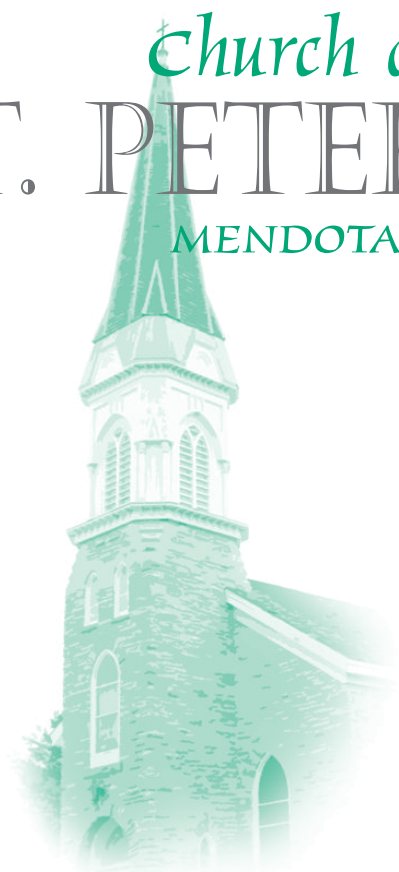


Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



January 24, 2016
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR VISION

We envision St. Peter's to be a dynamic and growing parish through our: expressions of faith and worship, service to one another and the broader community, welcoming new members, compassion and ministry in pastoral care, and stewardship of God's gifts and blessings.

OUR MISSION

The Church of St. Peter, the first Catholic parish in Minnesota, serves as a cornerstone of faith and heritage, where we welcome all to celebrate and live as the Body of Christ. We embrace our commitment to continue this founding legacy, care for future generations, and advance the Kingdom of God.

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SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES (all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday-Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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Fridays, 8 to 8:45 am and Saturdays 3:30 to 4:45 pm
and also any time by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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Reflections from Deacon Tim

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this third article, I would like to talk about some of the experiences in my adult life that have shaped and formed me and put me on a path that led to my ordination as deacon.

I developed close friendships in high school, and I continued to stay connected with the same group of friends. All of us shared a common faith, and we all desired to know the Lord. I started dating Anne in my second year of college. We began our relationship as friends, having spent four years in high school together. We were both committed to our faith. After marriage, we began working with engaged couples through the Minneapolis Catholic Youth Center, and later through our parish. Later in our marriage, we worked with a wonderful mentor couple and together we developed and delivered a program in human sexuality for youth in our parish.

I spent most of my working career in the shadow of St. Olaf's Church in downtown Minneapolis. I walked the two blocks to the church for Mass and confession on a regular basis. One particular afternoon following the noon Mass, I found myself in the long confessional line. I waited for my turn and prayed that I would not get the priest whose loud, booming voice I could hear from where I was standing. Praise God, I did have that priest for confession! This Jesuit priest so moved me during this sacrament that I later sought him out as a spiritual director. We developed a close bond over many years. It was also around this time that the Lord began nudging me gently about the diaconate. Each time I felt that gentle tug, I could hear my dear departed mother saying again how she hoped that one of her sons would become a priest.

God is ever-patient with us, and that's a good thing in my case. I continued to attend Mass and confession more frequently, and I continued to feel those little tugs on my heart from the Lord. On October 3, 2006, my life changed forever. I don't mean to be dramatic, but this date will forever live in my memory as a turning point in my faith journey. I stood before a priest as he prayed over me, and I had a profound experience of the Holy Spirit descending upon me. I knew something was different, but I wasn't sure how to describe it. Two months later, on December 5, I again had a powerful experience of the Spirit. I knew that I would never look at things the same way again. I

began to see the world through God's eyes, instead of my own. Ironically, nine years later on December 5, 2015, I stood before Bishop Cozzens to accept my calling as a deacon. God indeed works in mysterious and surprising ways!

"Yes" is a powerful word. Our Blessed Mother's "yes" forever changed the world! Imagine our parish family without the "yes" of our beloved pastor. In my case, Anne said her "yes" before I did. She saw what God was doing in me and knew that she had to be the one to call me to ministry. On an ordinary Saturday, we sat in our room; I was on the computer, and Anne was busy with another task. She told me that I should become a deacon. "Really, me?" That question, put to me by my wife, started me on a path of inquiry. I met with friends, priests, deacons, co-workers, and others. I told them what I was considering and asked what they thought. They gave me a resounding "yes."

I am thrilled to be serving with a beautiful, holy priest among the wonderful people of St. Peter's. I pray that my "yes" will open windows of faith to all those I meet.

In Christ who calls us,

Deacon Tim

That Man is You Men's Program

That Man is You program is running, and we welcome all men to participate in this exciting program. Did you miss one of the previous sessions? That is not a problem! Please join us and learn more. Men will meet at 6:30pm on Thursdays in the Msgr Foran Great Room of the Church of St. Joseph, located at 1154 Seminole Ave, West St. Paul.

That Man is You is an interactive men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. The Spring session emphasizes the practical means of becoming that man.



Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

First Eucharist Parent and Child Session I: Tuesday, January 26

There will be **no Wednesday class** for second grade on **Wednesday, January 27**. Instead, we will have a **Parent and Child Session on Tuesday, January 26 at 6 p.m.** **Children will go to their classrooms and parents will go to Heritage Center.** Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 if you have any questions or if you will not be able to attend the Tuesday session. Thank you.

Youth Ministry

Join us for Lifeline February 6

All high school youth are invited to join us from 5 to 10 p.m. for Lifeline on Saturday, February 6. Lifeline, an evening designed for Catholic teens, includes a youth Mass, speaker, and praise and worship. This month is entitled, "Who will God raise up?" and is a look at vocations. Join Elizabeth and 1,000 or more Catholic teens from around Minnesota to learn more about where God is calling you! To sign-up, contact Elizabeth at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

Thank you from our Giving Tree 2015

Thank you to all that participated in the Giving Tree this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to help 49 families and have received thank you notes from many of them.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would very much like to hear from you! To begin, we'd like to get to know you, help you to learn more about the process and have your questions answered. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, those not yet baptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Pastoral Ministry

Prayer Workshop

If you ever feel as if your prayers are going nowhere, that you are in a faith-life rut, or you've grown complacent about prayer because of your frantic family life, consider joining us for a half-day prayer workshop on Saturday, January 30. Authors and presenters, Michelle Steele and Angela Lambert, will help us reinvigorate our prayer lives. Drawing on Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, and others, they will couple instruction in the tradition of the prayers of the Church with everyday examples relevant to lay persons living in the "real" world. You will leave feeling empowered and inspired, and having enjoyed a few laughs. We will gather at 8 a.m. for Mass in the Main Church before the workshop begins. Following the conclusion of the workshop at 12 noon, we will enjoy a light lunch together. Fee to participate is \$25/person or \$40/married couples who register together, and includes workshop, materials, and lunch. For further information, or to register (deadline to register is January 25), please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org

Lent Speaker Series

Sacraments in the Light of Mercy: How the sacraments help us to experience and live from God's mercy

Thursdays, February 18, 25 & March 3
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Heritage Center

Jesus is God's love incarnate, a love that comes to us as mercy. God's merciful love is communicated to us in numerous ways. The seven sacraments, instituted by Christ himself, are especially designed for this purpose: to bring the power of God's merciful love into all the areas of our life.

We hope you will come and join us this Lent, during the Year of Mercy, as we reflect together on how we can live more generously and concretely from these life-giving sources of mercy. All are welcome.

- ◆ February 18: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist
- ◆ February 25: The Sacraments of Vocation: Holy Orders and Marriage
- ◆ March 3: The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

No reservations are required. Free will donations will be accepted. Fellowship and refreshments will be provided after each evening's talk. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

St. Peter's Community News

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - December 2015

Month - December	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 132,702	\$ 88,948
Other Income	18,727	15,729
	151,429	104,677
Expenses	(76,196)	(75,000)
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 75,233	\$ 29,677
Year to Date		
Contribution Income	\$ 444,704	\$ 37,482
Other Income	78,215	59,625
	522,919	497,107
Expenses	(491,979)	(486,884)
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 30,940	\$ 10,223
Parish Debt		
Principal Balance Beginning of Month		\$ 5,682,537
Principal Paid		29,406
Principal Balance End of Month		\$ 5,653,131

Cana Dinner

Cana Dinner – A Celebration of Marriage

Our sixth annual Cana Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13, beginning with 5 p.m. Mass. An elegant evening is planned to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and all married couples, widowed, and single people are invited to attend. The cost is \$25 per attendee which includes dinner, two drink tickets, and a presentation by Fr. Steven Hoffman. Reservations and payment will be taken after Masses on January 23/24, January 30/31, and February 6/7 in the Gathering Space. Remember to invite your family and friends! We look forward to seeing you there.



Youth Grief Services

Youth Grief Services is offering a seven-week grief support series for youth, ages four through eighteen. Parents are also supported through this series and attend their own groups while the children/teens attend theirs. Groups meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, February 9, at Fairview Education Center in Burnsville. There is no fee to attend, but participants need to pre-register by February 5. Please call us at 952-892-2111 to register or to receive more information.

Newly Married Social

Couples married 5 years or less are warmly invited to join others for our next evening of fellowship and fun. On Tuesday, February 2, at 6 p.m., we will be at The Urban Growler in St. Paul. We will enjoy a FREE tour at 6 p.m. (come early if you want to purchase a pint to enjoy during the tour!). We'll stay for dinner after the tour ends. Dinner will be at each couple's own expense. Space is limited and reservations are required by January 27. Direct inquiries and registrations to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Be Among the First We Tell

We don't know who. We don't when. But we do know who we'll tell first...you! Follow The Catholic Spirit for the best coverage when our new archbishop is named. Go to www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/NewAbp and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.

The Week of January 25

Monday, January 25

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 6 pm St Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
 6 pm Cub Scout Parent Meeting, Community Room
 7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, January 26

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:30 am Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 Until 7 pm, Historic Church
 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
 6 pm Grade 2 First Communion Parent Child Session

Wednesday, January 27

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
 9:45 am Group Trip to Pavek Museum and lunch
 4:30 pm REFF Grades 1, 3-5
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 6:30 pm REFF Grades 1, 3-8

Thursday, January 28

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration, Heritage Center
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, January 29

- 8 am **Confessions-Main Church**
 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)

Saturday, January 30

- 8 am **Weekday Mass for Prayer Workshop,**
 Main Church
 8:30 am Prayer Workshop, Heritage Center
 9 and 10:30 am
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 Scripture Study, Community Room
 3:30 pm **Confessions, Main Church**
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 5 pm **Mass, Catholic Services Appeal, Main**
 Church

Sunday, January 31

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 9 am **Mass, Catholic Services Appeal**
 9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children,
 Heritage Center
 10 am Confirmation Class
 11 am **Mass, Catholic Services Appeal**

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Readings for the Week of January 24

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1
 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
 4:14-21
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/Mk
 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/
 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/
 Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10
 -11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk
 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor
 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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Mass Intentions

The following are the intentions remembered by the priest at Mass:

Monday, January 25- †Richard Gangl
Tuesday, January 26 - †Buzz Weidner
Wednesday, January 27 - †Julie Indihar Merrill
Thursday, January 28 - Neoma Jansen
Friday, January 29 - †Joanne Zaccaro
Saturday, January 30 - 5 p.m. - Mass for the People
Sunday, January 31 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss
11 am - †Dick & †Br. Michael Gaworski

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Thank you from Faithful Shepherd Catholic School

Catholic Schools Week

This weekend Faithful Shepherd Catholic School celebrates the upcoming Catholic Schools Week. On behalf of everyone at Faithful Shepherd, we would like to thank the community of St. Peter's of Mendota. Your support and encouragement has helped us grow into the strong, vibrant, faith-filled community we are today. In honor of Catholic Schools Week, look for these activities during the Masses:

- ♦ A special reading at the Sunday morning Masses by Faithful Shepherd students.
- ♦ Faithful Shepherd students serving roles of service during all Masses and serving hospitality after Masses on Sunday morning.
- ♦ A Faithful Shepherd information table in Heritage Center after the Masses.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Pope Francis said, "Let's not forget that God forgives and God forgives always." If you, or someone you love, is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion; women, men, grandparents, siblings and health care professionals. The next retreat is February 5-7, in the Twin Cities area. For more information, contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, or call 763-250-9313 or go to www.rvineyardmn.org.

Hearing and Vision Aids

Hearing and Vision Aids Available for Mass

If you find it hard to hear at Mass, or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you're here.

Catholic Services Appeal

Our parish is now conducting the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal for the 17 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own. Please be generous. In 2015 the Appeal did not reach its goal and Ministries were not fully funded, including the Archdiocesan Hospital Chaplains, Catholic Grade Schools, Catholic Charities and the Venezuelan Mission. Please be generous this year.



The Designated Ministries are:

1. American Indian Ministry
2. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
3. Campus Ministry – Newman Center
4. Campus Ministry – Saint Paul's Outreach
5. Catholic Charities
6. Deaf Ministry
7. Catholic Elementary Schools
8. Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis
9. Catholic High Schools
10. Hospital Chaplains of the Archdiocese
11. Archdiocesan Offices of Latino Ministry
12. Marriage, Family and Life Office of the Archdiocese
13. Parishes
14. Archdiocesan Prison Chaplains
15. Saint John Vianney College Seminary
16. The Saint Paul Seminary
17. Venezuelan Mission of the Archdiocese

Please remember that parishes are a benefitted ministry; we receive 25% of the dollars we collect in our parish if we reach our parish goal. Please go to www.csafspm.org to read and see more about the ministries benefitted by the 2016 Appeal.

This is the Year of Mercy. We should remember that Jesus taught us the Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. These Works of Mercy are precisely what the 17 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese accomplish. Thank you for your generosity!



**Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend**

Operation Andrew Dinner

Men Ages 16 to 50

The Operation Andrew Dinner is hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens for men, ages 16 – 50, who have a genuine interest in the priesthood or religious life. It takes place on Tuesday, January 26, from 6- 8 p.m., at the Archbishop's Residence, 230 Summit Ave, Saint Paul. Plan to attend with your pastor, religious brother or youth director. Reserve your spot at the table before January 19.

Call 651-962-6890 or email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org. For more information on this, and other events, check out www.10000vocations.org.

Cathedral Young Adults Theology on Tap

All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to come to the next Theology on Tap series, presented by the Cathedral of Saint Paul Young Adults. Connect with others for an evening of food, fellowship, and faith. The series will be held on Wednesday evenings from January 6 to February 3 at O'Gara's, 164 Snelling Avenue North, St. Paul. Social hour is 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the speaker begins at 7:30 p.m. Topics focus on faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults. All evenings are free of charge.

Speaker Schedule

January 27: Living 100% of Your Life,
Jeff Cavins

February 3: Called to Witness, Ken Fitzgerald.

For more information, visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cya or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/19770161424.

Closing Mass for the Year of Consecrated Life

Please plan to celebrate with us as we close out the Year of Consecrated Life, held at the Cathedral of St Paul on Sunday, January 31, at 2 p.m. Join with members of consecrated life as well as faithful laity at this Mass.



2016 Women in the New Evangelization (WINE) Conference

WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, in partnership with the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, invite women of all ages to the 2016 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference, on Saturday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville. Our theme, *Mercy: Encountering Boundless Love*, is inspired by Pope Francis' invitation to enter into an extraordinary jubilee, a holy Year of Mercy. Registration is \$65. For more information and to register, visit www.archspm.org/WINE.

Miryam Dinner

Women Ages 16 to 35

The Vocation Office invites you to the Miryam Dinner hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Archbishop's Residence, 230 Summit Ave, St. Paul. It is for women, ages 16 to 35, who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister.

The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies. Reserve your spot at the table before February 9. Call 651-962-6890 or email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.



Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are welcome for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church on Tuesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass until 7 p.m.

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:

***“Could you not watch
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CANA DINNER AND MASS

DATE

Saturday, February 13, 2016

TIME

Mass ~ 5:00 PM Social ~ 6:00 PM Dinner ~ 7:00 PM

DINNER

Appetizers ~ Salad ~ Lasagna ~

Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions

Garlic Cheddar Mashed Potatoes

Green Bean Almandine ~ Garlic Bread

Assorted Pies

Coffee and Tea

ENTERTAINMENT

Father Steven Hoffman

TICKETS

Seating is limited. Make your reservation via payment after

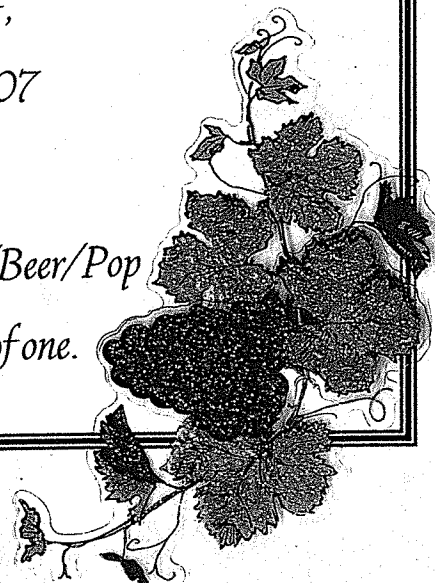
Masses on the weekends of January 23/24,

January 31/February 1, and February 06/07

COST

\$25.00 per attendee. Includes two drinks ~ Wine/Beer/Pop

Tickets for engaged couples are two for the price of one.





\$1,000 KINDERGARTEN GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 2016-2017

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School is proud to announce that we have received a \$50,000 grant from the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence. This award recognizes our commitment to academic excellence and will allow us to award grants of \$1,000 to each Kindergarten student for the 2016-17 school year.

In addition, Faithful Shepherd has over \$100,000 available in financial aid for families in need of additional help. Our goal in offering these grants and financial aid is to allow everyone the opportunity to experience the Faithful Shepherd difference. We are committed to providing a Catholic education for all who seek one.

STAR REFERRAL GRANT

\$250 STAR referral grants are offered to any person (Faithful Shepherd parents and staff, alumni, parishioners) recognized as the referring party by a newly enrolled family for the 2016-2017 school year. Student(s) must be actively enrolled in K-8 for 45 school days. The \$250 grant can be taken as cash, gifted or applied toward tuition.

ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 4 FROM 8:30-10:30AM

Learn more about Faithful Shepherd Catholic School at our upcoming open house on February 4 or by calling the school to schedule a private tour.

Enrollment is now open for the 2016-2017 school year!