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"No one has done a better job of providing spiritual growth opportunities and a quality education in greater Greenville for sixty years than St. Peter's Catholic School!"



... "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,

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day and enjoyed the time off from the routine of school life. Welcome back—as we prepare to enter the season of Advent and count the days down to the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus!

The day we left for our break was also GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY. What a great time everyone had! The gym "Standing Room Only" for the students' (JK-5) program and our guests thoroughly enjoyed it. They also enjoyed visiting the classrooms and the refreshments in the cafeteria. JK celebrated in their classrooms with their grandparents and special friends. I enjoyed "showing off" our school and our children to our guests. I cannot tell you how many compliments I received from them about the quality of the spiritual life and education that we provide day in and day out for our children—their grandchildren and special friends. As I told them at the conclusion of the program in the gym: "No one has done a better job of providing spiritual growth opportunities and a quality education in greater Greenville for sixty years than St. Peter's Catholic School!" They applauded loudly, because they know the truth of that statement. Thanks to all—priests, faculty, staff, parents, and students—who have made this true and continue to build on that great tradition!

I thank Micheala Fencik, Director of Development, for organizing this event again this year and Megan Getz, Physical Education Director, for helping with the "hard work" of preparing the program. *Kudos* to all!

INTERNET SAFETY -- Remember that on this Wednesday, 29 November at 7:00PM a representative of the North Carolina Department of Justice will present a short (45 minute) presentation on *Internet* safety. PLEASE MARK THIS DATE AND TIME ON YOUR CALENDAR. This is another opportunity for all of us to grow in our understanding what is happening in the *Internet* world that DIRECTLY impacts your child or teenager. I thank Mrs. Denise Owens, School Counselor, for setting this up for all of us. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! See page 4 for additional details.

Finally, don't forget the YULE LOG CELEBRATION that is coming up on Tuesday, 5 December at 7PM in the Church. See page 3. Again, MARK YOUR CALENDAR and join us for a beautiful evening!

May God bless you and your families!

Mr. Fencik

Music News 🎵 🎵

Middle-School Vocal Ensembles

As a reminder: 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

Please remember 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.

Lunch Menu

The lunch menus for December and January have already been distributed. They are due back to school on Tuesday, November 28.



Technology Related News

Practice, Practice ...

There is so much that students are expected to learn regarding Computer Technology. One of the things that a few of you have asked about is practice for keyboarding. We do spend some time in class learning the proper way to type, beginning in the primary grades. We also spend some time practicing keyboarding lessons. This is one small part of the overall curriculum. There are resources on the Internet that you can, and may have, located yourself for keyboarding practice. One resource is: [www.
http://www.gamequarium.com/keyboarding3.htm](http://www.gamequarium.com/keyboarding3.htm). We have used a couple of the free online programs located at this site for different age groups. Whether students are using a book, a software program, or an online program, it does take practice to get better.

Computer Technology Skills Test

As a reminder, 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.

Yule Log Celebration

This celebration will be on Tuesday, December 5th at 7PM in the Church. This is simply a pleasant evening for our school community to come together to celebrate the gift of "Light" as it has been reflected in both Jewish and Christian traditions. It provides us with a reflection on the meaning of Christmas and a time to share some light refreshments as we enter the Advent season and prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ!

Grandparents/Special Friends' Day



Our students in the Junior Kindergarten through fifth grade classes put together an entertaining program of song and dance on Tuesday, November 21st. This program was in honor of and performed for their grandparents or special friends. In the end there were people standing in the doorways trying to get a glimpse of our talented students. Songs that could be heard included Jesus Loves the Little Children, YMCA, Superstar, and others.



History Day

Congratulations! The results are in and are as follows:

Historical Papers

- Mia Dietrich
- Marie Payne
- Austin Bath

Individual Exhibit

- Royal Bunting
- Duke Edwards
- Michael Garry
- Mark Grayson Gibson
- Michael Mallette
- Mingo Rodriguez-Cue

Individual Performance

- Turner Albernaz
- Kellie Beres
- Chris Byrd

Group Exhibit

- Ashton and Jennie Lee
- Molly and Alec Kerrigan
- A.J. Parker and Bo Farley
- Blake and Mary Kathryn Owens
- Cole and Shannon Phelps

Group Performance

- Allison Weitzel and Ellen Williams

Individual Media

- Alexis Michels
- Andrew Decker
- Joe-Joe Hughes

Group Media

- Blake and Zach Aldridge
- Ryan and Katie Naziri
- Nazaar Brothers and Mike Twarog

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." THIS PRESENTATION IS ONLY FOR PARENTS.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 29:
Internet Safety Presentation
7:00 p.m

Following Week:
Tuesday, December 5:
Progress Reports Distributed
Yule Log Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

Coming Next Issue

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2nd Grade Field Trip

It was a beautiful day for a trip to the farm. Our 2nd grade classes went to a farm near Cove City. They went for a hay ride.



They saw pigs, cows, goats, peacocks, horses, ducks and other animals.



They turned cream into butter, ate ice cream, and had a picnic. The day was busy, fun, and a learning experience all in one!

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