



Week of September 4, 2007

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News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

It is the third week of school already! I hope that you all enjoyed the Labor Day holiday. It always seems that this holiday is well-placed for all of us—parents, students, and faculty/staff--after the start of school!

Be aware that we are in the middle of the Tropical Storm/Hurricane season. September has proven to be a very busy month in eastern North Carolina. Please consult the handbook for radio and TV stations that will announce delays or closings.

KITCHEN

One of the major projects this summer was upgrading our kitchen facility for lunch and other food service events. It was a massive undertaking and required extensive electrical work to bring everything up to code. I am happy to say that everything is now operating and Aramark has a supervisor and chef on site preparing our hot lunches here at SPS. I hope that this will make a significant difference in the quality of our food. We added a new stove, steamer, and fryer. We also installed a new grease trap, prep tables, and shelving. We upgraded our fire response and repaired the hood fans. Finally, we installed a new tile floor. This new kitchen will serve our school and parish for years to come. It was done through your generosity to our fundraisers and Annual Fund. I am grateful to Mrs. Micheala Fencik for overseeing this project this summer. Jim Cooper did yeoman work, especially last week in working with some of the contractors to get everything up and running!

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHTS

This week all of our parents are invited to our "Meet the Teacher" nights. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will meet on TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Grades 1 and 2 will meet on THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. (PLEASE NOTE THAT JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS EVENING. THEY WILL HAVE EVENINGS LATER ON IN THE SCHOOL YEAR!)

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NEW DIOCESAN POLICY ON VOLUNTEERS:

IT IS NOW 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.

The next scheduled workshop with Mrs. Denise Owens, School Counselor will be on TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER from 8:30-10:30am (Cafeteria) and also on TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER from 6:30-8:30am (Library). Please call the front office and let us which session you might attend. We will also schedule more in the near future.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HAVING UP TO DATE ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS (HOME, WORK, AND CELL) ARE SO VERY IMPORTANT FOR US. THE PHONE NUMBERS ARE CRUCIAL IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES. If you move or change phone numbers during the school year, please be sure and put our school on the list of folks you contact.

Thanks to all of the moms who volunteered last week to help with the distribution of drinks at lunch!

God bless you and your families...

John Fencik
Principal

Development News

We hope you are having luck in acquiring orders for 'The Candy Man'!! Did you ask the children about the 'special' reward for reaching the school goal of \$30,000? All orders and monies are due this Friday, September 7th. We appreciate your support!

We will be contacting the volunteers about counting money and distributing the orders within the next week. Thank you for the OVERWHELMING response to all who offered to help with this fundraiser. If we do not contact you this time, please know that your time is appreciated and THANK YOU once again for volunteering.

Admissions News

Important Information Please Read

St. Peter's Catholic School will begin accepting NEW applications for our Junior-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes on October 1, 2007. In the interest of fairness we are unable to accept any JK or K applications prior to this date.

We have a new age cutoff date for next years JK class. All students who are applying for our JK program MUST BE 4 on or before AUGUST 31st.

The state has accepted the new cut off date for incoming Kindergarten students as August 31st beginning with the 2009 school year. We use the same cut off date as the state of N.C., and in order for our students to be in compliance we must start with next years Junior Kindergarten class.

The deadline for applications for the 2008-2009 Junior Kindergarten program is January 4, 2008. We end the JK application process early as do the other Pre-K schools in the area. This gives those families who do not get in to our program the opportunity to seek other alternatives.

Please feel free to contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions.

Booster Club News

We will have our first Booster Club meeting on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The agenda for this meeting includes nominating officers. If you would like to purchase a membership, the cost is \$50.00. Membership includes an all-season pass to home games and a Wildcat t-shirt.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 4

Intermediate Open House

“Meet the Teachers”

7:00 p.m. Cafeteria

Thursday, September 6

“Meet the Teachers”

Open House – 1st and 2nd Grade Parents

7:00 p.m. Cafeteria

Friday, September 7

Mass 9:00 a.m.

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