



Week of May 14, 2007

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News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

I would like to invite our Middle School parents to attend our Middle School Academic Awards Ceremony on THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2007 at 9:15am in the Church. We have redesigned this program to better celebrate the achievements of our students during the present year. The teacher of each course in each class will present one award. The awards will be named after various Saints. The criteria for these awards are as follows:

1. The student displays effort and cooperation in class
2. Academic achievement (A's and B's)
3. The student exhibits interest in the appropriate subject.
4. The student actively participates in class.
5. The student goes above and beyond what is expected in the curriculum.

As one can see, these awards are not simply based on a grade, but rather are based on a student's complete immersion into a particular subject. We will also honor the students who have had other significant academic achievements during the year, including our Pastor's Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll designees.

I hope that you will be able to be with us on that day to celebrate our outstanding young adults!

UNIFORMS

Educational Outfitters of Cary, NC is now the official school uniform supplier. This will be effective on 23 May 2007. This is a national company and the local franchise is owned and operated by Mr. Myles A. Owens, a Catholic school parent at St. Mary Magdalene, Apex. His company presently supplies more than half of the schools in the Diocese of Raleigh.



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Some highlights of this company:

1. Will visit the school 3 times year for fittings
2. Gives a 10% discount on all orders placed in the month of June (including our first fitting day—May 23rd)
3. 5% donation back to our school.
4. Web ordering capabilities.
5. Year-round stocking of hard to find sizes (husky, slim, plus, etc.)

HOW WILL WE USHER THIS IN?

1. All new purchases from May 23rd on MUST be made through Educational Outfitters.
2. All students are “grandfathered” in for next year. That means, one can continue to wear present St. Peter’s uniform wear next year. BUT...any new uniforms purchased must be bought from the new distributor and follow the new dress guidelines.
3. The present 6th grade (Class of 2009) is “grandfathered” for the next two years. Any new uniforms purchased must be bought from the new distributor and follow new Middle School guidelines.
4. All students except for the Class of 2009 will be required to follow the dress code for the academic year starting in AUGUST 2008.
5. With the start of the 2008-09 school year, any student without proper uniform will not be admitted to class—except the Class of 2009.

The dress code is as follows:

Junior Kindergarten

Yellow polo shirts—short or long sleeve
Pull-up Navy blue shorts, trousers, or skorts

Kindergarten through Grade 5

White or Hunter Green polo shirts—short or long sleeve
Navy blue shorts, trousers, or skorts

Middle School

White or Navy Blue polo shirts—short or long sleeve
Khaki shorts, trousers, culottes, or skirts

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ALL STUDENTS—New Guidelines

All students (except Junior Kindergarten) may wear Navy blue or Hunter green sweatshirts with the official school logo.

Only Middle School students may wear Navy blue or Hunter green “hoodies” with the official school logo.

All students (including Junior Kindergarten) may wear Navy blue or Hunter green long-sleeve fleeces—with the official school logo.

All students (except Junior Kindergarten) may wear a Navy blue or Hunter green sweater with the official school logo.

Athletic shoe/tennis shoe, preferably white.

FITTING DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY
FROM 1:00-5:30pm!!!!

Please note that Globe for Kids still has green sweatshirts with St. Peter’s logo. These are acceptable and are good for the life of the garment. Hoodies will only be good for Middle School students starting in August 2008.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

My thanks to Mrs. Wendy Murphy and all of the parents who celebrated *Teacher Appreciation Week* with many wonderful raffle gifts and delicious lunches and snacks. We all appreciate your care for us and enjoy the privilege of serving your children.

MATH SUPERSTARS

My thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Jill McGlohan who co-ordinates the *Math Superstars* program. It was a wonderful year and the participation from grades K-5 was excellent. I hope that many more students will participate next year. It is a wonderful opportunity to expand one’s knowledge and math skills. The rewards were excellent, but the additional skills and practice are even more important. Thanks to the parents who helped with the “party” to celebrate the great success of so many of our students.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

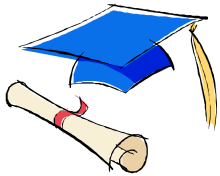
Congratulations to Mrs. Katherine Burke, Mrs. Nancy Sturgis, and the entire Middle School for an outstanding music program last Tuesday. Our students work all year long in preparation for this event. The choice of music was superb and the students' performance was excellent! It was truly a fun evening!

TALENT SHOW

Thanks to Mrs. Carol Hutto and her Talent Show crew who again staged this event last Saturday evening. I appreciate the many hours of preparation and rehearsal that all of our students put in. The show was terrific and our students had a terrific evening. It was so nice to see so many of our young people "showing" their musical talents! Kudos to all!

John Fencik
Principal

8th Grade – Important Dates in May



Please check the Home page of our website for a list of important dates in May for 8th grade students. This list has not changed and has been on the website for several weeks

Room Moms and Dads

If you are interested in serving as a room Mom or Dad for your child next year, please call the front office at 752-3529. Please provide your name, your child's name and his / her grade level for next year. You may also email this to: office@stpeterscatholicschool.com Thank you for the responses that we have already received.

Math SuperStars

With the End-of-Year Social on May 10th, the Math SuperStars program

officially ended for this year. More than 115 students earned their way to the social by completing 15 worksheets. Students enjoyed cake, popsicles & candy as well as some free time for their efforts. Also, congratulations to the 85 students who received a \$5 Barnes & Noble gift card for completing 20 worksheets. We are so proud of all of you for putting the extra time into the program.

There were 185 students who went NUTS on May 10th. Participating students were able to enjoy an extra NUT day if they completed 10 worksheets. Way to go Kindergarten and 1st grades, you all had the most students going NUTS. Jill McGlohon, MSS program coordinator and all the parent volunteers would like to extend their thanks to the 245 students who participated in the program. This voluntary and challenging enrichment program really makes students think out of the box when they problem solve. Parents, thank you for valuing this experience.

Beta Club News

On Wednesday, April 25, the Beta Club went bowling for their third marking period rewards trip. We have multi-talented students at St. Peter's. These students had scores of 141, 123, and 119 just for starters!! We had a few "gutter" balls but lots of strikes! The students agreed that this was a GREAT trip.

On Tuesday, May 15, the Beta Club had their last meeting for the year. Parents provided breakfast as we celebrated a great year for the Beta Club. We had 33 active members composed of the 7th & 8th grade. In the areas of academics, volunteerism, service projects and leadership, these students were at the top! Beta members brought new ideas and enthusiasm to the club. We congratulate all of our 8th grade members who will be graduating from St. Peter's. We thank Austin Bath, President and Sean Ruffolo, Secretary, for their outstanding leadership this school year. Most of all, we thank our parents for their support and their guidance in helping make these students the "best that they can be"!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 16

Middle School - Kinston Indians Game

Thursday, May 17

Middle School Academic Awards
9:15 a.m. Church

Friday, May 18

Primary Mass 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 22

All School NUT Day

Wednesday, May 23

AR ends for fourth quarter
MS Community Service Hours Due

Friday, May 25

Intermediate Mass 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 28

No School – Memorial Day

Tuesday – Thursday May 29th through May 31

Noon Dismissal

Thursday, May 31

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 1 – Last Day of School

All School Mass 9:00 a.m.
10:30 Dismissal

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