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## News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

### DAY OFF

Our school is required to have 180 days of school each year by the Diocese of Raleigh. There are certain days built into the schedule that could be used for make-ups days should we need them due to weather conditions that might close school. This year I had one extra day in the schedule to use for such emergencies. I also was aware that there is a long stretch from March 31 until Memorial Day without a day off.

**THEREFORE...FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>—  
THERE WILL BE  
NO SCHOOL!**

I hope that everyone enjoys the three-day weekend. Thankfully, we did not need to close school this year (so far)!

### HOLY WEEK

We find ourselves coming to the end of Lent and the beginning these sacred days—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday!

These are wonderful days for all of us to reflect on the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord! This was His mission—it is our Good News—that Jesus Christ came to earth as man to offer His life for the redemption of the sins of the world! He came to bring us hope—that death is not the end of life, but a part of the journey home to God! He overcame death once for all so that we might have life and have it to the full! We must all embrace His message—He has forgiven us our sins, we must also forgive one another. Too often in families and school communities, people harbor ill will. This week gives us another opportunity to reach out and forgive and heal—

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just as the Lord forgives and heals us. Fr. Justin and Fr. Pat remind us so often at Mass of God's deep and abiding love for us. We see it most clearly in the person of Jesus and we experience it in His suffering and death on the Cross. In our school community the love of Jesus must always be the guiding principle of our lives. That love is expressed to all members of the community by our respect and kindness to one another—even to those who are most difficult—for Jesus died for all and offers salvation to all!

On behalf of all of us here at St. Peter's Catholic School, I wish you a prayerful Holy Week, a joyous Easter Sunday, and a pleasurable Easter Vacation. It will be a long trek from Monday, 31 March to the end of the school year.

**HOLY THURSDAY—March 20—12 Noon Dismissal**

**MONDAY, MARCH 31—School reopens**

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs. Page Watson, Assistant Principal, on being honored by the St. Peter's Parish community at their annual *St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance* held last Saturday. At that time the parish honors a number of people for their contributions to the St. Peter's family. Mrs. Watson has been working in our school for almost 25 years. It has been my pleasure to work closely with her in the Administrative duties of the school. She is truly one of "ROCKS" of this school community and we thank her for her tireless dedication, devotion, and good example to our students over the years!

### CONGRATULATIONS

A number of our Middle School students participated recently in the *Optimist International Oratorical Competition* at the local level. Our students performed excellently with the following results:

**FIRST PLACE GOLD MEDAL:** Mia Dietrich and Luke Hopkins, who also receive a \$250 scholarship;

**SECOND PLACE SILVER MEDAL:** A. J. Parker, who also receives a \$100 scholarship;

**THIRD PLACE BRONZE MEDAL:** Michelle Devente and Andrew Wetzell, who also receive a \$50 scholarship.

Mia and Luke will go on to the Zone Competition, which will be held on Monday, 7 April 2008 in Goldsboro, NC. Good Luck!

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I wish to thank Mrs. Madeleine Mahar for all of her work with all of the students who participated. She has worked very closely with them, helping them to polish their presentations. I know how happy she is for all of our participants!

### SIGN OUTS

This is becoming a major problem on Friday afternoons and early dismissal days. The front office is being besieged with requests for early sign out—usually starting around 1:30pm. There may be folks who truly have a doctor/dental appointment—although Friday afternoon seems a stretch! But in many cases it is simply a request to avoid the dismissal traffic and start the weekend/vacation. Please abide by the hours of the school day—8:00am until 2:55pm. If the trend continues, we may ask folks to present a note from the doctor or dental office confirming an appointment.

Speaking of dismissal, I would ask that folks lining up on 5<sup>th</sup> street to pick up on Brother Patrick Way, please pull up to the car in front of you. There are too many gaps in the line and it is causing folks to line up all the way back to the cemetery entrance. This is not a safe place to be pulling off to park for dismissal. If you are picking up a Middle School student at the gym doors, perhaps consider coming a few minutes later.

Happy Easter and God bless you all...

John R. Fencik  
Principal

### **Math Superstars**

The end this year's Math SuperStars program is quickly approaching. The last worksheet will be going home the week of March 19th and the last day to turn in worksheets is April 9th. Remember, if your student is in 1st – 5th grades, they can earn incentives as listed below.

10 worksheets - NUT day (date announced later this spring)

15 worksheets - End-of-Year Social

20 worksheets (all) - \$5 Barnes & Noble gift card

So, if your student has accumulated some worksheets at home, it is not too late for them to finish them and turn them in. They have through the Easter Break and

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until April 9th to get in any worksheets that they want counted toward program incentives. **No worksheets will be accepted after April 9th.**

If you have any questions, regarding the number of worksheets your student has completed, please contact the parent grading for your class (listed below).

KH – Susan Bailey	2A - Becky Tan	4C - Judy Breiner
KT – Catherine Cox	2M - Michele Reisch	4D - Jill McGlohon
1B – Mary Hurdle	3N - Cindy Ullman	5A - Mary Naziri
1S – Renee Cole	3S - Dawn Shelton	5M – Maria Moloney

### *Reminders/Upcoming Events*

***Thursday, March 20***

Holy Thursday  
10:30 Third Grade Seder

***Noon Dismissal***

***Friday, March 21 through Sunday, March 30 Easter Vacation - No School***

***Tuesday, April 1***

Academic Breakfast 8:20 a.m. Cafeteria

***Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18***

Scholastic Book Fair

***Friday, April 18***

Middle School Social 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Please Join us for:

# St. Peter's Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by the 8th Grade Graduating Class

Proceeds will support 8th grade gift to St. Peter's School and Class trip to Washington D.C.



Please Join us:  
Tuesday, April 8  
5:00 - 8:00 take out  
6:00 - 8:00 Dine In

St. Peter's Church  
Parish Hall

Ticket Purchase:  
School Office  
252-752-3529  
or  
St. Peter's 8th Grade  
Students

Dine In or  
Take Out  
\$6.00



Purchase your delicious fresh baked goods on-site as well!

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