

**WILDCAT WEEKLY
NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPALS LAIR
SEPTEMBER 3, 2006**

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

I hope that you all enjoyed the Labor Day weekend and the added day off due to Tropical Storm Ernesto. I generally try and follow the Pitt County Schools with regards to delays and closings. It is not a hard and fast rule though! I will always choose the safety of our children and their families over keeping school open.

OPEN HOUSES—"Meet the Teachers"

This week you have the opportunity to come to school and "Meet the Teachers!" Each evening begins at 7PM in the cafeteria. The schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER—Middle School (6-8)

WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER—Intermediate (3-5)

THURSDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER—Primary (JK, 1, 2)

Please note that KINDERGARTEN parents do not have an open house this night. We already met before school began.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's/children's teacher(s). I remind you that time is limited. If you wish to discuss any issue that pertains to your child, please make an appointment to see the teacher at another time.

YEARBOOK NEWS

PLEASE NOTE.....IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE....

PICTURE DAY IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH—not Monday!

EIGHTH GRADE PICTURES DRESS

Boys...shirt and tie

Girls...collared blouse (no polo collars, preferably non-white blouse)

A form will be sent home to the eighth graders on Tuesday, 6 September with yearbook information about their "Last Will and Testament", pet peeve, etc. All of this is due back by OCTOBER 6th!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

ANNOUNCING A “NAME THE YEARBOOK” CONTEST!

Many years ago when the school had a different school mascot, the yearbook was called “The Jolly Roger.” The present yearbook does not have a name. Therefore all JK through Grade 8 students are invited to submit a name for the yearbook. This contest will run until Friday 15th SEPTEMBER when all entries are due. All suggestions are to be given to Mrs. Diaz-Cobo. Duplicate suggestions will be counted as “first in” qualifies for the prizes.

Please make sure that the name reflects our school and/or our Wildcat mascot!

Prizes include a free yearbook and gift certificates to Barnes & Noble and Cold Stone Creamery!

The decision of the judges is final!

LUNCH PROGRAM

The hot lunch program usually started on the day after Labor Day. This year it will begin on MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER. You should have already received a menu in the format that you have been accustomed. Please return it to us by this Wednesday. NOTE WELL: ON THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER WE HAVE A HALF-DAY AND THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER. OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS NO LUNCH EITHER DAY!

BOB RICE CONCERT

Make plans not to miss this exciting concert at our Church this SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER from 6:30-8:00PM. It is an evening you will not forget. Bring the whole family! Your child should be bringing home a flyer with more details. It is a FREE concert!

May God bless you and your families!

Mr. Fencik

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

GIFT WRAP – The Deadline for turning in the gift wrap is September 8th. Our goal is \$25,000. for the entire school. If we meet this goal, the entire school will go to the Main Event!! Sell! Sell! Sell!

ROOM MOTHER MEETING

If you have volunteered to be a room Mom/Dad, we will have a meeting on Tuesday September 12th at 8:30 am in the Cafeteria

SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP NEWS:

The sixth grade field trip to Pitt Community College scheduled for Sept. 14 & 18 will instead take place here in St. Peter's Catholic School computer lab (exact dates to be announced). Mrs. Susan Basnight from PCC will be coming to instruct sixth grade students on the latest electronic research techniques for History Day.

YEARBOOK NEWS

- Picture day changed to Tuesday, Sept. 26th.
- Eighth grade students only new dress code for yearbook:
- Boys - shirt and tie
- Girls - collared blouse (no polo collars)
- Eighth grade only form will be sent home Tues., 9/6 for yearbook information for Last Will and Testament, pet peeve, etc. Due back Friday, Oct. 6th.

YEARBOOK NAMING CONTEST

Help name our yearbook! Yearbook naming contest will begin Friday 9/1 until 9/15. All entries must be submitted by noon, Friday, 9/15. Contest is open to all St. Peter's students, JK to 8th grade. The winner will receive a free yearbook (\$25.00 value) and gift certificates to Barnes & Noble/Cold Stone Creamery. Please submit all suggestions to Ms. Diaz-Cobo. Yearbook name should be appropriate to St. Peter's School and our wildcat mascot.

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Our Learning Resource Program will be going through some changes this year. To maintain consistency and fairness for all students, a student needs to have a formal evaluation on file with the resource department in order to continue to receive classroom accommodations and/or pullout services.

If an existing student begins to experience academic difficulty the classroom teacher should try interventions to accommodate the problem. This process is intended for use in a collaborative setting that involves a team of professionals from the school. If interventions implemented by the teacher do not impact learning difficulties, further testing will be the responsibility of the parent. Pitt County Schools or a private agency may be contacted. If through testing a student qualifies for accommodations and/or pullout services the resource teacher, parent, and classroom teacher will discuss accommodations and an educational plan to meet the specific needs the child may have. Classroom accommodations and/or pullout services can be provided.

The teachers involved will monitor the progress of each student receiving support. If the student continues to struggle with the support available, it may be determined that the student's needs would be better met in a different learning environment. It is important that the child be in an environment in which he or she can experience success without frustration, while maintaining the motivation to learn.

If any parent has any questions or concerns please email or call Lori Vendemia, the Learning Resource Director, at lvendemia@stpeterscatholicsschool.com or (252) 752-3529

BOYS VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Middle-School boys interested in singing well in harmony may join the Boys Vocal Ensemble. The group includes unchanged, changing, and changed voices and performs a variety of music that includes both sacred and secular titles. Singers do not have to be stage perfect--just bring a positive attitude and enjoy singing! Performances usually include NCMEA Small Ensemble Festival, special Masses, and the Middle-School music program, as well as the combined ensembles' performance at the NCMEA Large Chorus Festival in the spring.

The Boys Vocal Ensemble will meet on Wednesday mornings from 7:45 A.M.-8:15 A.M. with roll taken in the rehearsal (No need to go to homeroom on Wednesdays). The first rehearsal will be on September 13.

GIRLS VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Middle-School girls interested in singing well in harmony may join the Girls Vocal Ensemble.

One does not have to be a "diva" to join, but commitment to teamwork is essential. The group prepares a variety of sacred and secular music in two and three-part harmony. Performances usually include NCMEA Small Ensemble Festival, special Masses, and

the Middle-School music program, as well as the combined ensembles' performance at the NCMEA Large Chorus Festival in the spring.

The Girls Vocal Ensemble will meet on Thursdays from 7:45 A.M.-8:15 A.M. Roll will be taken at rehearsal (No need to go to homeroom on Thursdays). The first rehearsal will be on September 14.