

November 15, 2007

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

### KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Barbara Hannon is recovering nicely from her surgery this past Monday. We wish her well during her lengthy recovery time.

When we heard that Mrs. Hannon was to have this surgery, I asked Mrs. Watson and the front office to work on substitutes. The chief concern for me was having consistency with a teacher and with the reading program. The reading component of Kindergarten is such a crucial element for our students. We did line up a number of different substitutes to cover the class and Mrs. Kathy Tew (our other K teacher) had graciously agreed to do "double duty" with the reading program and teach Mrs. Hannon's class as well. Late last week another option came to me. We had a parent who had been an elementary school teacher offer to teach the class through the Christmas vacation. This was great news! I apologize that I could not inform the parents a little earlier, but I had to wait for all of the information to be processed, including mandated background checks. All of this came back at the beginning of this week.

I appreciate and am most grateful for Mr. Mark Slawinski taking on this responsibility. Mark and his wife, Amanda, have a son, Kaleb, in Mrs. Supples class. They are parishioners here at St. Peter's. He has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education as well as a Masters from ECU, qualifying him as a Reading Specialist. He has previously taught second grade. I believe that his presence and his experience at the primary level will mean that this class will not miss a beat while Mrs. Hannon recovers. Having one teacher during this time ensures the kind of consistency our children need. Mr. Slawinski will be in constant communication with Mrs. Hannon and work closely with Mrs. Tew in ensuring a smooth period during Mrs. Hannon's absence.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our students who had all A's or all A's and B's on their recent report card. These are our Honor Roll students and I applaud their hard work in achieving such good grades.

Also, I wish to congratulate Mia Dietrich (8<sup>th</sup> grade) who recently was honored by the Knights of Columbus as the winner of their annual essay contest. The theme this year was "What does it mean to me to be a Catholic

in the world today?" I appreciate the work that our Knights do, especially on behalf of the unborn and supporting seminarians. Thanks Mia for sharing your beautiful thoughts on your relationship with Christ and His Church!

### GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

This Tuesday morning at 9:15am in the gym we will celebrate our annual Grandparents'/Special Friends Day for our JK through Grade 5 students. I welcome all of our guests to our school family and appreciate all that they do for our school during the year. My thanks to all who have worked so hard to prepare for this event.

NOTE: Seating in the gym is limited. Each year this program has become more popular and more grandparents and special friends come to enjoy the program. I would remind our parents to be sure that all of our grandparents and special friends find seats in the gym.

NOTE: Dismissal that day is at 12 Noon.

God bless you and your families...

John Fencik  
Principal