

Lights, Camera, Leadership!

North District

St. Peter Lutheran School

Arlington Heights, IL

Grades PS3-8

Student Council Grades 5-8

Enrollment: 466

Mascot: Saint (Fir de lís)

School Colors: Red and white

Student Council Advisors: Principal Mr. Bruce Rudi, Miss Kristin Kloess

St. Peter is very excited to be full and active members of the IAJHSC this year! Our advisory board meets weekly to plan events, evaluate past events, and set goals for projects ahead. They also set the agenda and plan for the full council meetings. The full council, consisting of 5th-8th graders, meets monthly to assess progress on our events, plan new ones, evaluate our progress on Honor Code, and discuss issues and needs brought forth by the student body at large.

Our meetings usually begin with a team building activity. These have included activities the advisory council learned at district workshops, creating skits, or short service projects in the school. From there we follow an agenda to call roll, read and approve the minutes taken at the last meeting, and have a treasurer's report. Next we discuss old business like past meetings or

progress on a fundraiser. It's been great to share with the group about district workshops too. New business then includes setting goals for the next week, discussing and voting on new items, and brainstorming new goals. We also have time to bring up and discuss student concerns. Before each meeting closes, a representative from each class volunteers to report what was discussed at the meeting to their homeroom.

Our student council had many goals this year the first of which was earning enough Honor Code points to be recognized into Honor Council. We did it!!! To achieve this goal we set others like: instituting an ala carte' lunch option during lunch, holding an all-school election in November, participating in servant events at our school, hosting socials for our junior high and surrounding schools, collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, holding a diaper drive for "The Cradle," presenting a chapel service to our school, creating and sharing skits to fight bullying which supported our Saints Pledge of Conduct, and adding special student council lunch weeks to have food brought in for lunch from places like Panda Express, Culver's, and Pizza Hut.

Our most exciting event of the year, however, was saving pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We had a student who was once a beneficiary of such a place. The whole school likes to save tabs from preschool on up, and we collect them in happy meal boxes. It is the special responsibility of our fifth grade council members to make posters and to actually collect the tabs. Last year we did the same project, and we got to visit the RMH at Hines VA Hospital in IL. It was interesting to see the facilities, to talk with volunteers, and to drop off our tabs in person! We plan to take the same trip this year.

This year's council has worked very hard to promote school spirit, discuss the needs of our students, plan fun projects, support state student council projects, and support our community. It was our first year participating in district workshops, and we loved it! Each workshop had its own highlights. We especially enjoyed meeting other council members and working on team building activities with them. Our council hopes to hold a workshop next year. It is great to talk with others about what their councils are doing. It is also great to work side by side with them on the Ronald

McDonald House and Cradle projects. We will be attending our first IAJHSC State Convention and will run our first candidate for district representative this year! As our council grows and becomes even more established we look forward to the future and ways our council can serve!



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