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A STUDENT'S PRAYER

Loving Father,
I stand before You in the midst
of confusion and complexities of
life.
My future sometimes seems
distant and unknown.
Give me, O Lord, the vision to
see the path You set before me.
Grant me the courage to follow
Your way, that through the
gifts and talents You have
given me, I may bring Your life
and Your love to others.
I ask this through Jesus, Your
Son and my Brother.
Amen.

News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

As many of you know, the Hill family lost their home last week to a fire. We thank the Lord that no one was injured. We hope and pray that they will be able to rebuild soon and I know they appreciate all of the support they have received from our school family!

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Yes, the annual Halloween Carnival is this Friday from 3:00pm until 7:30pm!

This is one of our major fund raisers for the school year and one that the students look forward to with great enthusiasm. As always, the success of the Carnival depends on the many volunteers who participate. Everyone should be on board to help in some way with this event. There is always the need for folks to help set-up, supervise, and clean-up. Please contact Mrs. Kelly Hudson here at the school if you can help out. The Carnival also depends on your generous support of the event. Please make plans to bring your children and enjoy the festivities!

COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL

You are invited to a "Coffee with the Principal" meeting on **TUESDAY, 30th OCTOBER** from 8:30am until 10:00am in the school cafeteria. This is an informal opportunity to meet and discuss our school community and to answer some questions you may have. We are also planning an evening session sometime in November!

ANIMALS/PETS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Although I love animals, especially dogs (having had one almost all of my life), I am instituting this policy *effective immediately*—

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NO ANIMALS/PETS ARE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL.

Many people, including children, are afraid of dogs and other animals. Some people have had bad experiences with animals. Children can also act so quickly around animals that even a well-behaved and friendly dog can react to sudden movements as a threat. I would prefer to avoid a situation that could result in serious injury to an adult or child. Then there is the issue of animal waste that is not healthy around the campus area. Please do not leave animals in your car either. This can be very dangerous!

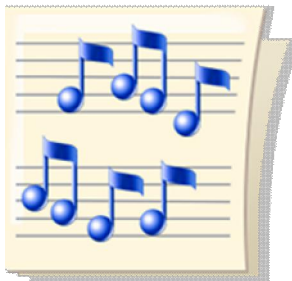
DIOCESAN POLICY ON VOLUNTEERS:

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO TRANSPORT OR CHAPERONE STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE MANDATED DIOCESAN WORKSHOP ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

God bless you and your families...

John Fencik
Principal

Music News



Two Students Selected for NCMEA Middle-School Honors Chorus

Singers in the state level North Carolina Music Educators Association Honors Chorus are chosen from over 1200 auditions from throughout the state. Each vocal part is judged by the same judge at the three audition sites, and then the top twenty scorers in each vocal part are chosen for the chorus.

The audition included individual a cappella sight-reading and the singing of one's own vocal part as a solo with a piano accompaniment of the other vocal parts. Jennie Lee was chosen as a soprano I and Thomas Conlin was chosen as a bass I. Congratulations!

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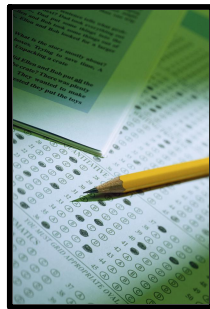
MIDDLE-SCHOOL VOCAL ENSEMBLES RESUME REHEARSALS OCTOBER 17 and 18

Boys' Vocal Ensemble will again be rehearsing each Wednesday from 7:40-8:10 A.M., and Girls' Vocal Ensemble will again be rehearsing each Thursday from 7:40-8:10 A.M.

SAT Practice

Submitted by Mrs. Groome

Before any game or competition there is practice, usually much practice. Most of our students take the Scholastic Aptitude Test by the end of their junior year in high school; many even test before leaving St. Peter's. We all talk about the SAT, but we never practice for it.



St. Peter's teachers and students are changing the talk into practice. All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students have weekly practice in the SAT Passage Based Reading, the SAT Identifying Sentence Errors, and the twenty-five minute SAT Essay. Sadlier-Oxford is the publisher of these materials.

Students are learning to be deliberate and confident in the skill of test taking. A broad essay topic is now viewed by students as an advantage. It is important that students feel prepared for the SAT since their higher education rests on it.

The guidance counselor, Mrs. Owens, helps students register on www.cfnc.org. Once enrolled, students enter any awards they earn as well as courses taken and grades earned starting in ninth grade. As you can

see, when eighth graders leave St. Peter's, their transcript for college is set up online, and they have practiced for the all-important SAT.

Development News

IT'S HERE!!! The Halloween Carnival is finally here!! The kids are geared up for a fabulous evening of fun-filled excitement! Make sure you visit all there is to see and do...stop by the Primary grades hallway for your official 'Pirate' tattoo; jump in the Bounce House in the gym; sing your heart out at the Karaoke stand in the cafeteria; throw yourself onto the Velcro Wall on the 5th Street parking lot!! Find lots of good things to eat...the buffet in the cafeteria; pizza, cotton candy and popcorn in the courtyard. Stop by the Country Store for a sugary or salty snack or visit the many vendors in the library.

Thank you once again to all the families for volunteering your time, treasure, and talent! We could not have such a wonderful event without your help! Please be sure to report to your classroom/station on time. The parents working before you will want to enjoy the carnival as well!! Have a GREAT time!! Happy Halloween!!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 16

Wildcat Volleyball vs. Woodington at Home 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17

All School NUT Day

Thursday, October 18

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Wildcat Volleyball vs. Jamesville at Home 4:00 p.m.

Wildcat Football vs. Rochelle at Rochelle 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 19

All School NUT Day

Main Event

12:15 p.m. School Dismissal

No After School Program today

Halloween Carnival 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday, October 22 MS Parents Basketball Meeting 7:00 p.m. Gym

Wednesday, October 24 AR ends First Quarter and MS Service Hours Due

Friday, October 26 First Quarter Ends

October is celebrated as Respect Life month by the Catholic Church in the United States. Read more about this at the Diocese of Raleigh website: www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/respectlifemonth2007.aspx

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