



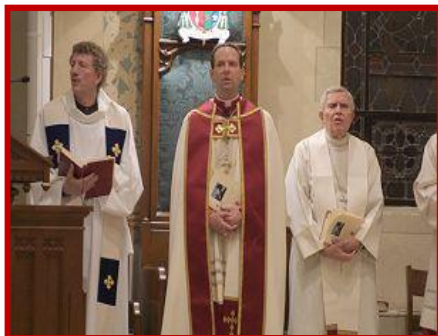
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January 18-25 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2008 is "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thes. 12a, 13b-18). The week long celebration began in Raleigh, Friday evening, with a Prayer Service hosted by Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge and Sacred Heart Cathedral.

See the Diocese of Raleigh website for pictures and details:
www.dioceseofraleigh.org



News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

FINANCIAL NEWS

I will be notifying all of you shortly about the tuition scale for next year. I am waiting for the Parish Financial Committee to meet and approve our budgetary proposal. I have taken into account the economic slowdown and will continue to keep our tuition affordable. I thank you for your continued support of our Annual Fund and fundraisers. These are the funds that enable us to provide for items not covered by tuition. Without that generous support, tuition would have to rise significantly.

Please support our Annual Fund with your unrestricted or restricted gifts.

Remember the annual Diner Auction which is this Friday evening. Come out and have a good time with friends and support our many projects as well!

ALERT NOW

Last week I sent all of you a phone message through our *Alert Now* system. It was the first time that we used it. If you did not receive a message, please notify the Main Office so that we may check to be sure all of your phone numbers are up to date and entered properly into the system.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The reason I sent that message was because of 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

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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

PASTORS' DAY

We will hold our annual *Pastor's Day* on THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY at 9:15am in the Church. The whole school attends this program as we join with many of the ministers and pastors of the local community during the annual *WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY*. We gather together to celebrate what we share in common in faith and to pray for unity among all Christians.

ART SHOW

If you missed the opening reception of our Art Show at the Greenville Museum of Art, you missed a terrific display of our students' work. The display will be there until Friday, 1 February. Mr. John Bell and a host of volunteers are responsible for this display and I am most grateful to the hours that go into this production. Mr. Bell gives of himself and his time so generously to advance the study of art among our students. DON'T MISS IT!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

This is a national celebration each year as we celebrate the gift of Catholic schools and Catholic education. St. Peter's is proud of its 61 year tradition of an excellence unequalled! We remember all those who have gone before us—the Religious Sisters and Brothers, the Parish Priests, the Administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and *alumni* who have built this wonderful community. We also celebrate the young people of our school and the God-given talents they bring to us as we strive to help them discover and develop those gifts! This celebration begins on Sunday, January 27th and runs through Friday, February 1st.

God bless you and your families...

John Fencik
Principal

Development News

You still have a few days to RSVP for the **Auction**, this Friday night, the 25th. It promises to be a fun evening out...come enjoy the sounds of 'Cool Heat', famous here locally for their renditions of '60s and '70s R & B...the food will be great and there are plenty of wonderful items up for grabs! Line up your sitter and plan on being here for THE event of the year!

\$40/couple...752-3529

Thank you to those who have turned in '**schoolmall.com**' booklets. I appreciate your participation. Remember to register your cards at the **local supermarkets and Target**...the proceeds that come back to St. Peter's are worth it! Again, thank you for your participation.

The new **bumper stickers** are here!! You may purchase one from Mrs. Walsh in the front office...they are \$3.50...thank you for waiting so patiently! Enjoy!"

Art News

The opening reception for the 2008 St. Peter's Catholic School Student Art Show was held at the Greenville Museum of Art on January 19, with 158 visitors in attendance. The show runs through February 1. Without our dedicated St. Peter's family volunteers, this exhibition and opening reception would not have been possible. This valuable cultural experience for our children is truly a team effort.

The following volunteers assisted me with the installation of the show: Susan Bailey and children Sarah and Andrew, John Michael Baro, Rosa Bell and son John, Coleen and Chris Ballard,

Theresa Blount, Angie Byrne, James Collins and son Dan, Catherine Cox, Astrid Gabbard, Beth and John Hinson, Kim Kuhn, Donna Peacock and daughter Lizzy, Jan Peoples, and Austin and Bobbie Jo Vaughn.

The following volunteers kindly accepted the task of organizing the first floor reception room on the opening day of the show: Carol Leong (Reception Director), Keith Carroll, Beth Hinson, Lien Hou, Andrei Leong, Kim Kuhn, and Sharon Pence.

Also, on behalf of the entire St. Peter's community, I thank the Greenville Museum of Art for the use of their student gallery, and for the assistance of their helpful staff.

I hope you enjoy the art that my students have worked so hard to produce.

SPIRIT WEEK 2008 Catholic Schools Week

Monday- (Catholic Schools Week begins)

- *Crazy Sock Day*

Tuesday- (Principals Day)

- *Favorite Team/ College Shirt Day*

Wed- (Volunteers Day)

- *Twin Day*

Thursday- (Teachers Day)

- *Mix Match Day*

(Also a NUT Day gift from the teachers to the students)

Friday- (Students Day)

- *Hat Day*

- *Faculty/Student Basketball Game @1 pm*

High School Registration for 8TH Graders

The time is here to begin planning and making decisions for course registration for your rising 9th grader. High School Counselors from **Rose High, South Central and D.H. Conley** will visit St. Peter's to talk with our 8th graders about course registration for the 2008-2009 school year. Our students will be given registration forms at this meeting. Completed registrations forms will be picked up at our school at a later date. Counselors will discuss required classes for each curriculum area – English, Math, Science, Social Studies, as well as recommendations for the 3 required electives. The date is **Thursday, February 14, 2008 @ 10:00am.**

The meetings are primarily for the **students**. Due to the smaller number of students attending D.H. Conley and South Central, parents may attend these presentations. Counselors will be able to take “**general**” questions from parents. If you have **specific questions** concerning your **individual child**, the counselors prefer that you make an appointment with them at another time. Rose High School has requested that **only students** attend their presentation due to the volume of students.

All high schools will be hosting an Open House night to assist parents and students with detailed information about options and other important special interest topics. A letter will be sent home through your child about the Open House dates for each high school.

Please check our school website frequently for important dates concerning

registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Denise Owens.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Thursday, January 24

Pastors' Day 9:15 a.m. at the Church

Friday, January 25

Mass 9:00 a.m. (Middle)

Report Cards Distributed

Dinner Auction 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

**Monday, January 28 through
Friday, February 1**

Catholic Schools Week (see page 3
for details)

Tuesday, January 29

Open House 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
(for Prospective parents and students)

Friday, February 29

FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, March 7

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