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"May we together thank Almighty God for the many, many blessings he showers on St. Peter's Catholic School everyday!"



... "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." Psalms 100:4

News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

As we approach our annual celebration of Thanksgiving, it gives us pause to reflect on the sixty years that St. Peter's Catholic School has been in existence. From its humble beginnings as St. Raphael's, our school has grown to the third largest Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Raleigh and oldest non-public school in our area. As the first school in the Diocese to be accredited (SACS), St. Peter's continues to provide the best quality education in the greater Greenville area. I say that without hesitation! We can be very proud of that wonderful tradition that has brought us to where we are today. This Thanksgiving I am grateful for...

- ❖ ...the Bishops and priests who have supported this school, including Fr. Justin and Fr. Pat;
- ❖ ...the many Religious Sisters and Brothers who gave their lives of service and love for education to this community for many decades;
- ❖ ...the dedicated lay men and women faculty and staff—including our present team—who over the years have had a passion for Catholic education, a willingness to sacrifice, and a deep love for our children;
- ❖ ...the many generous benefactors—living and deceased—of our school;
- ❖ ...the past graduates—our *Alumni*—who have built their lives on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ and the excellent education they received here;
- ❖ ...our *Alumni* parents whose generous sacrifices have enabled this school to celebrate sixty years of spiritual and educational excellence;
- ❖ ...our present students who bring joy to our hearts everyday and make all of the sacrifices well worth it;
- ❖ ...YOU—today's parents—who continue to be so generous and make so many sacrifices for your child/children to provide them with this special opportunity to grow closer to Jesus and receive an excellent education.
- ❖ ...YOU—today's parents—who continue to support our mission to educate tomorrow's leaders upon the foundation of Jesus Christ!

MICHEALA AND I WISH ALL OF YOU A BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY! MAY YOU ENJOY SHARING THIS TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS! MAY WE TOGETHER THANK ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE MANY, MANY BLESSINGS HE SHOWERS ON ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EVERYDAY!

Music News 🎵 🎵

Middle-School Vocal Ensembles

Members of the Boys' Vocal Ensemble and the Girls' Vocal Ensemble will combine on Tuesday, December 5 to sing at 11:00 A.M. for residents of Cypress Glen Retirement Center and as well as to sing at 7:00 P.M. for the Yule Log Ceremony in the church. Permission slips and checks for the special lunch should be returned by November 30.

NCMEA Vocal Solo/Small Ensemble Festival

Fees for St. Peter's Middle-School students wishing to sing solos or duets for adjudication at the NCMEA Solo/Small Ensemble Festival in March are due Friday, December 8. Checks should be made out St. Peter's School. They should be clearly labeled with the student's name and homeroom and placed in Mrs. Burke's box. The NCMEA fee for solos is \$15, and the fee for duets is \$25.

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.



Technology Related News

Wildcat Weekly Newsletter

As you can see, our Wildcat Weekly has taken on a new look with this issue. We have begun using a newsletter format. Please bear with us as we try new things in an effort to continue to make this a most informative and interesting publication. We will feature articles from our students, administration, faculty and staff. This will be in addition to the items you are used to seeing in the Wildcat Weekly. This will continue to be posted on or before Monday of each week.

Our Website

As you may know, one of our parents owns a company which designs websites. We modified one of their existing design templates to set up our website. We are very appreciative we were able to do this and that they are also hosting our site. This design has been in use now for approximately 3 months. We are modifying some things and will continue to do so, again, with our ultimate goal of keeping you up to date on the latest news.

Computer Technology Skills Test

The state's fall session of this test will be administered at school on Tuesday, December 12th and Wednesday, December 13th. One half of the students in 8H will take the test each day. They will be going through a tutorial on the state's software in the weeks that remain prior to the testing date. It is even more important that they be in Computer Technology class during this time.

November Wildcat Saints



Mrs. Watson is pictured above with the November Wildcat Saints.

Lunch Menu

The lunch menu for December has been printed and will be distributed on Monday, November 20, 2006. It is due back to school on Tuesday, November 28. For your convenience, beginning with the December menu, we will post the lunch menu on the website. December and January have already been posted. Look for these on the Parents page.

Grandparents/Special Friends' Day

As a reminder, Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. is our annual Grandparents/Special Friends Day. This will be held in the gym followed by a visit to the classrooms. Please remember that due to limited seating, this program is only for grandparents and special friends.

History Day



Many students, parents, faculty and staff visited our Library this week. They were not however rushing to check out a book. Our library was the scene for our Middle School History Day projects. Students, parents, Mr. Hughes, and others could be seen assisting in the set up of projects on Monday and Tuesday. In the days that followed many members of our school community could be found throughout the day in the Library enjoying the work of our students. Even our 1st grade students were commenting about the projects in the days that followed their "tour." They were impressed and so was everyone who visited. Great job Middle School students on all your hard work!

Wildcat Basketball Schedule

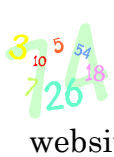
Just in case you didn't notice, we posted all of the Wildcat Basketball Schedules to the website a little over a week ago. Mr. Bostic has said that there will be some changes and of course, we will make those changes as they become known.

Internet Safety Presentation

As a reminder, there will be an Internet Safety Presentation on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. A representative from the North Carolina Department of Justice will come to speak with our parents on Internet Safety. The presentation takes a total of 45 minutes. Some of the topics covered are... child predators, our children's social network sites, instant messaging, chat rooms, tips for parents, language/lingo used by children, safety, parental controls, how to access, etc. A short video clip is also shown which is appropriate only for parents!! We as parents need to know what our children are doing on the computer.


The internet has brought great advances in information gathering, but it has also brought us some very real concerns about who our children are communicating with and what they are viewing on the computer. We need to help keep our children safe on the Internet. Some of our teachers attended this presentation and it was a real "eye opener." NOTE: THIS PRESENTATION IS ONLY FOR PARENTS. Today, Monday, November 20th is the last day to respond to the office that you plan on attending.

Math SuperStars

A description of this program for grades K-5 and a program calendar is now posted on the website on the Parents page.

Pastor's List

The following Middle School students made all As for the first marking period: Turner Albernaz, Aenia Amin, Austin Bath, Stephanie Cervi, Casey Daly, Allie Davenport, Michelle deVente, Mia Dietrich, Allie Donnenwirth, Grayson Gibson, Maggie Jordan, James Mallette, Patrick Moloney, Ashley Montaquila, Parker Murphy, Katie Nagler, Ryan Naziri, Michelle Osta, Blake Owens, Mary Kathryn Owens, Marie Payne, Ryan Qualliotine, Emily Ruffolo, Jennifer Smith, Connor Sturgis, Jessie Tucci-Herron, Katelyn Wilkerson, and Ellen Williams



Principal's List

Congratulations to the following Middle School students who made all As and Bs for the first marking period: Meredith Adams, Blake Aldridge, Zach Aldridge, Michael Alloway, Riley Barnhill, Cariann Bradley, Tim Breiner, Jennah Brothers, Royal Bunting, Kyle Easley, Caleb Espinosa, Bailey Evans, Bo Farley, Ariela Frontera, William Fry, Ty Hamby, Chad Hardin, Adam Hart, Matt Johnson, Nicole Jones, Alec Kerrigan, Gabby Khoury, Emily Kus, Ashton Lee, Jennie Lee, Tim Leong, Michael Mallette, Sarah Miller, Taryn Miller, Katie Naziri, AJ Parker, Neal Patel, Ava Penley, Cole Phelps, Shannon Phelps, Jessie Rassau, Mingo Rodriguez-Cue, Sean Ruffolo, Kathryn Sang, Emily Sawyer, Cody Shaw, Jennings Smith, Ryan Smith, Meredith Sugg, Erin Supples, Erin Walden, Scarlett Walston, Kenny Wilburn, Leah Wojciechowski, Kelly Wood, and Cameron Worden

Scientists Visit Saint Peters



We were recently honored to have many “famous” scientists visit our school. The Middle School students did an excellent job portraying one of their favorite scientists and presenting their discoveries to the classes at our school.



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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 21:
Grandparent's Day

Wednesday, November 22:
No School

Thursday, November 23:
No School

Friday, November 24:
No School

Following Week:
November 29: Internet
Safety Presentation 7:00 p.m.

Coming Next Issue

- ☉ Building Robots – A student perspective
- ☉ 2nd Grade Field Trip
- ☉ Practice, Practice?