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⁷ and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the living-space.

⁸ In the countryside close by there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified,

¹⁰ but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.'

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

¹² And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.'

¹³ And all at once with the angel there was a great throng of the hosts of heaven, praising God with the words:

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours.

News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

GOLDEN COMPASS MOVIE

Last week the movie, *Golden Compass*, was released in the movie theatres. I would advise our parents to look closely at the author of the book(s) upon which this movie is based. Philip Pullman is the author and much of what he has written and said in interviews betrays a very anti-Christian perspective. He takes some very strong views with regards to the Catholic Church and the teaching authority of the Pope. Again I would research his philosophy, his novels, and this film adaptation.

ANNUAL FUND

Over the past three years much has been accomplished for our school children due to your generous response to the fund raising efforts of Mrs. Fencik, our Development Director. That generosity has continued this year in your support of Mrs. Hudson's efforts as well.

Your response to our *Annual Fund* appeal is also crucial to further improvements. The State of North Carolina currently states that it costs over \$6,600 to educate a child in the state school system. You already know that we provide a much better overall program, including spiritual and moral development, at a much lower cost. I have attempted to keep the tuition and fees cost as efficient as possible. I have been able to maintain a balanced budget without using your generous gifts to our fundraisers and the *Annual Fund*. It is those gifts that enable us to make necessary improvements without significantly raising the tuition or fee schedule.

The *Annual Fund* provides much needed funds to continue my efforts to improve the facilities and to provide better educational equipment to our faculty and staff. All of your gifts to this appeal directly affect the learning environment for our school children—your sons and daughters. You will be receiving shortly an *Annual Fund*

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letter from Mrs. Micheala Fencik, the *Annual Fund* Director. I ask you to again be generous to this appeal, so that I may continue to work with the faculty/staff and with you, our parents, to have a school community that continues a tradition of sixty-one years of excellence in education.

HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The local Health Inspector made an unannounced visit to our school facility on Monday, 10th December. My congratulations to the Aramark crew for achieving the highest possible score—a 102! I know how hard they have worked to ensure that our new kitchen remains clean and up to all codes! All of this is done to ensure the best possible food preparing conditions to serve the needs of our children. Again kudos to the Aramark staff on a job exceedingly well-done!

PRIMARY MUSIC PROGRAM

Congratulations to Mrs. Burke and the Primary boys and girls for an outstanding musical performance last Thursday evening. They have worked so hard since the beginning of school and it showed with a memorable evening of song!

EARLY-DISMISSAL

REMEMBER THAT WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12 NOON. SCHOOL WILL REOPEN AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND JANUARY 2008.

God bless you and your families...

John Fencik
Principal

Music News

Vocal Ensemble Singing on December 14

The Middle-School Vocal Ensembles will sing for 9:00 A.M. Mass and afterwards at 11:00 A.M. at Cypress Glen on Friday, December 14. The students will return to school for a party after the performance at Cypress Glen. Permission slips and the accompanying \$3 for party food are required for participation.

Thanks for Helping

John Rademacher and his son Adam were indispensable in the setting up and taking down of the risers, sound system, and other essential equipment for the Primary Music Program. Thanks for being there when we needed you!

Development News

Many of you have asked about the St. Peter's car decals. I am having a difficult time locating someone who will make them at a reasonable cost. For some reason, these are expensive items! If you know of someone who will give us a good deal, please contact me!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for January 25, 2008...the St. Peter's Annual Auction!! Come enjoy 'An Evening under the Stars' with your St. Peter's family and friends. We have collected some wonderful auction items. Interested in an evening with Chef John Van Coutren from Christinne's? How about a lovely piece of furniture from Bostic Sugg? Perhaps a beach house for a long weekend is more your thing? And don't forget about the opportunity to experience an ECU Gameday with our own St. Peter's parent, Coach Skip Holtz! And much, much more...Watch for more details after the holidays...

Again, thank you for all your contributions--whether you give of your Time, Treasure or Talent...your commitment to St. Peter's is so appreciated! Merry Christmas and may the Good Lord bless your New Year!

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Thursday, December 13

Wildcat Basketball White
@ Rochelle 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 14

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Next Week

Monday, December 17

All School NUT Day

Wednesday, December 19

Mass 8:45 a.m.

Middle School Geography Bee 10:00 a.m.
Library

Noon Dismissal - No After School

December 20 through January 1

No School - Christmas Vacation

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