



# The Latest Word

St. Perpetua School - Weekly Newsletter

November 8 2023



## Weekly Update from Mrs. Gotchet

Tomorrow is our disaster drill! Please make sure to [watch this video](#) for a breakdown of the entire day. Below are key reminders:

- **Pick-up begins at 11:30am.**
- **Please do not come to campus before 11:10am.**
- Upon arrival, parents make their way to the school plaza by the flagpole to complete Emergency Dismissal Form - parents must have their ID in order to pick up their children
  - If a parent is picking up other students who are not their children, they **MUST** be listed on that child's emergency contact form prior to the drill
- Once the form is completed, parents are to walk around the *front of the school building* to the cafe doors to retrieve their children.
- Jr. High cell phones will be available for pick-up at the cafe doors.
- Students are to pick-up their backpack after they are picked up by their parents.
- Backpacks are located in the following areas:
  - TK & K backpacks lined up on the benches students sit on during morning carpool
  - 1st & 2nd grade outside 2nd grade classroom - 1st grade backpacks lined up on the ground
  - 3rd & 4th grade outside 4th grade classroom - 3rd grade backpacks lined up on the ground
  - 6th & 7th grade outside the downstairs 6th grade classroom lined up on the ground
  - 5th & 8th grade outside the 8th grade classroom - 5th grade backpacks lined up on the ground
- **ALL students must be picked up by 12pm.**
- **There is NO Cub House or Panther House.**
- Please be patient.

## 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, Nov. 9 - **Disaster Drill ~ Student Pick-Up 11:30 - 12:00 ~ NO Panther House**
- Friday, November 10 - Veterans Day / School Holiday
- Saturday, November 11 - St. Perpetua School families hosting our Winter Nights guests
- Tuesday, November 14 - end of first trimester
- Thursday, November 16 - St. Perpetua Staff hosting our Winter Nights guests
- Friday, November 17 - **NOON Dismissal**
  - **NO Cafe Perpetua**
  - **NO Panther House**
- Monday 11/20 - Friday, 11/24 - Thanksgiving break

### Other Important Dates

- Wednesday, 11/29 - Ladies Night Out
- Friday, 12/1 - report cards go home with students
- Friday & Saturday, 12/1 & 12/2 - Cafe Perpetua's Christmas Boutique
- Saturday, 12/2 - Peppermint Shoppe

- 12/3 - Rise & shine Mass ~ 1st grade hosting
- 12/21 - Christmas Sharing Performances / NOON Dismissal
- 12/22 - 1/7/24 - Christmas Break

## Monthly School Calendar

### Four Hot Lunch Volunteer Leads Needed ~ 35 volunteer hours for each lead position!

The Daily Lead is in charge of a specific day for Hot Lunch for January '24 - May '24. The Daily Lead is supported by 2 volunteers (3 on Pizza Thursdays) to get lunch out to the kids.

Monday: 11:30-1pm (this position is filled)

**Tuesday:** 11:30-1pm

**Wednesday:** 11:00 - 12:30 (this schedule is adjusted due to Mass on Wednesdays and assemblies)

**Thursday:** 11:00-1pm (this is our fundraiser for SEEDS; it's just pizza, but it's high volume, averaging about 200 students each Thursday vs an 85 average on other days)

**Friday:** 11:30-1pm

We're offering 35 hours for the Daily Lead Volunteer. I will be there to train you for the first week or two! It's not really all that different from what you've done in the past as a supporting volunteer, it's just that you have a dedicated day to serve hot lunch for the semester.

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

### Thanksgiving Donations-Monument Crisis Center

We are once again participating in the 'Trimnings Bag' program to help provide a thanksgiving dinner for families in need. This program is run by the Monument Crisis Center, and we hope all of our families and faculty will support this outreach effort!

- **TK and Kinder students:** each student to bring 1 can of cranberries
- **1st & 2nd grade students:** each student to bring 1 can of vegetables (any type)
- **3rd grade students and faculty:** each student to bring 1 packet of gravy mix
- **4th grade students and faculty:** each student to bring 1 box of mashed potato mix:
- **5th grade students and faculty:** each student to bring 1 box of stuffing mix
- **6th grade students:** each student to bring 1 box of cornbread mix
- **7th & 8th grade students:** each student to bring 1 box of cake mix (any flavor)

**All items must be brought to the classroom before/by Monday, 11/13.**

If you would like to make a donation to help MCC buy Thanksgiving turkeys, see the flyer for a QR code [Monument Crisis Center Donations](#)



### 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](#)

## December SEEDs 'Pizza Thursday' Fundraiser

Thursday Pizza continues to be a favorite for students, parents and staff! We will offer Pizza on TWO Thursdays in December ~ 12/7 & 12/14.

Order link closes on November 30th.



Order  
Pizza



## Panther House After-School Care ~ December

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

- [Enrollment Form](#) - required for all full and part-time students



## 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.

Watch for an early appearance by St. Nicholas! Contact [Sally Salay](#) with any questions.



## Cafe Perpetua Christmas Boutique ~ 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! Please contact [mmeo@csdo.org](mailto:mmeo@csdo.org) for any questions!

11/20 & 11/21 Basketball Skills & Games with



## Coach Bri & Ms. Ralston during Thanksgiving break

See [Flyer](#) for more details.



### December 15 ~ Holiday Fun at Panther House

**Panther House is offering a 'Fun Friday' activity for St. P's students.**

- You don't have to be registered for Panther House to join in this festive event.
- Kids will make Foam Gingerbread Houses, have a special sweet snack, and watch *The Grinch*.
  - 3:05 - 4:30 pm on December 15th
  - \$30 per student
  - Reservations close on November 17th

[Sign-Up Form](#)

### 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**



### 11/13 Boy Scouts Open House for 5th grade & older

Join them for their next Open House on 11/13. See flyer for additional details. [Boy Scouts Open House](#)



### Books & Bundts ~ a 'Sweet' Reading Incentive

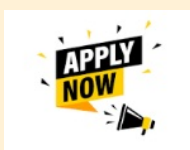
Walnut Creek's Nothing Bundt Cakes is encouraging youth reading! Students will receive a free Bundtlet for each month that they read 400+ minutes. See flyer for additional details. [Nothing Bundt Cakes Reading Incentive](#)



### 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](mailto:renee@performingacademy.com)



## 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](mailto: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](#)

[Log Volunteer Hours](#)

### Important Links

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