

# THE LIGHT ON THE HILL

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SAINT PETER SCHOOL  
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Friends of Saint Peter School



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“*The education of children and young people is such an important task in forming them as free and responsible human beings. It affirms their dignity as an inalienable gift that flows from our original creation as children made in the image and likeness of God. And because education truly forms human beings, it is especially the duty and responsibility of the Church, who is called to serve mankind from the heart of God and in such a way that no other institution can.*”

—Pope Francis



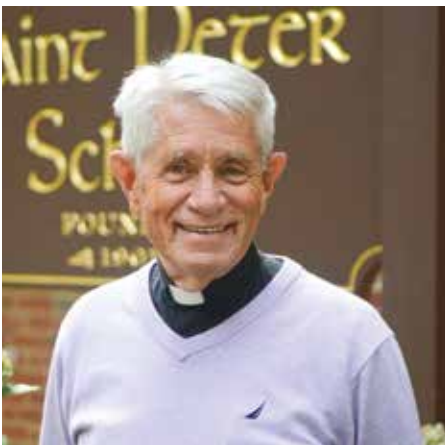
**Mission Statement:** Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Saint Peter School lives and nurtures our Catholic faith while embracing our multiculturalism. We believe in teaching to the heart, mind, and soul of each child.

*Saint Peter School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.*

# Message from the Pastor

“In this spirit of determination and courage we honor our patron, Saint Peter. Just as Peter faced the challenges and difficulties of building the early church, we too face the challenges of our lives. We are the *Light On The Hill*—not an inanimate object, but a community of faith guided by the grace of God.”

— Fr. Lenny



Dear Families,

I know it's been said that "life can turn on a dime," but it is still stunning when it actually happens. This past year, for all of our lives, this certainly was true. In the blink of an eye life changed from the familiar to something we've never seen before. All of a sudden everything we were used to was shut down—work, school, social gatherings, familiar interactions—even going to the grocery store was problematic. What were we going to do?

Here at Saint Peter's we were quick to adapt. Lessons were quickly moved to online learning. Conferences were conducted through Zoom

meetings, special events for families and even graduation were still celebrated. Even the *Dare to Dream Annual Gala and Auction* was reimaged to a virtual experience. Thanks to the determination and inventiveness of our wonderful faculty and administrators, combined with the support of our families and students, life continued. The *Light On The Hill* was not extinguished, but continued to burn brightly. Saint Peter School was still alive and fulfilling its age old mission.

Today, we continue in that same spirit of determination and inventiveness. Our staff, led by Principal Patrick Boyden and aided by numerous parents, worked diligently throughout the summer months to prepare the community for a safe (if very different) return to in-person learning. Saint Peter School is now open and enjoying the life-giving energy of our students and their families.

In this spirit of determination and courage we honor our patron, Saint Peter. Just as Peter faced the challenges and difficulties of building the early church, we too face the challenges of our lives. We are the *Light On The Hill*—not an inanimate object, but a community of faith guided by the grace of God.

Peace and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lenny O'Malley".

Leonard F. O'Malley



Fr. Lenny pictured with a first communion celebrant and her sister.



Fr. Lenny welcomes two grade levels at the weekly Thursday morning mass.

## “SAINT PETER, PRAY FOR US!”

Thursday mornings are recognized as our time of prayer in Saint Peter School.

On a weekly rotation, two grade levels attend the school mass while the rest of the school participates in prayer activities organized by their homeroom teacher, in their respective classrooms.



# Message from the Principal

*We form saints and scholars, and we do so in that order. Regardless of what the year ahead holds and whether we are online or in-person, we will continue to love, nurture, and educate every child that walks through our doors (or logs into our Zooms!). Our school might look a little different than in years past—more masks, desks a bit further apart, and lunch in the classrooms—but our mission has not changed.*

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Dear SPS Community,

The last six months have been a time of unprecedented challenge, change, and growth—for our world, our country, and for our school. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been felt in our homes, in our classrooms, and in our workplaces. And while the suffering and pain

have been very real, Saint Peter School's resiliency and dedication to our students have never been more evident.

In the spring, our students and faculty transitioned seamlessly to remote learning and continued teaching and learning with joy and curiosity. Our Spring Gala, one of the school's marquee social and fundraising events, was reimaged as an online auction—and was a record-breaking success. Our Class of 2020 concluded their SPS journey with our first-ever virtual commencement ceremony, a distinction that will cement their legacy for many years to come.

Over the summer, our school community worked tirelessly to create a safe and responsive reopening plan, so that our students could return to in-person learning this year. Three parent subcommittees advised on every facet of our reopening strategy, from public health and operational considerations to the social-emotional and academic impacts on our students. In addition, teachers sacrificed their well-deserved summer vacation to reconfigure their classrooms and redesign their curricula.

We embarked on the new school year in hope and trust and with a newfound appreciation for community and solidarity. This year ahead promises to be full of new and unforeseen challenges, but we will continue to rally and respond in beautiful and profound ways.

We are thrilled to have recently launched a new school-wide initiative called SPS Cares. SPS Cares is a comprehensive campaign that highlights the many ways that our school educates and forms our students' hearts, minds, and souls. In the months ahead, Saint Peter Cares will feature a

variety of social, academic, spiritual, and fundraising events and programs. Thanks in advance for your participation, engagement, and generosity.

I want to close by reaffirming my vision for Saint Peter School. We form saints and scholars, and we do so in that order. Regardless of what the year ahead holds and whether we are online or in-person, we will continue to love, nurture, and educate every child that walks through our doors (or logs into our Zooms!). Our school might look a little different than in years past—more masks, desks a bit further apart, and lunch in the classrooms—but our mission has not changed.

Finally, what a blessing it is that we can turn to our patron and namesake during times of turmoil and uncertainty. Just as Saint Peter was the rock upon which Christ built His Church, so too may he continue to be our school's rock and foundation. Just as he had to trust in Jesus to safely deliver him from stormy and troubled waters, so too may we rely on Christ for our health, safety, and ultimate happiness.

Know that I am praying for you each and every day. Thank you for being a part of our Saint Peter School community.

*Ad maiorem dei gloriam.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Boyden".

Pat Boyden  
Principal



LEFT: Principal Pat Boyden and Mrs. Evelyn Boyden at the SPS Cares Virtual Fall 5K Fundraiser held on October 10–12, 2020; RIGHT: Principal Boyden playing football with Grade 7.

# Mr. Robert Gray Awarded Archdiocese's Excellence in Education Award



LEFT: Mr. Robert Gray is the Grade 7 Homeroom Teacher and Grade 7 and Grade 8 Math and Religion Teacher; RIGHT: Archdiocese of Boston Excellence in Education Award Virtual Ceremony

*“As I entered the seventh grade, I knew I was going to have a teacher that cared, but I couldn't have ever imagined what that truly meant.”*

– Cameron Monagle '11

Beloved Saint Peter School teacher Mr. Robert Gray was chosen to receive the prestigious Excellence in Education Award from the Archdiocese of Boston for 2019–2020. Cardinal Sean O'Malley named Mr. Gray a winner of the award during a special web call last April. He is the Grade 7 and Grade 8 Math and Religion Teacher.

Given to ten elementary and five high school teachers across the Archdiocese, the Excellence in Education Award “honors elementary and secondary school teachers’ commitment to developing saint and scholars.” As Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Boston Thomas Carroll explained in his announcement of the award, parents, administrators, students, and peers nominate teachers for “their strong leadership qualities, Catholic values, academic excellence, and their commitment to their students as well as school.”

Fellow Saint Peter School faculty members praise Mr. Gray’s innovative spirit, willingness to collaborate, and dedication to students. He has been at Saint Peter’s since 2001, when he followed his heart into teaching after retiring early from a highly successful career at Gillette. Admired by students in and out of the classroom, Mr. Gray has coached numerous CYO basketball teams and encouraged many students to participate in after-school soccer and running clubs that he started. He stays in touch

with scores of former students, systematically keeping track and proudly boasting of their college acceptances and other academic and career accomplishments. Alumni from throughout his years at Saint Peter’s return to the school to visit with the teaching and storytelling virtuoso himself, hoping to once again be treated to a “Mr. Gray story.”

With boundless pride and appreciation Saint Peter School honors Robert Gray for his 2019–2020 Excellence in Education Award. Please join us in saluting an outstanding teacher, coach, and role model for the exceptional expertise, energy, high standards, and devotion to students that he has dedicated to Saint Peter School.



LEFT: Saint Peter School Alumni attended the 2019 Christmas Pageant and visited Mr. Gray. RIGHT: Robert Gray continues to provide quality education, remotely.

# SPS *Zoomed* into Remote Learning last Spring

The Saint Peter School community began March with students and faculty experiencing typical anticipation for spring's familiar rituals such as Easter, April vacation, First Holy Communion, class trips, Field Day, and Graduation. But it was soon apparent that this spring—indeed, this year—would be like no other as Saint Peter's tackled the unforeseen challenges of the coronavirus outbreak by quickly and effectively transitioning to remote learning.



LEFT: Mr. Mark Smith, Grade 5 Teacher, is ready to explore ELA with his class; RIGHT: This Grade 6 student is all smiles as she dives into Google Classroom.



*“It is impossible to find new ways to say we are in an extraordinary time. As a parent, I have been thankful this week for the blessing to our family that is Saint Peter School. Our caring and committed faculty are working so hard to keep content flowing, navigate new technology use, and express their support and concern for each of their students. In the midst of a leadership change, our Co-Principals and Administrative team are working double time to keep up with the rapid pace of events, support teachers, coordinate technology solutions...and provide for their own students at the same time!”*

— Chris Carpenter,  
Parent and Former School Board Chair

Early in the month Saint Peter School Administrator and Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Boston Thomas Carroll appointed Beth Adams, Grade 7 and 8 ELA Teacher, and Ashley Davis, Middle School Science Teacher, as Interim Co-Principals. Together with the Superintendent, they announced plans to close the school for a thorough cleaning from Friday, March 13 to Monday, March 16. However, the initial two-day closure was quickly expanded in the wake of Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker's decision to close all schools in the commonwealth, public and private, through April 6. That order was soon expanded to May 4; before long, it was clear that Saint Peter students and their Massachusetts cohorts would complete the school year at home.

*“They are going beyond their duty to be present with the kids and keep teaching them. Their presence in the life of the children in these times is precious.”*

— Middle School Parent

Led by the Interim Co-Principals, Saint Peter faculty and staff created a remote learning contingency plan so that the teaching goals of the year could continue to be achieved. Thanks to the generous technology gift of \$30,000 from an anonymous donor in the fall of 2019, the school was able to send students home with Chromebooks so that teachers could immediately begin to deliver lessons online. Despite the challenges for students, teachers, and parents, many of whom were now overseeing their children's distance learning from home, the shift to virtual classrooms was successful. Teachers appreciated the invaluable work of parents in guiding and monitoring students' work, and parents were grateful for the teachers' unshakable commitment to adhering to lesson plans, remaining connected to each student, and providing numerous and creative opportunities for students to be engaged with each other while learning remotely. And everyone was encouraged by students' adaptability and good cheer!

During this time, the Interim Co-Principals, Leadership Team, and teachers frequently met remotely to monitor progress, constantly seeking feedback and updating families regarding the changing situation. Working with the Catholic Schools Office, they surveyed parents via a questionnaire, which provided helpful comments and an overall positive report.

Not long after the switch to remote learning, teachers concluded that students should be graded Past/Fail for the final trimester;





Even with a relaxed dress code, our K2 students are enjoying remote learning.



Elementary Science with Dr. Ciarlet.

“My daughter’s 3rd Grade Teacher is exceeding our expectations in this trying time. Through Google Classroom, my daughter is fully responsible for all of her work and her teacher is available to help. This is going better than expected.”

– Elementary Parent

the challenges of learning remotely, as well as the difficulties of assessing student performance online, were too great to do otherwise. Teachers also assured families that students would not be penalized should circumstances prevent them from completing assignments.

Like classroom instruction, many events were moved online. Beginning with the reimagined *Dare to Dream Gala and Auction*, which grossed \$130,000 (please see story on page 14), remote school events included a weeklong virtual field trip, a cooking class with Chef Doug, Trivia Night, Bingo Night, spirit week, a virtual Parent Association meeting, Virtual Grade 8 Graduation, and Virtual K1 and K2 Graduation.

A welcome good news story of the spring: In April Saint Peter’s learned that its very own Robert Gray, Grade 7 and 8 Math and Religion Teacher, was named a recipient of the Archdiocese of Boston Excellence in Education Award. Honoring ten elementary school and five school high teachers in Catholic schools of the Archdiocese, the award recognizes teachers’ commitment to developing their students as saints and scholars (please see story on page 3).

Also in April, Superintendent Carroll appointed a principal search committee to interview and recommend exceptional principal candidates forwarded by the Catholic Schools Office. After a thorough search, the Superintendent announced the appointment of Patrick Boyden as the new principal of Saint Peter School. Although his official start date was July 1, 2020, Principal-select Boyden immediately immersed himself in school matters, assisting with ongoing enrollment efforts and budgeting exercises, and hosting a series of coffee chats and conversation hours to get to know the community. In addition, drawing

from parents, faculty, and staff, he organized Saint Peter’s own COVID-19 Response Team, consisting of medical personnel, administrators, scientists, and janitors. (To learn more about the work of the Team to prepare Saint Peter’s return to in-person learning, please see *Saint Peter School’s Successful Reopening* article on page 16.)

The school year concluded with virtual graduations and goodbye wishes expressed via Zoom. Families were able to drive by and collect students’ belongings that had been left in classrooms back in mid-March, well before anyone knew how severely the pandemic would cut short in-person learning for 2019–2020. This unusual concluding rite was enabled by the teachers, who illustrated yet again their spectacular devotion to their students and the school. Quite simply, the teachers—this year’s

“St. Peter School rose to the challenge and distributed Chromebooks to the children immediately and moved seamlessly to the Google Classroom platform. It is testament to our amazing interim leadership and teachers!”

– Early Education Parent

heroes—were nothing short of amazing. In particular, Interim Co-Principals Beth Adams and Ashley Davis earned profound gratitude and respect for their exemplary leadership and excellent management. And a special note of thanks goes to Bernadette Leahy, former Saint Peter School principal, for generously continuing to serve as an invaluable mentor and advisor during this time.

Meeting the daunting circumstances of the pandemic required uncommon resilience, collaboration, and energy on the part of the entire Saint Peter community—everyone rose to the occasion. We are enormously proud that during this most challenging chapter in Saint Peter School’s history, it sustained its high standards of excellence, remarkable ability to innovate, and indefatigable spirit. Thank you!



Grade 8 students with their K1 buddies at the Grandparents & Special Friends Day service day card making activity.



Grade 8 students at the Saint Peter School 2019 Christmas Pageant.

# Welcoming Alumni Engagement

Saint Peter School is blessed to have an engaged and supportive network of alumni who contribute to the vibrancy and success of the community. Through gifts of time and resources, Saint Peter alumni enrich and enhance the School and its programs. In this unprecedented era of the pandemic, the powerful example of the Class of 2020's thoughtful generosity has reminded us that the values that inspire those alumni gifts of involvement and dedication are developed and strengthened as students.

Perhaps no class experienced as many disruptions as the Grade 8 did when Saint Peter's rapidly and effectively shifted to distance learning last spring. Members of the Class of 2020 were hearing from and deciding on high schools, preparing final papers and projects, and getting ready for their long-anticipated visit to Washington, DC as well as June's graduation ceremony. While the school year continued online for them and all Saint Peter's students, the Grade 8 capstone trip to Washington was, unfortunately, canceled.

But the 8th graders reacted with grace, generosity, and resilience. They rose to the occasion and embraced the remainder of the year, retaining their focus on schoolwork and cohesion as a class. Together with family, faculty, and friends, the Class of 2020 celebrated a special and memorable Virtual Graduation, organized by Interim Co-Principal and Grade 8 teacher *extraordinaire* Mrs. Beth Adams.

Most impressive was the class's response to the cancelation of their trip. Like 8th grade classes before them, the Class of 2020 raised money for their trip throughout the year. After learning that they wouldn't be heading to Washington, the class decided to redirect what they raised to fund two gifts to Saint Peter's. They donated a wooden "buddy bench," a welcome addition to the outdoor space there they had played as kindergarten students and a wonderful reminder of their beloved K1 and K2 buddies. And thanks to

Grade 8 students and families, Saint Peter School has a new fund for financial aid, **The Stronger Together Scholarship**, a \$500 award, given to a rising 8th grader chosen on the basis of merit and financial need. Our newly minted alumni hope that their act of philanthropy will inspire all alumni—current and future—to support this annual scholarship.

We couldn't be prouder of the members of the Class of 2020. By living their values, they prove the power of teaching to "the heart, mind and soul of each child." With great admiration, we salute our youngest alumni for their many accomplishments, outstanding character, and inspiring legacy of leadership and generosity. Thank you, Class of 2020! You remain in our prayers, always. Good luck, and please visit often!

## GRADE 8 PRAYER BY: ISABELLA

Dear God,

During these difficult times because of the coronavirus pandemic, please help those who are struggling with financial problems and those who are lonely in their houses. Protect first responders, healthcare workers, and those most susceptible to the virus. Cure those that have been infected by the virus and those who have been affected by it. Comfort those who are mourning a loss because of the virus. Help the scientists that are trying to develop a vaccine for the coronavirus. Pray for the students that have had to miss exciting events and occasions and that they will continue to have a well rounded education. Bless family and friends.

Amen.



# A Graduate's Resilient Spirit



Kenny Delino '12 (left), Kedrick Delino '17 (center), Kerby Delino '13 (right), and Taina Delino '20 (bottom center).



Kenny pays Mr. Gray a visit this fall.

Saint Peter School alumni from across the generations and geographic boundaries embody the school's spirit and values. They use their expertise, experiences, and resources to lead, serve and assist others. We celebrate the many Saint Peter alumni whose lives of faith, purpose, and accomplishment inspire today's students.

We are proud to introduce Kenny Delino '12. A double Eagle, Kenny is Boston College Class of 2020 and Boston College High School Class of 2016. Kenny and his siblings are all Saint Peter alumni—his sister Taina is a member of the SPS Class of 2020 and is currently attending Matignon High School. The Delino family legacy cherishes learning and those who facilitate it. Kenny fondly recalls many of Mr. Robert Gray's stories, interspersed among math and religion classes. And Kenny continues to hold dear Mr. Gray's sound advice.

Taina and Kenny are grateful for the scholarship assistance that enabled their time at Saint Peter's. They agree that benefactors of Saint Peter School are making the best possible investment in education!

Like many of his peers, Kenny found himself calling upon reserves of resilience during this difficult time of the coronavirus. Please read his words on what he has learned these last few months and how his Saint Peter School experience has continued to shape him throughout his educational journey.

*The recent pandemic has plagued the world dearly, and we have all been left with nothing but time on our hands while we attempt to adjust our lives to our new reality. My world was changed significantly on March 11th, 2020 when my senior year at Boston College was cut short due to the coronavirus. I remember vividly sitting in my French Caribbean Environmental class when the BC administration sent out an email informing all students that we would have to leave campus and have to finish the spring semester online. I walked back to my dorm knowing that I only had four days to attempt to bring myself a sense of closure as I knew my wonderful time at BC would be ending earlier than anticipated. In that moment, there were too many emotions that*

*ran through my head. I was thinking about my graduation, friends and family, my grandmother, and a plethora of other things. It felt as if my entire world was being taken away from me, and when I moved out of my dorm and back to my home, those feelings were confirmed.*

*It is safe to assume that we all felt an uninspiring of some sort whether that be physically, mentally, spiritually, or even a combination of the three. I look to one moment that truly helped me get through those treacherous spring months, and that moment was a phone call I made to two former Saint Peter's classmates of mine, Kendrick Bellan and Lupita Acevedo. We spent hours on the phone talking about the state of the world amidst the coronavirus, talking about our different high school experiences, reminiscing about old memories, and laughing. Kendrick, Lupita, and I had gone from K2 all the way through the eighth grade together. Although we all went to different high schools and colleges, we had always maintained contact with each other and still do. Therefore, for me, it was second nature to just call them and check in. However, what made this phone call special was the fact that it was the first time I realized the gift of Saint Peter's School. It's a place where relationships are made and developed from a young age, and these relationships have a chance to last a lifetime. More importantly, it is a place where lessons, both big and small, are learned. I still hear Mr. Gray telling (more so yelling) at me to say, "excuse me" instead of "what?", or "pardon me" instead of "huh?" The lessons I have learned from Saint Peter's School always stayed with me and forever will. Therefore, when I think about the way I ended my time at BC and life in this pandemic, I think with hope because I know the fundamental principles I have taken from these experiences will be of good use to me one day. Even when I am a little bit off path, I know that Lupita and Kendrick will be there for me or Mr. Gray's voice will pop into my head. Saint Peter's is a place full of richness, and these riches come in the form of people, moments, and lessons. Some stay with Saint Peter's a lifetime and some stay for only a year or two. No matter the length of time a child or parent is with the Saint Peter's community, there will definitely be a moment of richness for them that will carry them a long way. For me, that is the beauty of Saint Peter's School.*



Kenny is seated in the first row at the first seat on the left.

*No doubt other alumni recognize their own Saint Peter School experience in Kenny Delino's words. We are grateful to him for sharing his story and partnering with Saint Peter School in this special way. Thank you, Kenny, for being part of a great tradition!*

# 2020 Scholarships Awarded

Every year Saint Peter School is fortunate to receive gifts for scholarship and tributes in honor or memory of individuals. We appreciate these thoughtful contributions, given in both good and challenging times, and thank the many families, friends, alumni, and parishioners who choose to honor their loved ones or their memories by giving to the Annual Fund in support of Catholic Education.



The 2020 Peter Lynch Scholars, Kaleb Andenet '22, Eyosias Dawit '23, Emmanuel Demmelash '23, Ruhamah Henok '21.

**THE PETER LYNCH SCHOLARS**, established in 2010 to honor Mr. Lynch's involvement with The Catholic Schools Foundation/Inner-City Scholarship Fund, awarded four students with scholarships based upon grades, work ethic, and demonstrated care and concern for others in and beyond our community. The Peter Lynch Scholars at Saint Peter School for 2020: Kaleb Andenet '22, Eyosias Dawit '23, Emmanuel Demmelash '23, and Ruhamah Henok '21.



Jacey Odvil '23

**THE DRS. PATRICK F. CADIGAN AND TANDRA L. CADIGAN, THE LATE BARBARA A. CADIGAN, AND CADIGAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a deserving student selected by the administration of Saint Peter School based on good standing. This year's honored recipient is Jacey Odvil '23.



Sofia Ayala '22

**THE BERNADETTE LEAHY SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a rising 7th grade student who exhibits good Christian conduct and behavior, is respectful and kind in the dealings with peers and teachers, and consistently works hard. This year's honored recipient is Sofia Ayala '22.

**THE RICHARD MORGAN SCHOLARSHIP** is a scholarship given each year in memory of a compassionate, giving husband, father, and grandfather who died in the 9/11 attack. The students in Grade 7 write compositions nominating a classmate. The Morgan family carefully reads each composition and takes into consideration the students' recommendations when selecting the most deserving student. This year's honored recipient is Lucca Olivet '21.



Lucca Olivet '21



Susan Carrera '21



Eyosias Dawit '23



Christopher Graham '21

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

The St. Vincent de Paul Cambridge Scholarship is awarded each year to deserving students at St. Peter School. The honored recipients are Susan Carrera '21, Eyosias Dawit '23, and Christopher Graham '21.

**THE JOSEPH F. FLAHERTY SCHOLARSHIP** is given each year in memory of a parishioner and lifelong Cambridge resident, who was a passionate basketball player and Catholic Youth Organization basketball coach for many years. The scholarship is awarded to an eighth grade student who is committed to achieving academic excellence and plans to attend a private Catholic high school. The honored 2020 Joseph F. Flaherty Scholarship recipient is Elliott Shaw '20, who now attends Boston College High School.



Elliott Shaw '20



Natania George '21

**THE STRONGER TOGETHER SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a rising Grade 8 student, based on merit and financial need. The Class of 2020 established this scholarship with the funds they raised for their trip to Washington, D.C., which was canceled due to the pandemic. The 2020 honored recipient is Natania George '21.



# 2020–2021 Annual Fund



## Message from Advancement



Eve Encinas-Lončar,  
Director of Advancement

Dear Friend of Saint Peter School,

At Saint Peter School we pride ourselves on a legacy of guiding and supporting students as they grow intellectually, spiritually, and socially. Dedicated to promoting Catholic values, high standards, and the success of each student, Saint Peter's prepares its students to think critically and creatively, and to act compassionately and responsibly. Our graduates are well prepared to lead and serve!

The involvement of families, faculty, alumni, and friends is key to ensuring Saint Peter's excellence. Year after year, their many and varied gifts bridge the gap between the revenue from tuition and the costs of underwriting the academic program, building operations and maintenance, and scholarship assistance. We are grateful for this deep tradition of care and generosity.

The coronavirus crisis has challenged Saint Peter's fundraising efforts while rendering them more important than ever. Although forced to cancel last spring's golf tournament and this fall's Oktoberfest, we shifted to a *Virtual Gala and Auction* and conducted a Virtual Fall 5K, both of which were highly successful. Yet our financial needs have increased dramatically as we continue to mount an effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, in 2020–2021 the *Saint Peter Cares Annual Fund* seeks to raise \$450,000 to meet the operating expenses of an ordinary year and to cover the costs related to this extraordinary year. Since the spring, faculty and parents have devoted unparalleled energy and expertise to determining and securing the protocols, equipment, and services essential to Saint Peter's ability to open and remain open for in-person learning. These measures, indispensable yet expensive, include thorough and frequent cleanings, upgraded technology, abundant PPE, and regular testing of students and faculty.

Most notably, the testing program is costly; the fees paid by parents will not cover all expenses. A remarkable donor has anonymously provided a \$50,000 gift to match contributions earmarked for the testing program—and which has jump-started this initiative! We hope for widespread support from the greater school community. Respectfully, we ask all parents to make a gift that is meaningful

to them. Every donation to the Saint Peter School Cares Annual Fund is invaluable and welcome!

On a personal note, my family's love for Saint Peter School runs deep. My husband and I are beyond grateful for the first-hand benefits of the stable foundation Catholic education provided to our daughter, a 2014 Saint Peter School alumna and a junior at Connecticut College. My family witnessed firsthand Saint Peter's welcoming atmosphere and multicultural educational environment. Onto my third year as the Director of Advancement, I enjoy getting to know members of the faculty, staff, and administration, multitude of parents I've met through the years serving on the board and volunteering. I am beyond grateful for all the wonderful parents we have willing to volunteer at events.

Thank you for your support, which fortifies our response to these difficult days and strengthens this wonderful community of faith, care, and joy.

God bless,

Eve Encinas-Lončar  
Director of Advancement



## The Annual Report of Gifts

This report gratefully acknowledges and recognizes those who contributed to Saint Peter School during 2019–2020 year. The generous support from our benefactors is a testament to the commitment demonstrated every day by members of the Saint Peter Community. We gave thanks for the 2019–2020 year, celebrate its success, and honor all those who have helped fill our future with promise.



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# Saint Peter School Re-imagined Dare to Dream Virtual Auction

*Thank you for making our students' dreams come true!*

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Last March, as the coronavirus outbreak rapidly upended daily life, the Saint Peter School community quickly galvanized to reimagine the *Dare to Dream Gala and Auction*, then less than two weeks away. Thanks to the adaptability, creativity, and generosity of parents, faculty, and friends, the *Dare to Dream Virtual Auction* was a resounding success, raising \$130,000 for the school.

Using the fundraising platform GiveSmart, the week-long virtual auction allowed “attendees” to bid on items using their computers or smartphones. Each day new items were made available to encourage regular and frequent visits to the site. Although we were disappointed that we were unable to gather in person, the event provided great flexibility for participants who were overseeing their children’s distance learning, working from home, and learning to manage life amidst a pandemic. And no fancy attire was required! An anonymous donor generously offered to match donation proceeds from the virtual bids and buys, up to \$30,000, which terrifically kickstarted the auction and helped to guarantee impressive results.

Highlights included the video created for the gala that showcased Saint Peter’s students—coordinated by parents Alicia Bard, Wendy Burns, and Rebecca Susi—and the singing talents of Penny Vincent from Grade 3, SPS Teachers Julie Songer and Mark Smith. Another popular feature: the video of 2020 Saint Peter School Fund-A-Need for Tuition Scholarship’s guest speaker, Cameron Monagle ’11, who movingly spoke of his educational journey that began at Saint Peter School. His heartfelt words inspired the many parents and friends who contributed to the Fund-A-Need Scholarship, which helps Saint Peter’s provide a superb faith-based and academically rigorous education to all students, regardless of their ability to pay.

The sensational fundraising total and immense goodwill generated by the Virtual Auction lifted spirits at a time of uncommon upheaval. *Thank you to everyone in our community who came together during a difficult time to support the school.* We are deeply grateful for the spectacular team of volunteers and room parents whose extraordinary efforts, sharing of talents, and good spirits pulled off Saint Peter’s first virtual fundraiser.

We offer a special note of appreciation for: the match gift provided by our anonymous donor; the Underwriting Support of Saint Peter School parent Shane Marrion of Benoit Real Estate; the Legacy Benefactor Sponsorship of Sarah O’Toole, representing Century Bank; Business Sponsor Dr. William U. Murthy of Orthodontics of Cambridge; and the inspiring example of support from longtime major gift donors Ted Hoff and Kathleen O’Connell.

To our many patrons, donors, and participants—thank you, this remarkable week could not have happened without you! God bless the Saint Peter community. We will continue to keep you and your families in our prayers.

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In the Dare to Dream Virtual Auction video presentation, Cameron Monagle '11, shared his educational experience at SPS and the importance of the Fund-A-Need for a tuition scholarship.



A special mention to Wendy Burns, Rebecca Susi, and Alicia Bard for their leadership in creating a magical gala video presentation. Thank you to our talent: Mark Smith, Julie Songer, Penny Vincent, Grade 3, and the entire school for being our talent for the '20 video.

“ Saint Peter School is one of our finest schools. Rich in tradition and faith, Saint Peter School offers strong academics, a high-quality faculty, a deep sense of community and active and engaged parents. We are privileged to serve your sons and daughters and work alongside you to help them become young women and men of great distinction—collaboratively developing their heart, mind and soul. Thank you for entrusting your children to us and thank you for your commitment to this wonderful school. ”

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# Saint Peter School's Successful Reopening

When Governor Baker made the difficult but essential decision to close schools in March 2020, Saint Peter School immediately started planning for a safe reopening this Fall. Re-entry became the top priority for Principal-select Patrick Boyden. Appointed in April by Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Boston Thomas W. Carroll, Principal Boyden immediately plunged into the work required for a September return to Concord Avenue.

Well before his official start date in July, Principal Boyden concentrated on enrollment efforts. In the Spring, many families, concerned by the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and its effects on school-aged children, understandably took extra time to consider their plans for the new school year. Principal Boyden and Mark Smith, our Director of Admissions, collaborated with teachers and parents to launch a comprehensive outreach initiative, following up with both current and prospective families. Their efforts paid off and the school exceeded its enrollment targets. There continues to be strong interest in Saint Peter and, due to COVID-19 space restrictions, the school has established a waiting list. Many of our classrooms are at their max capacity, given the state's physical distancing guidelines!

To assist with the re-entry plans, and to ensure that our strategy was both compliant with state guidelines and responsive to Saint Peter's unique context, Principal Boyden

established an internal Task Force to collaborate closely with three parent consulting subcommittees:

- **Scientific Review Subcommittee:** Consisting of parents with experience and expertise in medicine, healthcare, and scientific research, this subcommittee ensured that the school's reopening strategy was responsive to the latest COVID-19 research, medical realities, and public health considerations.
- **Operations Subcommittee:** Composed of parents with experience and expertise in management, operations, and logistics, this subcommittee ensured that the myriad new and updated school systems and procedures were efficient, safe, and not overly burdensome for SPS students, staff, and parents.
- **Community Culture Subcommittee:** This subcommittee ensured that, despite the many operational changes needed to keep our community safe, the school year is joy-filled for our students, staff, and parents.

As the summer progressed, Principal Boyden hosted virtual town halls with the broader parent community and gained valuable feedback and input. He also directed the creation of a "Reopening Updates" page on the Saint Peter School website, with important information, recommendations, and directives from the Center for Disease Control, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and other relevant

authorities. In addition, at the end of August, the Scientific Review Subcommittee hosted a virtual panel presentation for parents to introduce our comprehensive reopening safety measures that details new policies for arrival and dismissal, snack and lunch, and even recess!

Most importantly, parents also learned of Saint Peter School's COVID-19 Response Protocol for if/when a positive case is identified in the community, which calls for a grade to pivot to remote instruction for two weeks, if there is a confirmed case of the virus within the class. During that time, students and teachers will follow a special "Remote Pivot Schedule," which adheres to the school's in-person schedule and allows other grades to continue in-person learning.

Before school opened, Saint Peter's made another key investment in its technology, thanks to generous benefactors. To optimize learning for ill students who must be at home while their classmates are learning in-person, Saint Peter School contracted with CommLink Integration to outfit all classrooms with basic livestreaming technology, allowing absent students to "Zoom" into daily lessons. While livestreaming is not a fully robust remote experience, nor is it equivalent to in-person learning, it does allow homebound students to engage meaningfully with their teachers and classmates.

On September 1, teachers and administrators returned to the school for professional development and final preparations for the opening day of school, one week away. Throughout the jam-packed week, the team participated in sessions on a variety of topics, including school health and safety, student engagement during online learning, institutional racism in America, and Google Classroom.

Masked and equipped with hand sanitizers, Saint Peter School students in Grades 1–8 returned for in-person learning on September 8, with K1 and K2 welcomed on the 9th. The school day was shortened during the first week, giving students and teachers critical time to adjust and familiarize themselves with new policies and procedures. It also allowed the school to address operational issues to maximize community safety. Thanks to the support, counsel, and unending hard work of all teachers, staff, and parents, as well as the cooperation of the students, Saint Peter School resumed full-time, five day a week in-person learning on September 14.

With the goal of reopening the school achieved, the focus shifted to ensuring that Saint Peter's safely *remains* open. Along with monitoring strict adherence to the new safety policies and procedures, the school instituted weekly COVID-19 testing. Principal Boyden established a partnership with Cataldo Ambulance to administer the tests, the Cambridge Innovation Center to provide testing materials and logistics, and the Broad Institute to analyze test samples and provide results. This innovative initiative is similar to the programs that leading educational institutions, such as

Harvard and MIT, have launched to keep their communities healthy. As of this writing, no other Archdiocesan school offers student testing and this degree of safety and security to its community. With weekly surveillance testing, Saint Peter's can proactively identify and isolate any positive cases, minimizing the risk that the entire school would need to shut down due to an outbreak.

Saint Peter School remains vigilant in its efforts to ensure the safety, health, and emotional well-being of the students and staff. 2020–2021's fundraising goals reflect the need for funds to cover our heightened safety measures, which are necessary but costly. We made the advisable decision to allocate a significant portion of this year's operating budget to COVID-19 related expenses and protections. This year's annual fundraising appeal, the Saint Peter Cares Annual Fund, seeks to raise \$450,000, with \$150,000 specifically earmarked to defray the expenses of weekly testing (those unmet by the fees that families pay), classroom technology upgrades, PPE, and increased custodial and sanitation needs. An anonymous generous donor contributed \$50,000 to match contributions designated for testing, wonderfully jump-starting our Annual Fund. We encourage and welcome all members of our community to demonstrate their support of Saint Peter's by donating to the *Saint Peter Cares Annual Fund*. Every gift is greatly appreciated!

As the school year has progressed, practices such as mask-wearing, physical distancing, grade-level cohorting, and eating lunch in the classroom, once awkward, are now routine. The students' joyful energy inspires all at Saint Peter's and underscores the inestimable value of on-campus learning and in-person interaction. As Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here." (Matthew 17:4) It is, indeed, good for everyone to be back, further illuminating the Light on the Hill. Thank you to Principal Boyden, teachers and all staff, parents, and friends who have made it possible.

May our Blessed Mother and Saint Peter, our patron, continue to protect us.



SPS provides weekly COVID-19 testing for students, faculty, and staff.

# Parents of Alumni

## WELCOME!

One of the many benefits that Saint Peter School parents experience is a sense of community. Whether it's from time spent together on a committee or at Parent Association meetings, spiritual gatherings, or school events, there is a strong bond. SPS parents have in common the choice they made to send their children to Saint Peter's as well as their desire and determination to support the students. When their youngest child goes to high school, SPS parents often miss the school and the friendships they established along the way.

Parents of Alumni, please know that you and your family enjoy lifetime membership in the Saint Peter School community! We hope you will always consider Saint Peter's home. Whether your child graduated 10, 20, 30 years ago or just last spring, we want you to continue the special bond you formed with faculty, administrators, and fellow parents during your time at Saint Peter School. The Parents of Alumni association is intended to provide an opportunity to remain engaged with the Saint Peter community.

We invite Parents of Alumni to return to campus, in-person (when once again feasible!) and virtually, to see and hear what may be new or different. Most importantly, we hope you will reconnect with other Parents of Alumni with whom you share that spirit of community and affection for Saint Peter's. We welcome your involvement and encourage you to assist with our recruitment efforts—please tell prospective families about your and your children's positive experiences at Saint Peter's!—and fundraising initiatives, most notably the annual Gala & Auction event, which takes place in March.

We invite your ideas as to how Parents of Alumni might better connect with the school and each other. The group will be further defining its goals and activities for the coming years. Stay tuned!

To get started with Parents of Alumni engagement, **please contact the Advancement Office at 617-547-0101 x 130 or [eloncar@saint-peter-school.org](mailto:eloncar@saint-peter-school.org)**. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## SAINT PETER LOVES TO HEAR FROM OUR “MUMS OF ALUMS” AND “DADS OF GRADS”

Saint Peter School has always held a special place in our hearts. Brendan graduated in 1961 when the school was taught exclusively by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Two of our children graduated in the late Eighties and early Nineties and I had the privilege of being secretary of the school for several years. During that time I was able to see first-hand on a daily basis, the dedication to and nurturing of each student. They are taught their Catholic faith, academic excellence, strong values and confidence in their self-worth; attributes which will prepare them for the world and years ahead.

Saint Peter School is blessed to have such strong support from the pastor and parishioners but most of all for the excellent and dedicated teachers. They are true professionals who are not swayed by monetary values but are there because they believe in what they do. This has never been more evident than during these difficult Covid days where they go above and beyond to meet all the requirements necessary to keep the school safe and provide in person learning.

Our family has benefited greatly from our association with Saint Peter School in many, many ways. We are most grateful and continue to support the mission of the school, because it is one way we can say “Thank You” and know, with confidence that others will benefit also, making the future brighter one child at a time.

– Brendan Sullivan Sr. '61 and Patricia Sullivan, parents of SPS alums Kathleen Sullivan-McLaughlin '88 and Robert Sullivan '93.



Robert '93, Brendan Sr. '61, Patricia, Kathleen '88, and Brendan Jr.





First day of second grade for Michael Hoff (on the left) and fourth grade for Tommy Hoff (on the right).

Gratitude and love—that's why we continue to support Saint Peter School. We are grateful to have sent our sons to a school that superbly promoted so much of what is important to us: family, faith, scholarship, kindness, and community.

Looking at the Saint Peter community's impressive response to the daunting challenges of today's pandemic, we can't help but think back to 9/11/01. Our boys were then very young students at Saint Peter's. In those days of enormous unease and uncertainty, we took great comfort in knowing that each morning Tommy and Michael headed to a school where, thanks to a wonderful and talented faculty, they were safe, loved, and happy—and where they were receiving an outstanding Catholic education. We love Saint Peter's for the role it has long played in our family's life.

– Ted Hoff and Kathleen O'Connell, parents of SPS alums Tommy and Michael Hoff

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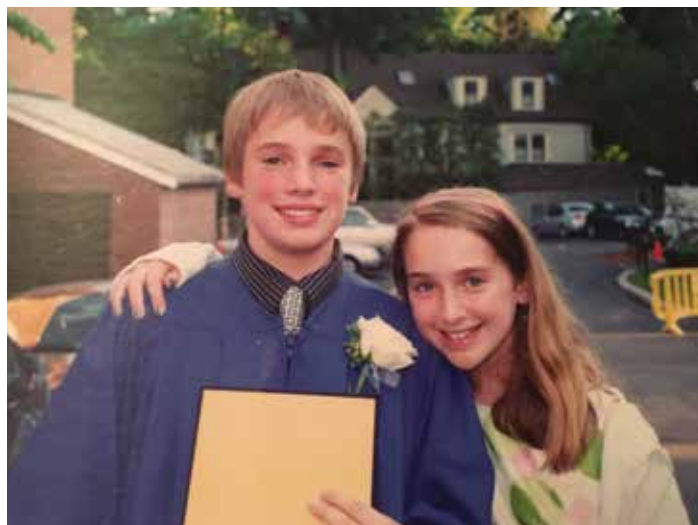
– Brendan Sullivan '61 and Patricia Sullivan

Little did I know when I attended the Saint Peter School open house, more than 20 years ago, I would be on the brink of making a life changing decision. I was only in the process of looking for a suitable kindergarten for my son! As I was greeted at the door by eighth grade students, my answer would very quickly become clear. The students were friendly, articulate, knowledgeable, and confident—qualities parents wish for their children to develop.

As the years unfolded, my children received an excellent academic education. They also developed emotionally and socially—fulfilling the motto of teaching to the heart, mind and soul of each student.

The bonus has been becoming part of a community that has provided a sense of belonging, support, and friendship which will last a lifetime.

– Kathy Smith and Patrick Smith, parents of SPS alums Eric and Andrea Smith.



SPS Alums, Eric Smith '09 and Andrea Smith '12 at the 2009 graduation.

# Special Events



## ALL SAINTS RELIGION PROJECT, REIMAGINED

Students in Grade 6 at Saint Peter School really got into character during the All Saints Mass held on November 2. An annual tradition, the All Saints project is a fun and interactive way for the class to research a saint and develop writing and speaking skills. In lieu of presenting to the entire school community and in keeping with current safety precautions, the 6th graders gave brief in-person presentations to their class in the gym. The Grade 6 Saints did a wonderful job showcasing their work and sharing their saintly advice!

## VIRTUAL HISTORY DAY PROJECTS, GRADE 5–8

Last year Saint Peter School's History Day took place virtually at the end of May. Students in the 5th through 8th grade shared their final projects to the school via powerpoint presentations. 5th graders dressed up as famous historical figures, 6th graders prepared projects on ancient civilization, 7th graders enacted three historical scenes, and 8th graders, who worked on challenge-based learning projects, used slides and videos to present their findings and solutions.



## REIMAGINED SCIENCE FAIR & ART FAIR



### SCIENCE

Students presented their amazing science projects from their homes this past spring. They shared their theories, findings, and modeled their experiences via zoom.



### ART

In addition to the science presentations, the computer screens showcased beautiful artwork created by students.

# Congratulations Saint Peter School's Class of 2020!

*Congratulations, distinguished graduates of our Saint Peter School Class of 2020! We are deeply proud of you and your accomplishments, and we admire the exceptional determination, grace, and generosity you displayed as you completed this year under unusual circumstances. In the years ahead, Saint Peter School will support you as you continue to develop your **heart, mind, and soul**. As you become your true and best self, you will know how to serve God and others with purpose and joy. The possibilities are endless! Be courageous and take risks. And remember, your Saint Peter School education will assist you as you tackle whatever challenges come your way.*

## Saint Peter School Graduates



## High School Matriculation

*BC High School • Belmont High School • Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School • Groton School  
Matignon High School • Maynard High School • Newton North High School • Winsor School*



“ I am truly confident that I will be able to succeed in my high school career thanks to all the knowledge I have gained at Saint Peter School. I will sincerely miss all the conversations and friendships I have made with my mentors throughout my years at school. I would also like to thank Father O'Malley for his spiritual guidance. ”

– Massimo

TOP: The annual Mount Monadnock hike;  
BOTTOM: The 2019 Christmas Pageant.




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*Saint Peter School's Re-imagined*

18TH DARE TO DREAM  
VIRTUAL AUCTION

A stylized illustration of a yellow surgical mask with white elastic ear loops, centered on a black background. The mask has a pleated design and a visible filter area at the top.

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