



December 11, 2006

## News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

### ALERT NOW!

Our school has decided to join with all of the schools in the Diocese of Raleigh and become members of Alert Now! This is a rapid communication system that will enable us to more quickly notify parents of emergencies at school, e.g. closing of school due to weather, delayed opening of school, early closing of school, etc. This system permits us to contact all families simultaneously without a "phone tree" being needed. It has the ability to contact all of our families on home, business, and cell phones at the same time. The system will call up to five times, if there is no answer; it will leave a message on an answering machine. It also can send universal e-mails. There are many other capabilities, which we will employ as time goes on. Of course we will still use the local media to convey this information!

Each child can have up to five phone numbers and two e-mail addresses. Right now we are concentrating on the phone numbers. We would like to be able to enter into the system a home number, dad's work and cell, and mom's work and cell. The home number is always the primary number. The system can accommodate situations of custodial and non-custodial parents.

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED SINCE SCHOOL OPENED, PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE BY TUESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. WE NEED THE CORRECT HOME, BUSINESS, AND CELL NUMBERS FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES. ALWAYS REMEMBER TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL WHEN ANY OF YOUR NUMBERS CHANGE. WE CAN EASILY UPDATE THE INFORMATION IN THE SYSTEM.**

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"It is a season that celebrates in many ways the truth that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World who has overcome the darkness of sin and death!"



*... Come let us walk in the light of the Lord. Isaiah 2:5.*

YULE LOG— we had a wonderful celebration of Jesus—the Light of the World—at our annual Yule Log celebration last Tuesday! I thank Mrs. Micheala Fencik who organizes this event for our school family. Everything was beautiful and offered us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the season of Advent. I appreciated Father Pat for taking time from his busy schedule that evening to be us for the entire service. I also thank the readers, the strings under the direction of Mrs. Leigh Sypawka, and the Choral Group under the direction of Mrs. Burke, our Director of Music. All of them added to the wonderful spirit of the evening. I appreciate the mothers who provided us with the refreshments after the burning of the Yule Log. And of course I thank the adorable elves who graced our evening with their presence and helpfulness!

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CALENDAR CHANGE—please note that the All-School Mass on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> is at 8:45AM and not 9AM. That is our last day before Christmas vacation with a dismissal at 12 Noon.

May God bless you....John Fencik, Principal

## Music News 🎵 🎵

### Primary Music Program

Get in the Christmas spirit by joining us for a rousing musical performance by our Primary Division children on TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 7:00PM in the gymnasium. I guarantee a great evening of joyful singing as we see our youngest students excel in this musical presentation!

### All-County Chorus

All-County Chorus for middle-school students will be held on Tuesday, February 13. Preparation will be after school one day per week in January and February. Interested students should notify Mrs. Burke of their interest.

## Admissions Office News

We are currently accepting applications for grades Junior Kindergarten through Seventh. If you have a sibling you would like to enroll you may do so now. **Please note... If you have a child attending school here you will still need to fill out an application form.** You may pick one up at the front office, or by calling and having one mailed to you. If you have any questions please contact us at 752-3529.

## Technology Related News

### Computer Technology Skills Test

As a reminder, the state's fall session of this test will be administered at school this Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. One half of the students in 8H will take the test each day.

## Chess Club Tournaments

Students of St. Peter's School are invited to play against Wilson Youth Chess, ages 6-12. Previous Trophy winners are not eligible for this event. We are looking for a minimum of 3 students and older students may be accepted to meet this minimum. You do not have to be regular member of our chess club to play in this tournament. The event will be at the Wilson Public Library on Saturday afternoons. Transportation to Wilson will not be provided by the school or Chess Club Coach, so parents will need to drive their child. Dates have not been set so if you have a preference please tell the Chess Coach. We anticipate 2 or more tournaments before February 11<sup>th</sup>. Format will be Quads and G30, with Trophies to each Quad winner. A Tournament should take no more than 4 hours to finish.

Students must be U.S. Chess Federation members. This costs \$17, and is good for an entire year of tournaments. Also, each tournament will cost \$5 more to cover trophies and expenses. You may go onto [uschess.org](http://uschess.org) and register online, by mail, or in person at the event. Membership entitles the student to play in official events all over the country. Also, the NC Scholastic Championships will be held in at Durham Civic Center, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Open to all students who reside in or attend school in NC. Ages K-12. Many sections by Grades, and Teams. Only \$28 if paid by 1/29/07!

If you are interested or need further information, please call the Chess Coach, Mr. Jeff Akers at 931-5905 or 756-8637.

## Development News

### Yule Log Ceremony

Our Yule Log was a hit! We would like to thank the following people for their contributions to our Yule Log.

*North Pole Elves*- Mark Alloway, Peyton Woolard, Vince Lancaster and Ainsley Delbridge, You did a great job!

*Readers/lighters* - Austin Bath, Kelly Woods, Duke Edwards, Michelle Osta, Gabby Khoury and Garrett Hudson, your debut was fantastic!

*Laurel Walsh* for all her hard work on the elves outfits.

*Doreen Flock* for making our cafeteria so festive looking.

*Members of the Strings*- You played superbly!

*Members of the Middle School Voice Ensemble* - Your early morning practices really paid off. You all sang beautifully!

And as always... *Our parents* who graciously volunteered the cookies and brownies, everything was delicious. Thank you all for a wonderful event.

### Annual Fund Drive

Thank you to those of you who have sent in your Annual Fund envelopes. Our current balance reads –

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| Restricted   | \$ 2,900.00        |
| Unrestricted | <u>\$15,095.00</u> |
| Total        | \$17,995.00.       |

Add our matching donation of \$15,000 and we are at \$32,995.00! We are getting

closer to the \$125,000.000 Goal. To receive the tax letter you can contribute up to Dec. 31, 2006 for your taxes. Please let me know if you need an envelope or if you have any questions, as always thank you for your continued support.

SPS Dinner Auction: Just a reminder we will be having our annual dinner auction in January. If you are able to contribute an item for the auction please contact Cindy or Kim Kuhn and/or Jill Mcglohon. Last years event was a success and we hope to have a repeat.

## Alumni News

We are happy to report that St. Peter's Catholic School has four (4) alumni who were recently chosen to attend the 2007 Teen Leadership Institute. Those selected were:

North Pitt - Kaitlyn Adams and William (Billy) Wright.

J.H. Rose - Joe Albernaz

South Central - Jackson Diaz-Cobo  
Congratulations Alumni!

## Robotics Team News

Congratulations to Nazzar Brothers, Caleb Espinoza, and Steven Mori-Chavez for their winning the *Against All Odds* award at the State of North Carolina's first *Lego League Robotics Competition*. They learned so much under the direction of Rob Hochberg with Jamie Wing, our Middle School Science teacher, serving as faculty advisor. This was their first year of attempting this program. We look forward to continued success in future competition!



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, December 12:**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade State Computer Technology Skills Test  
7:00 p.m. Primary Music Program

**Wednesday, December 13:**

NUT Day (No Uniform Today)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade State Computer Technology Skills Test

**Friday, December 15:**

Primary Mass 9:00 a.m.

**Following Week:**

**Tuesday, December 19:**

All School Mass 8:45 a.m.

Middle School Geography Bee  
10:30 a.m. in the Library

Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break

**Christmas Vacation**

**Begins at noon December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Return to School January 2<sup>nd</sup>**