



What's the Scoop!

2011-2012 Events and Activities at SPPCS

This packet has been designed for both new and returning SPPCS families to outline and provide information about some of the events and activities that will occur during the school year. A brief description is provided for each item. We hope you will enjoy the year ahead and take every opportunity to participate throughout the year. Keep this listing as a quick reference guide throughout the school year.

Student Events & Activities

Book-It Reading Coupons

Students in grades 1-6 who accomplish their reading goals are provided with a coupon from Pizza Hut for a free individually-sized pizza.

Catholic Schools Week

Usually the last week in January is designated as Catholic Schools Week. Each year has a new theme, and each day of the week provides the students with an opportunity for fun in celebrating attending a Catholic school. A Kids Rummage Sale, student trivia, talent show and an all school mass are just some of the ways the kids celebrate. The Kids Rummage Sale is organized and run by the 5th grade class, and all proceeds are donated to needy organizations. The talent show is an annual tradition, allowing students to volunteer to show their talents in front of the entire school during a performance at the end of the week during school hours.

D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

D.A.R.E. is a program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. An officer from the Waterloo Police Department conducts in-classroom lessons for the 5th grade students to teach them how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug- and violence-free lives. The students graduate at the end of the program and are provided a certificate for their achievement!

Fall Pictures

Fall pictures are taken shortly after the beginning of the school year. This is a traditional head-shot of each student in uniform. A classroom photo, including the teacher, Principal Buchheit, and Fr. Osang is prepared from these photos.

Field Day

This event is held in May before the end of the school year. It's a day of fun and outdoor games at SPPCS Fields. Each grade is assigned a t-shirt color. Field Day shirts in the appropriate grade color are available for purchase, but are not required to participate in the day. Lunch is typically served at the fields.

Field Trips

Each grade participates in annual field trips. Permission slips must be returned to the teacher prior to the trip in order to attend. **Parent volunteers are welcomed, but must have completed the Child Protection Program.** If you have not completed this training program, contact the parish office. Also, younger siblings are not permitted to attend the field trip with the parent volunteer.

Funderwear

SPPCS and ICS team together to have some fun by helping those in need. "Funderwear" is a new competitive fundraiser to collect new underwear, t-shirts, socks, hats, and gloves for families in need in Cairo, Illinois. ICS and SPPCS basketball teams face off against one another in a special game at Gibault High School. The school with the most items collected will receive the "Tighty-Whitey" Trophy to be displayed proudly at their school.

Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart

P.E. classes will participate in our annual Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart events to help the American Heart Association. Students will have fun and stay physically fit while participating in a very special community service program. Family and friends are welcomed to support your child's volunteer efforts by making contributions.

Mass Servers

Beginning in the 5th grade, students are provided the opportunity to serve mass. Parent permission must be given before the student is trained and assigned to the mass server schedule. Training is conducted at the end of the student's 4th grade and during the student's 5th grade school year.

Medieval Feast

After studying the Medieval Times era, students in the 4th grade have fun dressing up in clothing from that period of history. They'll get to enjoy a feast appropriate to that timeframe, including using the same (or lack of) utensils as people from that era.

Prairie Day

Third graders get the opportunity to dress up like girls and boys from a time when the West was settled, pack a typical lunch from that era, and enjoy it together in a picnic setting.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. It generally takes place the last full week in October. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of a drug-free America.

Santa's Cottage

The Mary and Martha Society has sponsored Santa's Cottage for many years. It is traditionally held the first Thursday and Friday in December, and it provides the children an opportunity to purchase small ticket items for their loved ones for Christmas. Upper grade "buddies" accompany the lower grade children and help the younger ones budget their funds and purchase appropriate items.

Spring Pictures

Pictures taken in the spring are a posed photo. The student is not required to wear the school uniform, but clothing worn should follow the school's Handbook and Policies.

Family Events & Activities

Academic & Athletic Awards Night(s)

This night is an opportunity for students 5th-8th grades to be recognized for their achievements.

Arts Night

Every April, our school celebrates an Arts Night. The night begins at in the gym with the Kindergarten play. Following the play, classrooms are open to parents to view the artistic talents of each student.

Book Fair

A book fair is held once each school year for one week, beginning on a Sunday, in our gymnasium, at which time parishioners are given the opportunity after masses to purchase books. It also gives parents an opportunity to review the books that will be available to their child when their classroom attends the fair during the week.

Christmas Band & Choral Concert

The annual concert is a combination of songs performed by Kindergarten through 5th grades, as well as the intermediate and advanced bands. A number of traditional and non-traditional songs are enjoyable for all attendees. The concert is held during a weeknight in early December in the school gymnasium.

Class Mass Celebration

Class mass by grade is indicated on the calendar. A social gathering follows the mass in the cafeteria.

Grandparents' Day

Students enjoy asking their grandparents to attend Grandparents' Day at SPPCS. The morning begins with mass at 9 am, followed by classroom visits by the grandparents. All grandparents should expect to leave the school before 10:50 am in order for students to prepare for lunch.

Host Families

Those who are new to our SPPCS community are welcomed by some of our "seasoned" families to make their transition to SPPCS an easy one.

Life Network Walk in Celebration of Life

Friends of SPPCS, in conjunction with the Life Network of Waterloo, provide an opportunity for the students at SPPCS to show their support for Life. The whole student body walks the perimeter of the campus in silent prayer in honor of babies - born and unborn. It is encouraged that the money donated by students be from something they worked for or from a sacrifice they made.

Parent Events & Activities

Crop Camps

Scrapbook enthusiasts are invited to join us in the cafeteria on scheduled dates throughout the school year. There is a small fee which is donated back to SPPCS. Refreshments are provided. A Creative Memories consultant is available and provides her time, tools and supplies for purchase. Even if you don't crop, just bring your photos to organize and enjoy a girl's day out.

Friends of SPPCS Monthly Meetings

Our parent and teacher organization meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at 7 pm. Each meeting may provide a speaker or the opportunity to help with tasks that need to be accomplished for our school. If you attend, your child(ren) will receive a no uniform pass for the following Wednesday. We encourage everyone - parents, teachers, and even grandparents - to attend.

Open House

Near the beginning of each school year, an Open House is held for parents to meet their student's teacher, see the classroom, and get an understanding of expectations for the new school year.

PATS (Parents Appreciate Teachers & Staff)

➤ Secret Pal for Teachers and Staff

Don't you ever wonder how they do all that they do? If it wasn't for our dedicated faculty and staff, where would our school be?! Want to thank them, but not sure how? Offer to be a Secret Pal. You can choose a faculty or staff member (first come basis) or a name will be provided for you. Show your appreciation throughout the year with little trinkets and surprises. Bring them a special treat on their birthday or just send them a note about how great they are. Each will fill out a "personality profile" to provide you with all of their favorite things. The secret will be revealed during Teacher Appreciation week in May.

➤ Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner

Teachers are treated to a well-deserved dinner on the night of Parent Teacher Conferences. The food is provided, and three to four volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up.

➤ PATS Week (Parents Appreciate Teachers & Staff)

This week is set aside to pamper the faculty and staff with anything imaginable. Personal thank you notes from the students and parents, sweet treats and surprises, an All School Mass in their honor and a luncheon with the works are just a few of the things we do to show our teachers and staff just how much they mean to us. Most of the activities are during school hours.

Communications

Website (www.sppswaterloo.org)

In our efforts to "go green", we will try to post as much information on the school website as possible, reducing the amount of paper sent home. Check the website for updates to the calendar, handbook, sporting event changes, registration forms, physical forms and more. This very important website was created by Laura Frierdich and Karen Meehan and will be maintained by Webmaster, Laura Frierdich.

Fast Direct Website

The most important communication tool with SPPCS is the Fast Direct Website (<http://fastdir.com/spps/>). This website allows you to securely and privately log in to communicate with teachers and staff, view your child's homework assignments and progress reports, keep up-to-date on your account balances, communicate with other parents, and more. If you cannot access the site or have other questions, please contact the school office.

Friday Folders

The majority of information throughout the year comes home in your student's Friday Folder. Please be sure to check the information sent home at least once a week to make sure you're getting all the up-to-date news and information you need.

SPPCS Newsletter

In order to keep our lines of communication, SPPCS News, a monthly newsletter, is available electronically by e-mail, on the website www.sppswaterloo.org, as a printed copy in back of Ss. Peter & Paul Church or in the school office. E-mail updates are sent for information that needs to be received before the next newsletter is available. If there is any correspondence you would like to include in either of these means of communication, please contact the newsletter chairperson, Laura Frierdich. If at all possible, please choose to have your monthly newsletter sent via e-mail or simply access it through the school website. It will reduce both the time and paper costs of sending out a hard copy.

Fundraising

Butter Braids

As a way to generate additional income for the school, Butter Braids and Cookie Dough sales are a successful fundraiser and will continue in the Fall of each school year. Look forward to easy baking just before Christmas. For more information, contact Kerry Brinkmann.

Education 1st

This annual drive enables our school to purchase items above and beyond what we would otherwise be able to do. The appeal goes out to all parish members. In the past this money has been used to purchase the playground near the gym, computers for our computer lab, purchase our mobile lab and Smartboards, and purchase a new computer for every classroom.

Spring Carnival & Cash Raffle

Each year we create a fun environment of games, activities, concessions and a variety store for kids to enjoy during the school day. Combined with this fun day is a cash raffle fundraiser, which helps support our school and offers three cash prizes to the winners, who are drawn on carnival day. We ask each student to try to sell as many tickets as they can, and give awards and incentives for ticket sales.

Gold Rush Raffle Ticket Sales

The Gold Rush Raffle is a tremendous way to support the school by purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket. An individual or a group can purchase tickets. The grand prize ticket is drawn at the Holy Name Trivia night in October. The proceeds of the raffle benefit the parish and the school equally.

Grocery Product Labels

Saints Peter & Paul School participates in several programs that reward schools for the number of labels collected and returned. Each month the box tops and labels are collected from the classrooms. The class with the most collected for that month will get a special treat.

Please note that the volunteers who collect and submit the labels are appreciative of everyone's efforts. If you could spend just a short amount of time trimming the UPC code or label to the dotted lines, it would save the volunteers a lot of time before sending them in. Also, please take a minute **to cut around the dotted line on the box tops and separate box tops from the labels in two separate envelopes or bags**. Thanks for your help!

Coke codes can be added by each family and donated to SPPCS right at home. However, if you are unable to do this, send it to the office and the appropriate volunteer will take care of it.

Program Name	Products	What to Clip	Reward Obtained
Campbell's Labels for Education	Campbell's soups, Franco-American, Peppridge Farm, Swanson, Market Day, V8 beverages, Prego pasta sauces.	You no longer need to clip the entire label - just the UPC code itself.	Educational equipment
General Mills' Box Tops for Education	Click here to see a list of all products.	Cut on dotted line and send in trimmed box top only.	Cash (depends on box top value).
Coke Rewards	All Coke products- Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, MinuteMaid, Fanta, Vault, Barg's, Fresca, PibbXtra, and Mello Yellow	Codes are always on the lids of the boxes 12pk or case, inside the plastic bottles, or on the inside of the bottom of a polywrapped case on a dark patch.	Various items for the school.

Magazine Sales

Grades 5th - 8th are asked to participate in the magazine sales drive to benefit the school's Athletic Department. The drive occurs in September of each new school year.

Market Day

The 8th grade Chicago trip is funded in part by a percentage of sales obtained through the Market Day program. Market Day products are offered for sale monthly and delivered to SPPCS for pickup on scheduled dates throughout the school year.

McTeacher Night

No cooking tonight, mom! Join all your friends and neighbors at the Waterloo McDonald's on the night of this event. Let the teachers and staff members serve you and help our school at the same time! Don't have time to stay and chat? Drive thru orders count too! McTeacher Night is typically held in early October.

Percentage of Sales

- Target Charge Cards ~ If you shop at Target frequently, consider applying for a Target REDcard (a Target® Visa® or Target® Card issued by Target National Bank, an affiliate of Target Stores). Designate STS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL (School ID #17816) as the recipient. Target will donate 1% of your purchases at Target and Target.com and 1/2% of purchases made elsewhere with your Target® Visa®. You can even use Target's [website \(www.target.com\)](http://www.target.com) to check our school's progress. Just enter the school id and click on the Search button.
- French Toast "Dollars for Uniforms" ~ If you purchase French Toast brand uniforms and shop at their [website \(www.frenchtoast.com\)](http://www.frenchtoast.com) the company will donate 5% of sales to SPPCS We're an enrolled school, and our "school dress code" is school dress code QS45MTD. Make sure you fill it in when you complete your order.

Recycling

- Aluminum Can Recycling ~ Save all your aluminum cans and bring them to the recycling bins behind school. SPPCS keeps the profits of the recycling.
- Cell phone recycling.
- Paper Recycling ~ Gather all those newspapers and bring them to the containers behind school. But don't stop there!! You can drop in magazines, junk mail, etc., too.
- Printer Cartridges ~ Now that so many families have computers and printers in their home, many have printer cartridges that are just thrown away. Please consider sending them into school for recycling.

Schnucks eScrip Card

Anytime you shop at Schnucks, no matter what method of payment you use, just hand the clerk your eScrip card and 1-3% of your purchases will be donated back to SPPCS The more you shop at Schnucks, the greater the percent of your purchase our school receives.

Scrip Fundraising Cards

Gift cards to various retailers in the Waterloo and St. Louis areas are available to purchase through the Scrip program. When purchasing a card, the merchants donate a percent to our school. Take advantage of local restaurants that are available "on hand" through the school office. McDonalds, Schneider's Meats, Applebee's are just to name a few. Up to 5% of the gift card is **free money** for us. Kohl's allows you to pay your charge with Scrip certificates. Order forms are available outside the school office and on the SPPCS website. Orders received on Monday, before the end of school, will be available to you by Friday afternoon.

Did you know that all your scrip purchases benefit both you and SPPCS! For each of your scrip purchases 25% of the profit earned will be credited to your next year's registration fees! (The credit is limited to \$350 per child). Here's how it works: You buy scrip with a value of \$200 and a contribution value of 8%. The total profit on your purchase is \$16. The profit would be divided \$12 to SPPCS, \$4 toward your family's 2011 fees. The more you buy, the more both you and SPPCS benefit. If you have questions, please contact Kit Foster through fast direct.

Spirit Shop

SPPCS Spirit Shop offers special Falcon Wear items to order. Polos, Sweatshirts, hoodies, duffle bags, hats, blankets, etc are available to purchase with your choice of logos. Check out the school website for order forms. These make great Christmas gifts ... order early!

SPPCS Attic

As quickly as children grow, keeping them in new school uniforms can become costly. The SPPCS Attic helps to offset those costs by allowing parents to exchange or donate uniforms. Please follow these guidelines:

- All "shopping credits" will start at the beginning of each "school year" and end the last sale of the school year, which will be during Registration Day.
- All clothing/shoes must be clean (free of spots, pet hair, mud, etc.) prior to bringing them to the Attic.
- All clothing/shoes must not be damaged (free of tears, missing buttons, worn out knees, etc.). These types of items typically do not move during the sale, and storage is limited. Keep in mind as a rule of thumb what condition of clothing that you would consider purchasing.
- Only items within the Uniform Guidelines are accepted, including ball cleats. Any "Spirit Gear" is accepted as well.
- Please remember that you do not need to have an item to "swap" in order to "shop". Items are priced very low for your convenience. If you are "swapping", please make sure your bag is marked with your name and number of items for credit allowances.

The Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School Attic/Resale Shop is located in the Wee Little Saints Building Attic. Any items for the resale shop may be dropped off on the porch in the marked covered container. Please make sure your bags are marked "resale shop" on the outside. Also, please include your name on the inside of the bag with the number of items so that a credit can be added to your account.

Spring Gala

Join us at the Hecker Community Center for the annual Spring Gala. The Gala is a Saturday night of fun including appetizers, dinner and drinks, along with silent and oral auction items. Donations of items are accepted throughout the year. Volunteers are needed for various activities prior to and during the night of the event. Don't miss being a part of its huge success!

Volunteer Opportunities

Bingo (Thursday evenings - weekly)

Our volunteers are key to the success of our Bingo. Our volunteers typically work one time each month. Bingo runs from 5:30-10:15 pm on Thursday nights at the Waterloo VFW Hall. For more information call Cathy Pfeil at 939-4384.

Classroom Help

Teachers occasionally need help in their classrooms with students and activities. Please contact your child's teacher and volunteer with their classroom.

Field Trips

Each grade participates in annual field trips. Permission slips must be returned to the teacher prior to the trip in order to attend. Parent volunteers are welcomed, but must have completed the Diocese of Belleville Child Protection Program. If you have not completed this training program, contact the parish office. Also, younger children are not permitted to attend the field trip with the parent volunteer.

Library Volunteer

The lower grade library (grades preschool - 3rd) is in need of volunteers just one day a month. As a volunteer, you would help with checking out books and keeping the library neat and orderly. Contact Michelle Gundlach for library hours.

Parent Representative

It is important for each classroom to have a contact person when certain circumstances arise. If someone in your class has a death in the family or a serious accident, the school office will contact you as a parent rep/room parent. It would be your responsibility to contact the other parents of the class to make them informed.

As a Parent Rep you would be responsible for:

- o Preparing a phone tree in order to contact your class quickly if the need arises
- o Organizing a Christmas gift for the class to give to the teacher

As a Room Parent you would be responsible for:

- o Working with the teacher in organizing class parties
- o Preparing a phone tree in order to contact your class quickly if the need arises
- o Organizing a Christmas gift for the class to give to the teacher

Playground/Cafeteria Duty

Volunteers are needed to work the playground during lunch recess times. Volunteers are also needed to assist in the cafeteria. Please contact Sarah Krebel via Fast Direct to volunteer as a permanent or substitute worker.

Work Room Volunteer

As a workroom volunteer, various office duties such as copying, sorting, laminating, etc. are done to help lessen the load for the faculty. If you would like to help just a few hours a week, contact Cathy Pfeil via fast direct for times that are needed.