



# St. Peter Catholic School

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Dear Prospective St. Peter's Catholic School Family,

Greetings and God's blessings to you! I want to personally thank you as you prayerfully contemplate St. Peter's Catholic School as home not only for your child, but for the whole family. It is because of our families that our school has a strong sense of community and love.

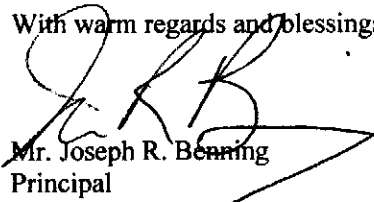
St. Peter's Catholic School continues to be an extraordinary program that offers an exceptional academic curriculum, a variety of art, music and athletic opportunities, and a nurturing, small-school setting. Our "Saints and Scholars" are instructed by award-winning, highly qualified, energetic teachers and in the loving works of Christ through charity, service, and faith experiences. Through the love and support of Fr. Paul MacNeil, and the parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, the children who come to our school enter to know Christ, and exit to serve Christ. We welcome students of all faiths to our school and we hope that our school can continue to be considered home to many in our community who can benefit from our program's offerings.

Our formal curriculum is founded in the Catholic faith, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. We also provide instruction in music, art, physical education, media/technology usage and research, and Spanish. We also are home to The Learning Center of Beaufort which provides services to students who need extra help in Reading and Math. Some of our school enrichment activities include drama, yearbook, gardening, recycling, National Beta Club, and athletics. The faculty and staff continuously assess the current programs, including the present standards, in order to better serve the students and the greater school community. We also have a daily extended day care program, with homework help.

As our mission statement so boldly states, "With Christ and His teachings as our foundation, we provide a growing interscholastic program where our primary academic goal is to educate the whole child so that the children are prepared to answer the vocations to which they will be called. It is the key aim of our school to provide an environment and an educational program that encompasses the elements of moral, intellectual, physical, emotional and social development." Understandably in these tough economic times, the decision to place your child in a parochial school is a major one. Please do not let finances be the only roadblock to finding a home here at St. Peter's. Tuition assistance is available. If you are in need, please contact the school office or go on our website, <http://school.stpeters-church.org/> for a TADS application.

We look forward to working with you in the near future and to your family being a part of St. Peter's Catholic School where we continue "Building a Foundation for Life!"

With warm regards and blessings,



Mr. Joseph R. Benning  
Principal

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **School Overview**

St. Peter's Catholic School, founded in 1991, serves students in grades K-3 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in northern Beaufort County. We are a community in which faith is integrated into the core curriculum. With Christ and His teachings as our foundation, the school provides a growing interscholastic program where our primary academic goal is to educate the whole child so that the children are prepared to answer the vocations to which they will be called. The school provides a Christian atmosphere that is rooted in Gospel values and strives to meet the learning needs of all our students and to recognize the individual uniqueness God has instilled in each of them.

It is the key aim of St. Peter's Catholic School to provide an environment and an educational program that encompasses the elements of moral, intellectual, physical, emotional and social development. Teachers are instructors, as well as, moral examples to students. The school has an inherent responsibility to promote spiritual growth, character development and discipline to all students and is weaved throughout the academic program.

Our students graduate with a love for God, an appreciation for academic excellence and self respect for self and others.

### **School Curriculum**

St. Peter's Catholic School follows the curriculum standards set forth by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Charleston. Overall, our curriculum meets or exceeds all requirements of the State of South Carolina and South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA). Our school received SCISA re-accreditation in 2011. We received SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation in spring, 2012.

All teachers are certified and nine teachers on staff hold their Master's Degree in education or a related field. Teachers incorporate Diocesan Standards throughout their lesson planning and teachers take a hands-on approach to learning. Knowing that each student is different, our faculty and staff work hard to approach the skill of teaching with compassion and care, dedication and service, love and understanding. It is our hope that each student strives for excellence and succeeds in their pursuit of their goals.

In their daily schedule, students enjoy the core subjects of Math, Religion and Language Arts along with the additional subjects of Social Studies, and Science. Our foreign language taught is Spanish which begins in Kindergarten. Additional classes include Physical Education, Music and Art. Students in our middle school have an opportunity to earn high school credit by participating in Algebra I, Geometry, Spanish I or Spanish II, Physical Science I and English I. Our former students have also gone on to become valedictorians and salutatorians at their high schools, and others have attended the South Carolina Governor's School for the gifted in areas of Liberal Arts and Science. Our school is also a Learning Center of Beaufort site which provides services to students who need extra help in Reading and Math.

Our students actively engage in a Corporal Works of Mercy project that broadens their scope of learning and assists our community in the process. Students also participate in activities and field trips that enhance the classroom instruction.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
2014-2015 NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT APPLICATION  
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Please Print Clearly  
Grade Applying For \_\_\_\_\_ K4 Full Day \_\_\_\_\_ K4 Part Day \_\_\_\_\_ K3 Full Day \_\_\_\_\_ K3 Part Day \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle In. \_\_\_\_\_ (preferred name)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ SS # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's email address \_\_\_\_\_ Father's email address \_\_\_\_\_

MAY WE PUBLISH YOUR CHILD(REN'S) NAMES, YOUR NAMES, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESS IN OUR

SCHOOL DIRECTORY? Y N

\*\*ETHNICITY (required by the Diocese of Charleston and the NCEA):

White \_\_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ Multi- Racial \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Peter's Church Parishioners? Y N Envelope# \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of (if Catholic):

Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

First Communion \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

School Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant ever been referred to anyone for academic evaluation, testing, or remedial instruction? \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes", describe the circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

Has student ever been suspended or dismissed for academic, disciplinary or other reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes", describe the circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Military? Y N Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Military? Y N Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information:

Applicant lives with: Both Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Only \_\_\_\_\_ Father Only \_\_\_\_\_ Stepparents \_\_\_\_\_

Stepmother \_\_\_\_\_ Stepfather \_\_\_\_\_ Other (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

Check any that apply: Father is deceased \_\_\_\_\_ Mother is deceased \_\_\_\_\_ Student is adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please detail) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
You will be informed, in writing, regarding acceptance. Fees are due within 14 days of acceptance to secure enrollment.

(Please circle a plan) Plan A (Prepay) Plan B (10 month) Plan C (12 month) (See the attached Schedule of Tuition & Fees for plan descriptions)

**I agree to pay the tuition and fees, less any tuition assistance that might be awarded, as listed on the Schedule of Tuition and Fees 2014-2015 form:**

We were referred to St. Peter's Catholic School by \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKLIST - These documents must be provided to the school in order for enrollment to be processed.

- \_\_\_\_ Copy of Birth Certificate
  - \_\_\_\_ Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if Catholic)
  - \_\_\_\_ Copy of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Certificate (if applicable)
  - \_\_\_\_ Copy of South Carolina Immunization
  - \_\_\_\_ Copy of Social Security Card
  - \_\_\_\_ Most recent report card & standardized test (Grades 1-8)
- \_\_\_\_ Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ PTO Service Hour Commitment Form



# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## SCHEDULE OF TUITION AND FEES 2014-2015

**A Registration Fee is due with the application:  
\$50.00 for returning students and siblings of current students  
\$100.00 for new students**

**Qualified Parishioner is defined as follows:**  
*Child properly initiated in Catholic Faith  
Family registered with parish  
Family attends Mass regularly and uses weekly envelope system*

### Tuition Rates:

	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
K 3 Part Day (3 Full Days or 5 Part Days)	\$3,225	\$3,225
K 3 Full Day	\$4,300	\$4,300
K4 Part Day (3 Full Days or 5 Part Days)	\$3,375	\$4,875
K4 Full Day & K5	\$4,500	\$6,500
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,600	\$6,600
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,700	\$6,700

**A \$225 per child deduction is available for qualified parishioners with 3 or more children**

Financial aid is available based on demonstrated need and available funds. All applications are completed online. TADS worksheets to assist in the application process are available in the school office or on our website, [www.http://school.stpeters-church.org](http://school.stpeters-church.org)

**\*\*Please ask about our referral program!**

**SMART TUITION** processes tuition payments on behalf of St. Peter's Catholic School. **SMART** accepts American Express, Mastercard and Discover for tuition and fees. A convenience fee of 2.65% will be charged to the credit card user by SMART. Bank draft is available at no charge and is **required** if choosing the (12) month plan. Enrollment with SMART is handled online once a student is accepted.

### FEES (Non-Refundable)

- Instructional and Book Fees: \$200 per student
- Technology Fee: 100 per student (**K3 K4 exempted**)
- Student Insurance & Diocesan Fee: 50 per student  
\$350 per student (Due within 14 days of acceptance)

**TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS** - Please review the following options carefully before selecting one on your registration form.

Plan A: Prepay your tuition by June 1, 2014 and receive a **2% discount**

Plan B: Tuition paid in 10 monthly installments from August – May

Plan C: Tuition paid in 12 monthly installments from July – June. Auto draft required.

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## ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION PAYMENT POLICY

1. Payments are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.
2. If tuition is not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, a late fee will be assessed and contact will be made with the family to bring the account current.
3. If tuition payment remains unpaid, a 30 day delinquency letter is sent on the 5th of the following month. The letter is mailed by regular mail and will include a copy of the Tuition Payment Policy. Principal will be notified.
4. If tuition payment or response is not made, the tuition account falls into a collection status. A tuition collection letter will be sent by certified mail. The collection letter will include a time limit in which to contact the Finance Office about potential problem/payment arrangement. All payment arrangements must be in writing between the parent and the principal/designee.
5. As per Diocesan directive, any tuition delinquent more than 30 days and without a payment arrangement, will result in the student's report card being held.
6. If tuition arrearage or payment arrangement is not fulfilled, the student may potentially be removed from the school and records withheld. Also, re-enrollment for the upcoming year will be denied.

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## Family Service Hour Commitment Form St. Peter's 2014-2015 School Year

Dear Parents,

St. Peter's Catholic School, like all Catholic Schools, depends on its volunteers to keep programming costs low and nurture as many opportunities for our students as possible. With this in mind, we require each family to volunteer at least 30 service hours to the school. On the reverse side is a sampling of some of the areas. Please take the time now to consider how you might help next year.

Remember when completing the form:

- Only one form for each family is necessary.
- Please list at least two areas where you can be a helper and consider coordinating an activity as well.
- There is a wide range of volunteer possibilities. Take the time to read all the opportunities before selecting an area where you might help.
- Remember: Grandparents, or other relatives, are eligible to contribute to a family's commitment.

In an effort to ensure that each family completes the required number of hours for the school year, each hour is essentially worth \$10.00. Periodically throughout the year, the family will be updated as to how many hours are still owed or the family can 'buyout' the remainder of their time owed to the school. Towards the end of the year, the family will be given one final opportunity to complete the hours or receive a bill in the amount owed to the school for hours not completed.

Please know that you and your family are appreciated for all that you do to help make St. Peter's such a terrific school! Thank you!

### Family Service Hour Commitment Form 2014-2015 School Year

Child/rens' **Last** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's First Name/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

**Family Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Child(ren)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Grades**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PTO EVENTS**

**Back to School Party - August**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Middle School Orientation – August**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**New Family Reception & Orientation - August**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Hospitality**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Fundraising**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Bookfair – October & May**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Golf Tournament - Spring**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Service Hour Coordinator - Quarterly**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Discount Cards – January-April**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Float Committee – Water Festival (July)**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Christmas Parade**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Office Angel**

- Day of Week \_\_\_\_\_
- Time \_\_\_\_\_

**Library**

- Volunteer

**Extended Day Care**

- Volunteer/Helper

**Box Tops**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**Lunchroom – 9am-1pm**

- Day of Week \_\_\_\_\_

**Oyster Roast - March**

- Volunteer

**Homes for the Holidays - November**

- Volunteer

**Sunshine Committee - Monthly**

- Coordinator
- Volunteer

**Church Bazaar - October**

- Coordinator
- Volunteer

**Classroom Helper**

- Reading
- Math
- Copies

**GIFT CARDS - Weekly**

- Coordinator
- Helper

**SCHOOL CLUBS**

**Garden Club – Monthly 3:15-4:00**

- Volunteer

**Recycle Club – Monthly 3:15-4:00**

- Volunteer

**Art Club**

- Volunteer

**Students for Life**

- Volunteer

**7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP**

**Candy Bar Sales - Fall**

- Volunteer

**Breakfast with Santa - December**

- Volunteer





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## TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION PROCEDURES 2014-2015 School Year

**Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2014**

1. Tuition Assistance request are analyzed by an outside source, Tuition Aid Data Services (TADS).
2. All applications are completed online. TADS worksheets to assist in the application process are available in the school office or on our website. Note: 2013 tax return information is required, but contact TADS if it is not available.
3. Application fee is \$34.00.
4. Students must be enrolled and accepted for the 2014-2015 school year at St. Peter's before any assistance will be awarded.
5. All information remains confidential. Notifications will be sent in writing in May.

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