> You can "Ask Ms. Rawd." From 8:10 to 8:40 am you can come to the office.



Please come and join Mrs. Meyer in the staff room to discuss Principal matters or just stop by for a cup of coffee! You don't have to be physically present. You could also join online through Zoom if you are unable to attend in person from 10:15 to 11:00 am on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Shortened or no school days.

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be early Kindergarten dismissal at 12:30 (Extended Care is available)

- Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be no school due a Staff Development Day
- Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be no school in observance of Memorial Day.

## Happy Birthday!!

Ms. Gaby. May 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Teacher Appreciation Week!

This month we get to honor some special women in our lives. May 6 through May 9 is Teacher Appreciation Week. It is obvious that your children love their teachers, but teaching them to say so is an important life lesson.



## Crowning of Mary

Will be held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Children will be honoring Mother Mary by bringing her a flower. More information will be sent to you from your teachers. MWF kids can join that day with a parent/legal guardian.

## Fingerprinting

There will be a fingerprinting opportunity on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center. Please call Kyle to sign up (805) 526-0680 or email her at:

[safeguard@saintpeterclaver.org](mailto:safeguard@saintpeterclaver.org)

## What is Memorial Day?



On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle. Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

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## Dates to Remember

5/1 & 2	Ask Ms. Rawd 8:10 am to 8:40 am.	5/14	Food Fundraiser.
5/3	12:30 pm KG dismissal, 1:00 pm Staff meeting.	5/15	Open House for current families.
5/6-9	Teacher Appreciation Week.	5/16 & 22	Coffee with the principal 10:15-11:00 am.
5/7	Crowning of Mary at 9:00 am.	5/16	Fingerprinting at the Youth Center.
5/10	No school. Staff Development Day.	5/24	Picnic in lemon Park at 6:00 pm.
5/9	Happy Birthday! Mrs. Gaby.	5/27	No School. Memorial Day.

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## A little Mother’s Day history.....

“Mother’s Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States...Mother’s Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914.... when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day. Anna Jarvis would later denounce the holiday’s commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary (around the world), Mother’s Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.” (taken from history.com)



## How Does My Child Learn Values and Caring in School?

Young children learn to be caring people by interacting with observing caring adults. Caring adults treat children—as well as other adults—fairly and with sensitivity, kindness, and empathy. Many opportunities for your child to learn values and caring are created in a warm and welcoming school with these characteristics:

- Your child is treated with respect
- Caregivers provide good role models
- You are invited to participate in your child's learning

School activities that encourage your child to learn values and caring:

- When your child plays with dolls and plush animals in the housekeeping center, he is learning to be responsible and caring towards others.
- When your child picks up litter in the play yard, she is learning to be a responsible caretaker of the environment.
- When your child follows clearly stated, fair, and age-appropriate classroom rules, she is learning self-discipline. This character trait is needed to become a good citizen and to have respect for authority.
- By interacting with other children throughout the day, your child is learning to be a good, loyal friend. He is practicing skills of problem solving and conflict resolution in a fair manner without violence.
- The classroom offers your child many opportunities for choices. When your child is allowed to make choices, she learns to be a responsible decision maker.
- When sharing snacks and mealtimes with other children, your child learns to be polite and considerate of others.
- By interacting with children from differing backgrounds and varying abilities, your child learns to be accepting and respectful of others.

- Access to value-oriented books gives children exposure to topics that are important in the process of learning about values and caring. Books should feature characters with good values, depict the rewards of good decisions, and show the consequences of bad decisions.

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St. Peter Claver Preschool and Kindergarten provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum centered in faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We endeavor to deepen a child's awareness and love of God and nurture their natural love of learning.

We, the members of St. Peter Claver Catholic community, acknowledge and respect the uniqueness of each child. In partnership with parents, we provide developmentally appropriate Catholic instruction in an environment which supports each child's sense of self and nurtures a love of learning. Our curriculum incorporates a variety of learning activities designed to enhance a child's love of God, and promotes problem solving, creativity, self-expression, and social skills. We seek to stimulate children's learning in all developmental areas, while at the same time, allow for individual differences in learning styles. St. Peter Claver Preschool and Kindergarten affirms the worth and dignity of each child and fosters an understanding and sensitivity to all people by encouraging reverence and respect for each person.



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