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"May the Lord through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph, continue to bless our school and its mission to bring our children closer in love to God and to provide them with a quality education!"



... But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid for I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David, a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

ALERT NOW! (2nd posting)

Our school has decided to join with all of the schools in the Diocese of Raleigh and become members of Alert Now! This is a rapid communication system that will enable us to more quickly notify parents of emergencies at school, e.g. closing of school due to weather, delayed opening of school, early closing of school, etc. This system permits us to contact all families simultaneously without a "phone tree" being needed. It has the ability to contact all of our families on home, business, and cell phones at the same time. The system will call up to five times, if there is no answer; it will leave a message on an answering machine. It also can send universal e-mails. There are many other capabilities, which we will employ as time goes on. Of course we will still use the local media to convey this information!

Each child can have up to five phone numbers and two e-mail addresses. Right now we are concentrating on the phone numbers. We would like to be able to enter into the system a home number, dad's work and cell, and mom's work and cell. The home number is always the primary number. The system can accommodate situations of custodial and non-custodial parents.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED SINCE SCHOOL OPENED, PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE BY TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER. WE NEED THE CORRECT HOME, BUSINESS, AND CELL NUMBERS FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES. ALWAYS REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL WHEN ANY OF YOUR NUMBERS CHANGE. WE CAN EASILY UPDATE THE INFORMATION IN THE SYSTEM.

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PRIMARY DIVISION MUSIC
PROGRAM

Congratulations to Mrs. Katherine Burke and Mrs. Sypawka for an outstanding musical program last Tuesday. The children in K-2 were exceptional. One teacher commented that this was the best Primary musical program ever! It was!

CALENDAR CHANGE

Please note that the All-School Mass on Tuesday, December 19th is at 8:45AM and not 9AM. That is our last day before Christmas vacation with a dismissal at 12 Noon.

AFTER-SCHOOL

I wish to thank Mrs. Ann Sayetta, who directed the After-School program since I arrived here three years ago. Ann decided a short while ago to step down from this position. She did a fantastic job working with our parents and students. I am grateful for her care and concern for our after-school children.

Mrs. Liz Baker has taken over as the Director of the After-School Program. I am most appreciative for her stepping up and assuming this position. Liz has been an assistant here in 4D for a number of years. This makes her an ideal person for the job as she knows the school, its programs, and its children. It is her responsibility to oversee the whole program. Mrs. Teri Beshara has taken over the "billing" portion of the After-School Program. This is a big job and requires much patience. Teri also is an assistant here

at our school in 2M. If you have any questions concerning billing, feel free to contact her.

FINALLY...Micheala and I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a 2007 filled with the Lord's peace and joy! May you all have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy this vacation with your family and friends! I thank the Lord for our children and their families! I am appreciative of your prayers, support, and encouragement! May the Lord through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph, continue to bless our school and its mission to bring our children closer in love to God and to provide them with a quality education!

May God bless you....John Fencik,
Principal

Music News 🎵 🎵

Musical events have been keeping our singers busy lately. On December 5 the Middle-School Vocal Ensembles went to Cypress Glen to sing a concert and then also participated in the Yule Log Ceremony that night. Next the groups will lead the music for the final All-School Mass of 2006 on Tuesday, December 19 at 8:45 A.M.

Primary general music classes and strings presented their annual music program on Tuesday, December 12. The program consisted of songs, dances, and Orff percussion accompaniments that have been part of the general music classes this semester. It concluded with a medley of traditional Christmas carols.

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Fees for Music Events Due

Middle-School students who are interested in registering for and preparing a solo or a duet for the regional NCMEA Solo/Small Ensemble Festival should contact Mrs. Burke immediately. The \$15 registration fee is past due.

All-County Chorus fees are due January 2 (\$15). Interested students should contact Mrs. Burke in writing and should relay any potential conflicts with after-school rehearsals, which will start in early January. All-County Chorus will be an all-day event on February 13.

Technology Related News

Online Test of Computer Skills

The state's fall session of this test was administered at school on Tuesday, December 12th and Wednesday, December 13th to the students in 8H. Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, the North Carolina Online Test of Computer Skills was administered to students in grades 8 and above in order to demonstrate computer skills proficiency.

The Competency Goals are:

1. The learner will understand important issues of a technology-based society and will exhibit ethical behavior in the use of computer and other technologies.
2. The learner will demonstrate knowledge and skills in the use of computer and other technologies.
3. The learner will use a variety of technologies to access, analyze, interpret, synthesize, apply, and communicate information.

Online test items assess the following strands which reflect the Computer/Technology Skills North Carolina Standard Course of Study:

1. Societal/Ethical Issues
2. Database
3. Spreadsheet
4. Keyboard Utilization, Word Processing, and Desk Top Publishing
5. Multimedia/Presentation and Telecommunications/Internet

The students in 8H worked hard to prepare for this test. Many test-environment quizzes and assignments were completed. We were surprised to receive the results of the test on Friday, December 16. We were able to share the great news with 8H on Friday afternoon and want to share it with you as well. We are so very happy to report that **all of the students that took this test last week passed it!!** Congratulations to every one of you. You certainly earned it!



Chess Club News

Announcing an update for the Wilson Tournament. The first tournament of Wilson Youth Chess will be at the Wilson Public Library on Thursday Dec. 28th starting at 10AM. There still should be at least one more tournament before February 11th on a Saturday morning. The tournament should take no more than 4 hours to finish. Please remember that previous Trophy winners are not eligible for this event. Also please be prepared to pay your USCF dues, as we don't know if this will be official or not. Our Chess Coach, Mr. Jeff Akers will not be able to attend this tournament. Please contact Mr.

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Gordon Ray, Math Teacher at Beddingfield High School for more details. 399-7880.

Due to the multiple purposes the Library is serving after school we are not able to start our chess club activities right away. Therefore, we are extending chess club until 4:30 p.m. Also, chess club attendance has been low in recent months, so now is the time to join a smaller group, with more focused attention on learning and improvement of your game!



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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 19:

All School Mass 8:45 a.m.

Middle School Geography Bee
10:30 a.m. in the Library

Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break

Christmas Vacation

Begins at noon December 19th

Return to School January 2nd