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## News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

### HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday starts Lent--this holy season of grace that leads the pilgrim Church to celebrate once more the Lord's Supper, the Passion and Death of Jesus on the Cross, and His joyful Resurrection! It is a time for all of us to reflect seriously on our relationship with the Lord. We are called to acknowledge our human weakness and our sins and once more turn from sin to believe the Good News! The ashes remind us of our human frailty, our mortality, and our need for the grace of salvation that only Jesus Christ offers! I sincerely hope that you and your family will enter into this period of time with great devotion and a renewed sense of family and personal prayer. I hope that you will avail yourself of the many beautiful liturgical rites and services that our parish and all Christian denominations offer during Lent. In a society so plagued with self-serving interests and narcissism, the Church affords us the opportunity to make crooked ways straight and to make ready the way of the Lord into our hearts! May this Lenten season lead you and your family to the enduring joy of Easter morning!



### SCHEDULE CHANGE

There has been 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 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

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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

### ART SHOW

Thanks again to Mr. John Bell and his volunteers who put on a terrific show of our students' art work at the Greenville Museum of Art!

### TEACHERS' LUNCHEON

On behalf of the faculty and staff I wish to thank our hospitality committee chaired by Mrs. Wendy Murphy for the super spread of food to honor all of us during Catholic Schools' Week. The food was delicious and prepared by *China 10 Restaurant* on Tenth Street. Thank you to Philip and Lien Hou for your kindness and generosity to us! We were able to enjoy this meal together as a faculty/staff due to the moms and dads who volunteered their time to cover our classes and other responsibilities! Thanks for the love you show us throughout the year!

### CONGRATULATIONS

All of us here at St. Peter's wish to congratulate Ms. Allison Bean, who recently was accepted into Wake Forest University's Medical School for the fall 2008 semester! She has done such a terrific job here with our younger children. We will be saddened to lose her, but know how happy she is in pursuing her dreams!

Also, we congratulate Mrs. Yvonne Frazier and her husband, David, on celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Monday, 4 February 2008! May you enjoy many more years of happiness and love!

### THANK YOU

A number of years ago our school became the first school in Pitt County to acquire an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Gary Fontana, we now have a second one, which will be placed in the gymnasium area. (I always wondered why the first one was placed directly outside the Principal's Office!) Our faculty and staff will be working before the next school year to achieve First Aid certification and for a number of us to be certified in using the AED and performing CPR. Hopefully, this AED will never have to be used! Thanks Dr. Fontana for thinking of our well-being and health!

John Fencik  
Principal

## Reminder: High School Registration for 8<sup>TH</sup> Graders

The time is here to begin planning and making decisions for course registration for your rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader. High School Counselors from **Rose High, South Central and D.H. Conley** will visit St. Peter's to talk with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders about course registration for the 2008-2009 school year. Our students will be given registration forms at this meeting. Completed registration 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.

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

## Students' Day Catholic Schools' Week

The following article was submitted by Mrs. Groome:

Students' Day of Catholic School Week, Friday, February 1, Middle School Students enjoyed a respite from the books. Eighth graders participated in a lesson on the importance of hand hygiene and well-groomed nails while sixth and seventh graders learned how to sew on buttons. Students were fortunate to benefit from presentations on Financial Literacy from Mrs. Susan Barrett and Mr. Webb Tyndall from The Little Bank. Dr. Sharon Rutledge and Janelle Cousby, East Carolina College of Allied Health Sciences, spoke on the harmful effects of loud sounds to the ears; Deputy Tonya Leggett, Pitt County Sheriff's Department, shared true episodes of males and females who were lured down dark paths due to the internet.

Thank you, townspeople, for enriching our lives with your expertise.

## Development News

I am so pleased to announce that the Annual Auction raised \$23,000 for our school!! Thank you once again to all who supported this event and participated in one form or another. I greatly appreciate the help and generosity of all.

Our Annual Fund Drive is slowly, but surely, progressing. Please remember that it is NOT the amount that you give, BUT the percentage of families participating, that makes this fundraiser successful. This is important data to have on record. We are in the beginning phase of seeking a grant. Grantors want to know the percentage of parent participation in giving. PLEASE try to give any amount to increase our percentages. Thank you for your support with this endeavor.

As a reminder, the 'St. Peter's Wildcats' car decals are available in the front office. They are \$3.50.

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

### **Wednesday, February 6**

Ash Wednesday  
Mass 9:00 a.m.

### **Thursday, February 7**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade NUT Day

### **Friday, February 8**

Mass 9:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, February 10**

First Sunday of Lent

### **Monday, February 18**

No School – Presidents' Day

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