



The Latest Word

St. Perpetua School - Weekly Newsletter

November 29, 2023



Weekly Update from Mrs. Gotchet

I pray you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family, food, and fun! All of us here at St. Perpetua would like to thank you all for taking the time to have your children write who and what they are thankful for at St. P's. Returning from break to jars filled with so much love and appreciation was the perfect way to begin this festive, holiday season! Thank you!

As we begin this festive season, we are also entering into the season of illnesses. If your child is not feeling well, we encourage you to err on the side of caution and keep them home until they are feeling well. As per our handbook, students are not to return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours. The stomach bug is also on the rise, so please caution sending students to school with upset stomachs. We want students, faculty, staff, and parents all to be healthy for a fun December!

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 ~ unless stated as a 'No Cafe' day ~ (cash or check only). Students may wear St. Perpetua spirit-wear tops and uniform bottoms.
- [Lunch Schedule](#)

Next 10 Days

- Thursday, 11/30 - last day to order for [December 'Pizza Thursday'](#)
- Friday, 12/1 - report cards go home with students
- Friday, 12/1 - **NO HOT LUNCH SERVICE TODAY - all students must bring lunch from home**
- Friday, 12/1 - Cafe Perpetua's Christmas Boutique 7:20 - 9:30 am
 - **NO morning Cafe treats or drinks available for students or parents today**
- Saturday, 12/2 - Peppermint Shoppe & Cafe Perpetua's Christmas Boutique 9:00 - 11:00
- Sunday, 12/3 - Rise & shine 9:30 Mass ~ 1st grade hosting
- Wednesday, 12/7 - late start / no school mass / Advent adoration & confession for students
- Wednesday, 12/7 - [community meeting for connecting Lafayette: downtown pathways and schools safety program](#)
- Friday, 12/8 - 8:00 start / school mass at 8:30 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Friday, 12/8 - last day to sign up for [Panther House Fun Friday after-school event](#)

Other Important Dates

- Friday, 12/15 - Panther House Fun Friday after-school event
- Friday, 12/15 - last day to bring in Christmas [gifts for Youth Homes](#) recipients
- Friday, 12/15 - last day to order [Gryco student sweatshirts / outerwear](#)
- Thursday, 12/21 - Christmas Sharing Performances 10:30 - 11:45 / **NOON Dismissal**
- **12/22 - 1/7/24 - Christmas Break**

Monthly School Calendar

Peppermint Shoppe ~ Saturday, 12/2 ~ 9:00 - 11:00

We hope to see everyone at Peppermint Shoppe, a cherished St. Perpetua tradition held at the school! Children will have the opportunity to purchase special gifts for family, friends, teachers, and pets! We have so many wonderful gifts ready for your young shoppers! Junior high elves will help each child select, wrap and pay for their gifts. Each item is \$2.00. Cash or check only. While the kids are shopping, parents can purchase treats and shop at Mrs. Meo's Cafe Perpetua Christmas Boutique. Watch for an early appearance by St. Nicholas!

Cafe Perpetua Christmas Boutique ~ Fri & Sat, Dec. 1st & 2nd

Cafe' Perpetua's Christmas Boutique will be held on Friday, December 1st from 7:20am to 9:30am and on Saturday, December 2nd 9:00am until 11:00 at the cafe`!

~You can pick up that perfect hostess, friend, teacher, co-worker, neighbor, babysitter or that someone-special-on-your-list present!

~We will be featuring homemade culinary delights such as Kahlua cakes, peppermint bark, and organic jams (apricot, blackberry, peach, red raspberry, strawberry, apple pie and cranberry cabernet)!

~ There will be fabulous holiday decorations for inside and outside including gorgeous nativity sets, beautiful wreaths, Gingerbread boy and girl sets for the yard and so much more!

~All items are festively wrapped and ready to go, and we have gift bags for every package!

~Please join us for this wonderful holiday tradition and bring your friends!

Thursday Pizza Lunch Lead Still Needed!

The Lead is in charge of Thursday Pizza Lunch for January '24 - May '24. The Lead is supported by 3 additional volunteers to get lunch out to the kids. **The Lead receives 35 Parent Participation Hours!**

Here is a [brief description of the role](#). Email [Kate MacGinley](#) with any questions or interest!

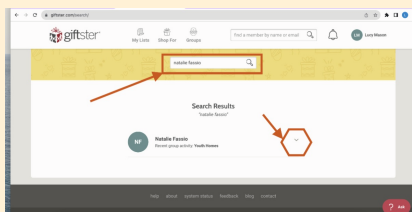


St. Perpetua's Christmas Outreach for Youth Homes

We will be supporting Youth Homes of Contra Costa County for our Christmas "giving tree" Outreach Project.

Youth Homes is Contra Costa County's leading provider of trauma-informed programs for foster youth. Our giving focus is those children who have aged out of foster care and those who have suffered significant trauma and live in group homes rather than traditional foster homes. ***We will be the sole source of Christmas gifts for these children.***

- Please deliver all gifts to the school Christmas tree **no later than Friday December 15th**.
- You can drop them off or have them shipped directly from Amazon, Target, etc.
- Please **DO NOT WRAP** your gifts and **please include who they are for** (e.g., "TS age 11").
- If you ship directly from a store you can include who the gift is for on the gift message.
- Reach out to [Lucy Mason](#) with any questions. Thank you!



How To Access the Wish Lists for Youth Homes Recipients:

Please use the following link:

<https://www.giftster.com/search/>.

Once on the website, type "Natalie Fassio" into the search bar. Once her name comes up, click on the drop down menu next to Youth Homes and you will



Order Your Student Sweatshirts & Outerwear

The Gryco order link is now open for you to order students sweatshirts, fleece jackets, rain jackets, etc. Don't miss this opportunity to keep your growing kids all set for the cold winter months!

Order link closes on December 15th!

[Order Link](#)



Panther House After-School Care

Panther House after school care is available. Please take time to review the [program details](#). If you are interest in enrolling your child(ren), please fill out the [enrollment form](#) (required for all students).

Submit forms via email to pantherhouse@stperpetuaschool.org.

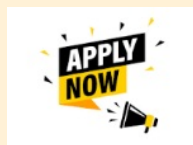
Junior High Service Hour Opportunities

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
- [Create Birthday Bags](#) for Monument Crisis Center
- [Monument Crisis Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Youth Homes Organization](#)



[Service Hours Form](#)



Application for 2024-2025 School Year

[Application Link](#) for **NEW STUDENTS** interested in the upcoming school year

Contact Gretchen Trapp, our Admissions Director gtrapp@csdo.org for more information on class availability or to set up a tour.



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

- [Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed](#)
- [Yard Duty Volunteer](#) - 2 required for each family
- [Crosswalk Volunteer](#) - 1 required for each family
- [Become an 'All Clear' volunteer](#)

Important Links

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