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### ***THE BEATITUDES***

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth.**

**Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.**

**Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.**

**Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Blessed are you when men reproach you, and persecute you, and speaking falsely, say all manner of evil against you, for my sake.**

## **News from the Principal's Lair**

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

Mr. Wes Bostic, Co-Athletic Director, will have knee surgery Wednesday, 10/24. Mrs. Barbara Hannon, Kindergarten teacher, will be having foot surgery in a few weeks also. Please keep them both in your prayers that the surgery will be successful and that they will return to us soon!

### *HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL*

Thanks to everyone for a great Halloween Carnival. Despite the adverse weather forecasts, the rain held off and we had a great afternoon/evening!

In your name I wish to thank Mrs. Kelly Hudson, Development Director, for all of the time she put into organizing this year's event. It is an awesome task. She is now a "veteran" of Halloween Carnivals!

My thanks and appreciation, especially to the Room Mothers who do so much of the "behind the scenes" preparation for this fundraiser. There are countless meetings and phone calls in trying to mobilize the classroom parents. Please know that your efforts are truly appreciated and I know our children benefit from your hard work.

Many of our faculty, staff, and parents volunteered time for this event. Without you, this event could never take place and would never raise necessary money for our school children. Thanks for taking the time to offer your service to this annual event.

Finally, to all of you who supported the Carnival through your participation and generosity—THANK YOU!

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*COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL*

You are invited to a "Coffee with the Principal" meeting on TUESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER from 8:30am until 10:00am in the school cafeteria. This is an informal opportunity to meet and discuss our school community and to answer some questions you may have. We are also planning an evening session sometime in November!

*VOLLEYBALL and FOOTBALL*

Our Middle School teams have had great seasons. Both programs are winding down and I am appreciative of all of the coaches and parents who support these programs.

The Lady 'Cats Volleyball team will play their last home game on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. This was a very large team and Susan Bewick and Wes Bostic did a great job of teaching the newcomers and preparing the veterans for the conference schedule. Presently, they are tied for First Place for the Conference Championship!

We are the only Catholic grammar school in the Diocese of Raleigh to field a football program. This year's team has excelled on the gridiron under the guidance of Joe Blick and his staff! They played Rochelle MS last week at Kinston HS for the conference championship. The Wildcats entered the game undefeated. They fell short 24-12. This loss does nothing to dampen the enthusiasm and success that they have had. They are away this week at Savannah MS for their last conference game. They certainly surpassed all expectations! Congratulations for a terrific year!

*MRSA*

Please see the letter and enclosure on the home page of our website about this important health and hygiene issue.

*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.

God bless you and your families...

John Fencik  
Principal

## Development News

Thanks to everyone for helping to make the Halloween Carnival a BIG success!! A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Fencik for his support... to the teachers for their help, especially with the Cake and Plant walks...to the Room moms who helped pull the games together and for their hard work on organizing the theme baskets and volunteers...to the parents who came to man stations during the carnival and to those who gave of their 'time, treasure or talent'...for the many donations of cakes, goodies and books...and for all the prayers that the rain would not come until after the Carnival!! Also, thank you to the moms behind the scenes who gave generously to help with decorations...to the Beta Club who gave up a few hours Saturday morning to help with the clean-up...and finally, to all the families who came out and supported the Annual Halloween Carnival--I hope you had a GREAT time!! I'm sure that I am forgetting someone, but please know that the Carnival could not have happened without your support! Thank you!!

## FALL FAMILY FUN with FAITH ALIVE!

All families are invited to join us at Briley's Farm on Saturday, November 3rd from 4:30 - 7:30pm. There will be a hot dog and marshmallow roast, a hayride, petting zoo, and corn mazes! Admission is \$5.50 per person / max of \$25 per family. Sign up in the church atrium on the weekend of Oct. 21st and 28th or email maria@firehorn.com. For

more information call Patty Nelsen @ 355-5949 or Ashley Farris @ 757-3259 x 202.

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

### Monday, October 22

Middle School Parents Basketball Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Gym

### Wednesday, October 24

AR ends First Quarter  
MS Service Hours Due  
Wildcat Volleyball vs. Rochelle at Home 4:00 p.m.

### Thursday, October 25

Wildcat Football vs. Savannah at Savannah  
4:00 p.m.

### Friday, October 26

First Quarter Ends

October is celebrated as Respect Life month by the Catholic Church in the United States. Read more about this at the Diocese of Raleigh website: [www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/respectlifemonth2007.aspx](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/respectlifemonth2007.aspx)

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*Prefer Nothing to Christ!*

Wednesday, 17 October 2007

Dear Parents,

There have been many articles recently in the media concerning the skin infection known as *MSRA*, or *Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus*. This condition has not been identified with any of our children. Therefore you should not be concerned about sending your child/children to school. This condition can be treated. It can be prevented if you follow the principles of good hygiene. I have included some information from Dr. John Morrow, Director of the Pitt County Health Department. He has some excellent information about *MRSA*.

Should there be cases here at our school, I will protect the confidentiality of our student(s) and their parents. At the same time, if the situation warrants, I will be in contact with the Health Department and send out timely information to all parents. I would ask that you read Dr. Morrow's recommendations and discuss good hygiene practices with your child/children. It is important that they know these things:

1. Be sure and wash hands frequently using soap and water;
2. Keep cuts and scrapes clean and properly bandaged. Do not remove bandages until wounds healed. Do not reopen cuts by scratching them or picking at them;
3. Never touch another person's cuts, scrapes, or bandages;
4. Do not share any personal hygiene items;
5. Always tell a parent, teacher, coach, or another responsible adult about open cuts, scrapes, sores or pimples.

At St. Peter's we will re-enforce your teaching about good hygiene practices. This lesson will be done in an appropriate way per grade level. Remember that in most of the cases reported, the *MRSA* infection has been mild and has been successfully treated with good hygiene practices and antibiotics. Please seek advice from your family doctor about any suspicious cuts, scrapes, etc. or any other questions and concerns you have about *MRSA*.

Sincerely,

John R. Fencik  
Principal

*EDUCATING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW UPON THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS CHRIST!*

**Please see the Pitt County Press Release on our website's home page**