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## News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

### SCHEDULE CHANGE—DON'T FORGET

There has been a change to the Middle School basketball tournament. Annunciation School in Havelock is the host school this year. The original weekend of Feb. 29/Mar. 1/Mar. 2 had to be changed because they could not use the gyms at the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point. This is an outstanding facility for this tournament. The host school could not obtain enough other schools to keep the dates the same. They changed the dates to FRIDAY, 7 MARCH, SATURDAY, 8 MARCH and SUNDAY, 9 MARCH.

The half day on Friday, 29 February is now a full day of school. The following Friday will be a half day. Please make a note of it...

FRIDAY, 29 FEBRUARY—FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH—12 NOON DISMISSAL

### KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

Present Kindergarten parents—please note—that there is NO SCHOOL this FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29<sup>th</sup>. This is on the school calendar.

### WRITING TEST

The Diocese of Raleigh Writing assessment will take place this coming TUESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> for GRADE 4 and GRADE 7. The key preparation for this is a good night's sleep and a good breakfast! Results should come back to us in late March or early April.

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### RE-ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS

The Admission's Office will be sending you your re-enrollment packets for the 2008-09 school year. Please note the due date for its return with fees. If you have questions about the contract you sign, please do not hesitate to call or email Mrs. Micheala Fencik, Director of Admissions. If there are any financial issues, please contact Mrs. Jeanne Von Lehmden, Financial Officer. I thank you ahead of time for again choosing St. Peter's Catholic School. It is indeed a choice and a great sacrifice on your part! Your signed contract is a wonderful sign of your trust in the leadership and vision of the Administration and a deeply appreciated commitment to our wonderful faculty and staff. We are grateful that you share your child/children with us and support us in the important work of Catholic education.

### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

There is almost \$4000 owed to this program. This program needs your prompt payment for many reasons, most importantly, being able to pay the staff (mostly college students) on time. Please reconcile your account *ASAP!*

### SOFTBALL

There will be an important meeting of all parents in Grades 6, 7, and 8 who have a daughter interested in playing softball this season. The meeting will be at 7pm in the School Library. This meeting is crucial to the success of this year's program.

God bless you all...

John Fencik  
Principal

## **Music News**

### Vocal Ensemble Members Final Details for February 28

*Dress Girls:* skirts, dresses, or dressy pants (Skirts must be conservative in length and style and must follow the school dress code [i.e., no spaghetti straps]).

*Boys:* dress pants such as khakis and dress shirt with tie. Dress shoes (Preferably dark).

*Where?* St. James United Methodist Church, 2000 East 6th Street. Ensemble members will warm up at 5:00 P.M. in the choir room of St. James. Enter through the office area of the main building. Warm-up rooms and holding area will be in the Christian Education Building. Parents are needed to oversee the students in that

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area as I will be directing or accompanying throughout the schedule. Please let me know via written note in my box, phone call, or e-mail if you can take a shift of that schedule.

Students may leave when they have finished performing and have checked out with an adult. Those solos and duets at the end of the schedule should be ready to warm up at least twenty minutes prior to the scheduled performance time.

Remember that we are guests at St. James and that we are representing St. Peter's School. All of us need to act accordingly.

Middle-School Students to Sing for Judging at the North Carolina Music Educators Association Regional Small Ensemble Festival

Twenty members of the Girls' Vocal Ensemble and members of the Boys' Vocal Ensemble will each sing two numbers for adjudication on the evening of Thursday, February 28. Each vocal ensemble rehearses one day each week at 7:40 A.M.-8:10 A.M. The groups have been working hard to sing more challenging repertoire well.

In addition, the following students have rehearsed after school, during study halls, and at home to prepare solos and duets for being judged at the festival:

Marie Payne and Caitlin Molloy--duet  
Breanna Morris and Mc Kenna Nelson--duet  
Mia Dietrich and Allie Donnenwirth--duet  
Meredith Wynn--solo  
Preston Elwell--solo  
Alec Kerrigan--solo  
Scarlett Walston--solo  
Connor Sturgis--solo  
Annalise Bath--solo  
Sarah Rabon--solo  
Michelle Osta--solo  
Kaylee McCord--solo  
Jennie Lee--solo  
Abby Wojciechowski--solo  
Leigh Murphy--solo  
Katelin Peacock--solo

Hats off to all for taking on the extra work and challenge.

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### All-County Chorus

Eight middle-school students represented St. Peter's at the Pitt County Middle-School All-County Chorus on Tuesday, February 19. Selected students from throughout the county Wyrick from combined voices in rehearsal and concert under the direction of guest conductor Ginger Charlotte.

Representing St. Peter's School were the following: Alexandra Pierce, Preston Elwell, Caitlin Molloy, Sarah Rabon, Connor Sturgis, Jessie Tucci-Heron, Scarlett Walston, and Renee Yagnye.

### *Development News*

By now, you have heard about Wildcat Spirit Week coming March 3-7! The students will be participating in a different, fun-filled event each day. It is a time for them to show their school spirit and support the Middle-school basketball teams that will be participating in the annual catholic schools tournament. Please watch for further details...YOU can show your school spirit by wearing a St. Peter's Wildcat t-shirt. Dads shirts are on sale for \$12.50. Moms can purchase a unique, hand-painted, high-quality shirt with the Wildcat logo for \$17.00. We also have rooster poms on sale for those of you going to the Basketball Tournament. These are available to purchase in the concession stand after school this week.

**SHOW YOUR WILDCAT PRIDE!!**

Reminder: Our participation average is low, as of date, in the Annual Fund Drive. Please try to help out in ANY way...our goal is to have every family give, no matter the dollar amount. This participation is crucial in seeking grants for further development of the school.

The month of March is bonus time for us and Harris Teeter. Any time you shop this month and purchase a frozen food, St. Peter's will receive 1% of the total amount. Remember to register your Harris Teeter VIC card and help earn cash for St. Peter's. Keep sending in those milk caps. This is a great time to be sure all your grocery cards are registered with St. Peter's.

As always, thank you for your support.

## *Learning Resources News*

Parents, if you are concerned about your child's academic progress and feel it may be attributed to a possible learning disability and or attention deficit disorder, please contact Lori Vendemia, the Director of Learning Resource. Individual screenings and academic levels can be assessed in-house that may help you obtain further information and be a resource or just a sounding board to you.

Parents, if your child is already diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder and is receiving medical intervention, your child's pediatrician and or psychologist will need updated on progress at school. Periodically, they will need teacher input, usually in the form of a checklist. There has been some confusion and questions about where to send this information or ask for this information. Please forward all paperwork through the Learning Resource Department, not the Guidance Department. Confidentiality is maintained at all times and if something needs to be shared with the guidance counselor or appropriate teacher it can be with parental permission. The checklists will be distributed to the appropriate teacher and then forwarded directly to your child's physician and or psychologist as an additional means to maintain confidentiality. Parents may request a copy of the checklist for their records.

Parents, if you have a fifth grader that is diagnosed with a learning disability, a reevaluation is needs to be current within a year in order to continue to receive accommodations in the middle school.

Parents, if you have an eight grader that is diagnosed with a learning disability, they will need to have a reevaluation current within a year in order to continue receive accommodations in high school. If they are attending a public school an IEP will need to be written so everything will be in place to start ninth grade.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact Lori Vendemia.

It is usually easier/faster to reach me through email:

[lvendemia@stpeterscatholicschool.com](mailto:lvendemia@stpeterscatholicschool.com)

**If I am working with a student I do not answer the phone. We are busy learning! Thanks!**

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