



The Latest Word

St. Perpetua School - Weekly Newsletter

October 18, 2023



Weekly Update from Mrs. Gotchet

Thank you all for your wonderful partnership this week during parent-teacher conferences. It is so important for us to build a strong, positive home-school relationship to ensure all students are reaching their full potential.

In November, our St. Perpetua community has the honor to team up with Winter Nights to provide safe and warm nightly shelter to homeless families with children in the Community Center, November 6th-20th. Winter Nights is a Contra Costa based program whose mission is to help participating families achieve self-sufficiency and ultimately stable housing. It is exciting and special that St. Perpetua parishioners and school families can affect a widespread crisis while giving right here at home. Thank you to many who have already expressed interest in helping!

The school is assigned **Saturday, November 11th** to provide all meals and services and we need your help to make this a success!

- **BEFORE SIGNING-UP** for one of the many opportunities, [please watch this informational video](#) about the different volunteer opportunities being offered. Parents and students are both welcome to volunteer during our designated day and both may receive volunteer hours and service hours respectively.
- **DONATE ITEMS** If you are unable to volunteer, we have been provided a list of donations that are needed for the families. You may sign-up to bring something from the list on the [Sign-Up Genius](#). All donations are due before or on *Saturday, November 4th*.
- **IMPORTANT FOR FOOD PREP AND SERVICE** If you are hoping to prepare or serve food during Winter Nights at St. P's, thank you! Since our beautiful new commercial kitchen is now subject to insurance and county health guidelines and inspection, we wanted all to know up front that anyone planning to prepare and/or serve a meal will be required to obtain and present a Food Handler Certificate prior to volunteering. The course is available online for \$6.95 at [this link](#) and the cost is reimbursable upon request. A copy of your certificate will be collected and kept at St. P's. Food Handler Certificates are valid for three (3) years.

Sign Up for Warm Winter Nights

School Schedule and Calendar

Normal Bell Schedule

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:00 - 3:05pm
- Wednesdays: 9:00 - 3:05pm - Late start and mass uniforms
- Fridays: Cafe Perpetua 7:20 - 9:30am (cash or check only). Students may wear St. Perpetua spirit-wear tops and uniform bottoms.
- [Lunch Schedule](#)

Next 10 Days

- **October 16th - 20th - Half days 8:00am - 12:00pm for Conferences**
- October 20th - **NO Cafe Perpetua** and students may wear St. P's spirit-wear top and uniform bottom.
- Saturday, October 21st - **Briskets, Brats & Beer Dinner** after mass from 6-8pm
- Sunday, October 22nd - Rise and shine mass at 9:30am - 4th graders reading & free dress

passes given for those that attend

- October 23 - 27th - [Red Ribbon Week](#) & 6th Graders at Caritas
- October 27th - deadline to [order November Pizza](#)

Other Important Dates

- October 30th - Picture Retakes
- October 31st - Halloween Parade at 11:00 in the lower lot, **NOON dismissal**
- November 1st - All Saints Mass, hosted by 4th grade. Bishop Barber will be the celebrant at this mass, as we also celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Perpetua School
- November 6-20 - [Warm Winter Nights](#) family shelter hosted by the St. Perpetua parish & school community
- November 14th - end of first trimester

Monthly School Calendar



November 'Pizza Thursday'

Thursday pizza day is the best day of the week for kids and parents! Order link is now open, so don't forget to place your orders. **Order by Friday, 10/27!**

**November Pizza
Orders**



Knights of Columbus 'Triple B Dinner' - this Saturday 10/21

St. Perpetua's Knights of Columbus are hosting their 'Briskets, Brats & Beer' dinner in the Grand Hall on October 21st from 6-8pm. The Knights always support our school with their generous donations, so don't miss this fun evening of camaraderie and support for all the Knights do for our school and parish community.

**Sign Up For
Tickets**



Save The Date - Wednesday, November 29th

Ladies Night Out is Wednesday, November 29th from 6:30 - 9:30pm at the St. Perpetua Community Center. Don't miss this fun evening of 'Sips & Shopping' with many unique vendors. This is a great event to invite friends to join and get a jump on your holiday shopping while supporting our school!

**Buy Tickets
Now**



Peppermint Shoppe - December 2, 9:00 - 11:00

Peppermint Shoppe is a sweet opportunity for children to shop for Christmas gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, teachers, and pets. Each item is priced at \$2.00 and payment is accepted by cash or check only.

This is a 'kids only' event. Each child will be paired with a junior high elf to help the little kids shop. While parents wait for their child, they can visit Mrs. Meo's

Christmas Boutique and buy coffee and treats at Café Perpetua.



NO Cafe Perpetua this Friday, 10/20

Since it's a noon dismissal and a get-away Friday, Cafe will be closed. We'll be back with amazing treats next week!

Junior High Service Hour Opportunities

We are proud of our Junior High students for their involvement in the community. Don't forget their 10 hours are due November 15th and there are [many opportunities](#) available.

- [Sign Up for Donut Service](#) at mass
- [Sign Up](#) to work at the Walnut Creek Community Day on 10/14
- [Create Birthday Bags](#) for Monument Crisis Center
- [Monument Crisis Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Youth Homes Organization](#)
- [NEW Warm Winter Nights Volunteer Opportunities](#)



[Service Hours Form](#)



October Author Event - October 23rd

St. Perpetua students in grades TK-2 are SO lucky to participate in a virtual author visit with Todd Parr. [Click here to order your very own autographed copy!](#) The deadline is Saturday, October 21st.

We love Todd Parr's picture books! We are delighted to introduce our students to him and his newest creation, The Monster Mac & Cheese Party, with a virtual event on October 23rd. Don't forget to order your child a signed copy of the book by Saturday, October 21st.

[Order Signed Book](#)



Hap-BEE Birthday Club Library Fundraiser

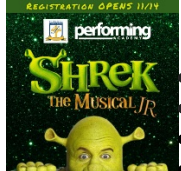
Don't miss the opportunity to have your child participate in this years library birthday club. [Fill out this form](#) by **October 31st!**

Your child can help to select new books for the library by joining the Hap-BEE Birthday Club. It's an easy way to encourage a love of reading at our school. All you need to do is submit the Hap-BEE Birthday Club Form and donate \$20 per student. Form and donation are due in October, for all birthdays and birth months.

[Join the Birthday Club](#)

St. Perpetua's Spring Musical

It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, SHREK, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance.



Who: St. Perpetua students grades 1st - 8th

Registration opens: **Tuesday, November 14th at 9am ~ SPACE IS LIMITED!**

[Click here](#) for more information, details and registration.

Email questions to renee@performingacademy.com



Panther House After-School Care

Panther House after school care is available beginning November 1st. Please take time to review the [program details](#). If you are interest in enrolling your child(ren), please fill out the [enrollment form](#) and the [November calendar](#) with each child's dates/times they will attend. Submit forms via email to pantherhouse@stperpetuaschool.org.

- [Enrollment Form](#) - required for all full and part-time students
- [November Part-Time Calendar](#) - fill out the dates & times attending if you are registering for part-time care.



Volunteer Opportunities and Links

We need your help at St. Perpetua. Please review the [volunteer participation agreement](#) and sign up now to complete your hours and get to know our wonderful St. Perpetua school community.

Sign Up Now to Volunteer

- [Warm Winter Nights](#) - many different opportunities for families and Jr High students
- [Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed](#)
- [Yard Duty Volunteer](#) - 2 required for each family
- [Crosswalk Volunteer](#) - 1 required for each family
- [Become an 'All Clear' volunteer](#)

[Log Volunteer Hours](#)



10/24 Internet Safety Night - Parent Presentation

The Acalanes Parent Club is hosting a great presentation from the Contra Costa District Attorney. Hear about trolling, social media, and engaging with your children. Vital information for parents of children of all ages. [Click here](#) for more information.

Important Links

- [Choice Lunch Service](#)
- [PowerSchool Login](#)
- [Family Directory](#)
- [Scrip Obligation & ordering information](#)
- [2023-2024 Parent & Student Handbook](#)
- [Faculty Directory](#)
- [Attendance Policy](#)
- [Uniform Policy](#)
- [Printable School Calendar](#)



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