



St. Peter Middle School
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SPMS Families,

Greetings, and welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. It has been wonderful getting to know our new students and reconnecting with our returning students over the past three days. We are off to a great start!

Each month, the front office will put together a newsletter which will provide provide updates and highlights for upcoming events.

We believe that communication is the key to a successful partnership. We encourage you to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas that may arise throughout the school year.

I look forward to working with you this school year!

Jon Graff
Principal
Saint Peter Middle School



PBIS

Saint Peter Public Schools is a PBIS school district. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support). As a PBIS district, we aim to be proactive and positive in our behavioral expectations. We believe that behavior is learned, and therefore, should be explicitly taught and reinforced throughout the school day.

Saints P.R.I.D.E

In being proactive with our behavior expectations, we at SPMS, ask that all within our learning community show Saints P.R.I.D.E. (Preparedness, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Empathy). Staff members will teach and reinforce these expectations throughout the school year.

As a means of positive reinforcement, SPMS staff members will be handing out Saint's P.R.I.D.E tickets to students that they see going above and beyond. Tickets can be turned into the Student Support Office where they will be entered into one of our weekly drawings.

Saints P.R.I.D.E Celebration Day

Once a quarter, students will have the opportunity to participate in a celebration day. Celebration days are designed to positively reinforce the many great things our students do each day. On the first celebration day (October 31), students will participate in various activities in their afternoon blocks. Participation in celebration days will be determined by our ability to meet building wide and individual goals.

This quarter's goals include the following:

Building Wide Goal: 2,019 Saints P.R.I.D.E tickets turned in to the student support office

Individual Goal: Less than 10 tardies during the first quarter (on time to class 80% of the time) and no more than 1 major referral.

AVID Binders

SPMS utilizes binders and planners as a means of helping our students learn the life long skill of organization. The organizational strategy in use is adopted from AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a framework utilized by school districts across the country.

Students will be assessed on their organization based on a periodic binder and planner check. Binder and planner checks are based on the following rubric:

Binder:

4.0 Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Supplies are included (see 3.0) ● Binder is well organized (see 3.0) ● Folders are divided into homework on one side and notes/handouts on the other
3.0 Proficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All supplies are included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ folders(labeled with name and subject), notebooks/loose leaf paper, planner, pencil bag (optional 7/8) ○ student work/assignments ● Binder is well-organized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ papers/assignments are in their respective folders ○ folders and notebooks are in schedule order
2.0 Developing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All supplies are included (see 3.0)
1.0 Beginning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I have some supplies included in my binder (see 3.0)
0.0 No Binder	

Planner:

4.0 Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planner is filled out completely (see 3.0) ● Planner includes future events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extracurriculars ○ Personal reminders, birthdays, etc. ○ Upcoming due dates, assignments, or assessments
3.0 Proficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planner is filled out completely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entries are written for each day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Each class’s topic for the day and homework is written ■ No homework written when applicable ● A system in place for if assignments are complete
2.0 Developing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planner is filled out completely (see 3.0)
1.0 Beginning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planner is incomplete
0.0 No Planner	

Binder and planner checks are recorded as a student’s advisory grade. These “grades” do not impact a student’s overall GPA, but are rather designed to provide students and families with feedback on a student’s organization, a critical component of a student’s success in school. This feedback can be best used as a conversation starter between students, advisors, and families.

"Student Council News: Attention all 7th and 8th graders: Interested in being on Executive Council? Pick up your application from Mrs. Shey, room 312 soon! They are due Friday, September 6th.

Student Council will be up and running by the third week of school! Our first activity will be planning an assembly and supporting the high school for their homecoming week at the end of September!! Please see Mrs Shey with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 20	Early Release - 1:05 Dismissal
Oct 3	Picture Day
Oct 16	Early Release - 1:05 Dismissal
Oct 17/18	MEA Break - NO SCHOOL
Oct 31	End of 1st Quarter

Welcome to a great year for our SPMS Advisory!

The advisory program was created to support students in the areas of team building, social and emotional well being, and organization, with an overall goal of promoting middle level learners that are connected yet independent citizens who make good choices. St. Peter Middle School believes that every student's academic and personal development should be guided by an adult advocate, an advisor. The advisor/advisee program is comprised of daily activities that remain consistent week by week. The activities include: organization day, reading day, character building days, and activity day. For the month of September, we will be focusing on "preparedness" as part of SPMS's school-wide focus on Saints PRIDE.

A note from the Health Office:

A reminder to turn in your Health Information Form, Immunization Records, and Sports Physicals if they apply. Also, medication consent forms need to be filled out every year. If you have any questions or are in need of any of these forms, please contact the Health Office at extension 5021.

Here are a list of upcoming opportunities through South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC). See link below:

<https://www.mnscsc.org/student>