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[Psalms 113:2-3](#) Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever. From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the LORD be praised.

News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

JUNIOR BETA CLUB

Our annual induction was held on Tuesday, 20 September at 8:30am in the School Cafeteria. This is a great event that celebrates the academic and service achievements of our Middle School students! Congratulations to everyone being inducted this year: Aenia Amin, Allie Davenport, Gabby Khoury, James Mallette, Marie Payne, Scarlett Walston, Meredith Adams, Jennah Brothers, Areila Frontera, Adam Hart, Blake Owens, Connor Sturgis, Erin Waldon, Jennie Lee, Riley Barnhill, Caleb Espinosa, Tim Leong, Patrick Moloney, Ryan Smith, Cameron Worden, Carianne Bradley, Stephanie Cervi, Will Fry, Ashley Montaquila, Shannon Phelps, and Jessie Tucci-Herron. My thanks to Mrs. Denise Owens and Mrs. Jean King for arranging such a beautiful ceremony. Congratulations to Zach Aldridge, President, and A.J. Parker, Vice-President, for handling the emcee chores—outstanding job!

STUDENT WEBSITES

It has been brought to my attention that several of our students may have their own “school” or personal websites. I remind our parents and students that one may not mention the Diocese of Raleigh, St. Peter's Catholic School, or the names of any member of the faculty or staff. Also, you may not list the name, address, or phone number of a student of our school. I would ask parents to monitor closely these websites. Pictures and videos that your child puts on the web are often a “treasure chest” for sexual predators. At a workshop last year, we learned how people can obtain crucial and very personal information about a child, their parents, etc. within twenty minutes. This includes knowing when a parent may not be home and a child might be. Please take the time to address these issues with your child/children.

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NEW DIOCESAN POLICY ON VOLUNTEERS:

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO TRANSPORT OR CHAPERONE STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE MANDATED DIOCESAN WORKSHOP ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

If you have not attended the workshop, you will not be permitted to drive or chaperone any school-sponsored activity and this includes the Halloween Carnival!

The next scheduled workshops with Mrs. Denise Owens, School Counselor will be on TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER from 6:30-8:30pm (Library) and TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER from 6:30-8:30pm (Library). Please call the front office and let us which session you might attend.

Thanks to all who have already attended one of the workshops!

PROFESSIONAL DAY

Please note on the school calendar that there is no school on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th. This is the annual Diocesan Professional Day for our school personnel. We will be heading to Cardinal Gibbons HS in Raleigh for Mass with Bishop Burbidge and an exciting day interacting with our colleagues that share our love for Catholic education. Please pray for all of us!

ARRIVAL

Please note that the doors on Brother Patrick Drive open at 7:45am. They close at 8:00am. Students arriving after this time must report to the Main Office. Also, please do not attempt to enter Brother Patrick Drive going EAST on Fifth Street and trying to make a left turn into that street.

Have a great week...God bless you and your families...

John Fencik
Principal

Technology News



As you know, the Internet is an extremely valuable resource for education, research, and communication. It is important to remember that the Internet is available to anyone with access to a computer. This can be a computer in a public library, or any other public place where computers are provided for use, your child's friend's house, cell phones, etc. Internet Safety is a topic that is covered for all grade levels in our Computer Technology classes.

What is Internet Safety? Internet Safety is not just about keeping your child safe, but also doing your best to protect your child from things that you would not want them to see. Since access to computers is basically unlimited, it would be fair to say that virtually anyone can post anything to the Internet. Since your children cannot see who they are talking to online it is easy for users to pose as children or anyone they want to be. There are many things that you, as a parent, can do to encourage appropriate use of the Internet.

1. Locate your home computer in a family room or area where you will be while the computer is in use by your child.
2. Monitor what your child is doing while they are online.

3. Look into options your service provider may have for filtering or monitoring capabilities that will limit what your child is able to view.
4. Limit the time your child is allowed to be online.
5. Visit the sites your child normally visits and talk about them.
6. Remind your child not to share private information such as name, address, phone number, school name, etc.
7. Be aware that social networking sites are restricted to children over 14 years of age. The type of information that can be seen on these types of sites is quite simply adult material.

Colleges, universities, and employers are increasingly using the Internet as one resource for checking the backgrounds of potential students and employees. Information posted to the Internet is widely available. So information that is posted to the Internet should be information that they would want their parents, grandparents, and future employers to see.

Math SuperStars

Participating students in grades 1 – 5 will receive their first Math SuperStars worksheet on Wednesday, September 19th. Kindergarten begins the program in January 2008. This voluntary math enrichment program is a great way for students to enhance their math skills. An information sheet regarding the specifics of the program is being sent home with participating students the week of September 17th. Additionally, parents can access the Math SuperStars calendar & parent grader information on the school website. Please contact the parent grader in your class if you have questions regarding the weekly worksheets.

Parent Graders for the 2007/2008 school year are: 5A – Mary Naziri, 5M – Maria Moloney, 4C – Judy Breiner, 4D – Randy Fry, 3N – Cindy Ullman, 3S – Dawn Shelton, 2A – Becky Tan, 2M –

Michele Reisch, 1B – Mary Hurdle, 1S – Renee Cole, KH – Susan Bailey & KT – Catherine Cox

Development Office News

The numbers are looking good for the Gift-wrap Fundraiser!! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support and participation! Watch for further news...

The Annual Halloween Carnival is fast approaching...we will have several new and exciting games and events this year! Watch for more details to come. We are adding a 'Gently-used book' Walk to go along with the Plant and Cake Walks this year...please send in any new or gently-used books to Mrs. Jordan in the library. We will accept any age/reading level! Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 18

Beta Club Induction Ceremony 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 19

All School NUT Day
Math SuperStars begins grades 1-5

Friday, September 21

Communion Service 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 28

No School – Professional Day

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