



School Board Newsletter

Educator Spotlight

A little bit about...

**Kate Morgan - 5th Math & Religion;
8th Religion**

Why she loves STP: I nannied in college for a family that went to STP. I saw the art projects they were bringing home and the homework. When I graduated from KU I applied in the Archdiocese of KS and at St. Peter's...I've been here ever since! (With a short two years in Oklahoma.) I love the kids! I love the families! STP is home! My three boys are in school with me!



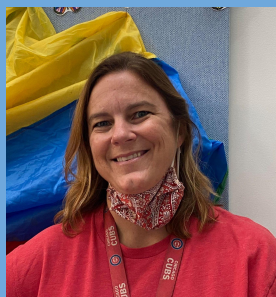
Katie Jett - 2nd Grade

Shares her expertise: One of the things I've learned is that relationships are so important in the classroom. I try to get to know students personally and connect with them individually. This helps them feel like part of our community and makes them feel safe to grow and learn at their own pace.



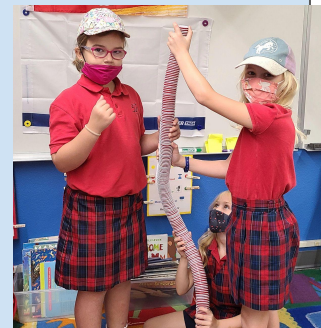
Julie Kramer - Reading Resource Teacher

Her teaching philosophy: I try to find out where each student is and take them to the next level. Each student is like a puzzle to me: I like to figure out their strengths and how they best learn so I can best support them where they need help. The great thing about my new position is that I get to do exactly that for one student (or small group). Along with the inclusive education department, I decide what curricula are appropriate for each of the students I meet with individually. I'm working a different part of my brain this year and I am really enjoying it!



Curriculum Corner

2nd Graders in Katie Jett's class do some awesome STEM projects and math games on Fridays! They recently did a Three Little Pigs project to correlate with their studies on force. Students had to build a house for each of the three pigs and see if it could withstand the force from the wolf. They've also done a paper chain challenge and a bucket brigade to get out items for the food pantry from their classroom down to the hallway. There's always lots of creative learning experiences happening at St. Peter's!



School Fast Facts

439 students attend St. Peter's ECLC - 8th Grade

15 students are new to St. Peter's or returned from a year away due to COVID in 1st - 8th Grade

39 kindergarteners joined us at St. Peter's this year

57 total preschool students - up from 47 last year

45 students are in the 8th grade class

St. Peter's Athletics

Fall sports are wrapping up. Congrats to the **7th & 8th grade girls** who won their first ever championship in Cross Country! The **7th grade girls** volleyball team also played in the city championship this past weekend and placed first and finished with an undefeated season. The **8th grade girls** volleyball team also played in the city championship and placed second. 6th grade girls took second in the city tournament as well. Great job, girls!



The Athletic Committee brought back the Mom's Volleyball tournament after a year off due to Covid this past weekend. Thanks to all the moms who played and to the Athletic Committee for sponsoring this fun event. Congrats to the **Kindergarten moms** who took first place!

School Board Perspectives

Did you know...

The St. Peter's School Board is your voice for all things school-related here at St. Peter's? Board members, who come from throughout the St. Peter's Parish and School community, collaborate at monthly meetings with our Principal, Angie Meyer, on a variety of issues like strategic planning, policy administration, and more. Unlike public school boards, in the Kansas City St. Joseph Diocese school boards are meant to be consultative for the School Administration, Principal and Pastor. Our job is to listen, advise, share school community opinions. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of the Board members. That's what we're here for!

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PTA Boosterthon

PTA wrapped up its first fundraiser of the year in September. After a year off of Boosterthon due to Covid, the initial goal was to raise \$25,000. The total profit was \$41,700 - the most St. Peter's has ever raised from Boosterthon! Students had such a blast at the glow in the dark Dance Fit event. 96% of school families participated and 100% of participants received pledges. A big thanks to **Jenni Gonzales** and **Lauren Lane** who chaired this wonderful event for our school and to everyone who supported it!

Welcome New



We asked some STP students to introduce our new teachers this year. Here's what they had to say: (Pictured left to right)

Kimberly Wilkie- 5th grade (written by Evie Christy)

Mrs. Wilkie is a fifth grade teacher at STP and she loves Star Wars and Harry Potter. She has a bunch of techniques to get us quiet. She is nice and fun. She is good at answering questions, and explaining projects well. She used to work in HR for Target, and taught at Hickman Mills. Her and her husband's birthdays and anniversary are all on the same day.

Megan Wyant- 4th grade (written by Ben Marts)

Ms. Megan Wyant is a new fourth grade teacher at St. Peter's and she is a great teacher! Ms. Wyant used to work in health care and she was a NW Missouri State Bearcat. She enjoys concerts and has a beautiful singing voice. One thing that she appreciates about St. Peter's is how much everyone cares about each other and she loves how much we love religion.

Patrick Casey- Art (contributions by Nika and Kata Martinovic)

Mr. Casey is the new art teacher at St. Peter's. He shows students the way to create by example- he draws the parts, and extends the lesson into the next class. Several students have shared that art is their favorite subject! Mr. Casey is married and has two daughters that joined us at STP this year. One interesting fact is that Mr. Casey was mentored by Mrs. Schmidt years ago. We are thrilled to have him at St. Peter's!

Kate Milburn- 7th grade (written by Zoe Miller)

Ms. Milburn is a seventh grade ELA teacher. She recently graduated from Rockhurst University. She likes to watch movies and cook with her roommates. Ms. Milburn LOVES to read. She is from St. Louis and has five very close siblings. The thing she likes most about STP is the community and the support she gets. Welcome to St. Peter's, Ms. Milburn.

Gilly LeRoy- Physical Education (written by Rowan Silvey)

Mrs. LeRoy is the new PE teacher and coach at St. Peter's. She has been a coach for 23 years, a substitute teacher, interpreter and social worker. In her free time, Mrs. LeRoy likes to cook, play volleyball, hike in the mountains, read, camp and kayak. Mrs. LeRoy's family includes her husband, and 3 kids who attend St. Peter's. She said her favorite thing about St. Peter's is the community.

Congratulations,

Margy Sparks



For over 25 years, St. Peter's has been so blessed to have **Margy Sparks** as a para-educator for nearly all of that time and in every grade from Kindergarten - 8th grade. Margy was recently named educator of the year at FIREBall, the FIRE Foundation's annual fundraiser. We're so thankful for her!

Colleagues **Charlie Alberts, Jan Hile Rea & Stacey Stanley** shared these words about Margy:

"Margy goes above and beyond her duties year after year because of her passion and commitment to doing what is right and best for her students and team of teachers with which she partners. She is a rock in a storm and we have not ever seen her flustered. Margy leads with kindness while holding firm with her high expectations for all students. Having her in your classroom benefits every single person in that room more than our words could ever describe."