



Week of October 2, 2007

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News from the Principal's Lair

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh, and Dr. Michael Fedewa, Superintendent of Schools, proudly honored the following members of our school family for years of service to St. Peter's:

Marsha Moore—25 years
Carol Maxon—20 years
Liz Diaz-Cobo—15 years
Maureen Nagler—5 years
Lucy Elliott—5 years

Congratulations to these teachers! They too make many sacrifices to ensure a quality Catholic education for our children! I thank them for all they do and I hope you will extend your congratulations when you see them!

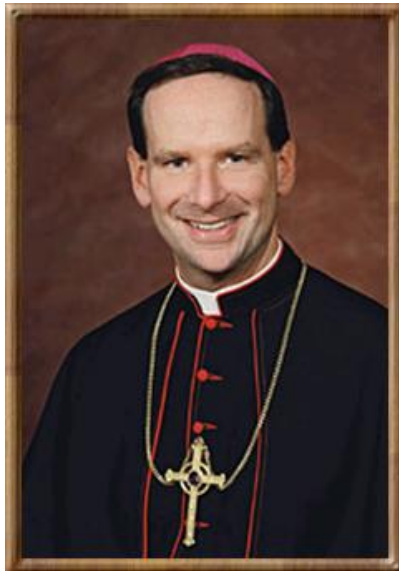
PROFESSIONAL DAY

This past Friday the administration and faculty attended our annual professional day. It was held at Cardinal Gibbons HS in Raleigh. The day started with Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge, the Bishop of Raleigh. The Bishop was excellent and I know that everyone who heard him preach had to come away with the enthusiasm and love he has for Catholic education and Catholic schools. What a blessing to have a Shepherd who sees the value in what we are doing and in the sacrifices so many of you are making!

The rest of the day was spent with the faculty meeting by grade level and subject matter with their colleagues from the other schools. I have only heard positive comments from our teachers. They enjoyed the dialogue with other teachers.

One thing I learned was that in some very important areas of school life, e.g. admissions, our JK, learning resources, library resources, computer technology (to name a few) St. Peter's is well beyond what other schools in the diocese are doing. My congratulations to our faculty and staff...a job well done!

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Bishop Burbidge

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CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS

The Halloween Carnival is fast approaching. 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. It also depends on your generous support of the event. I appreciate all of the work Mrs. Fencik did the past three years in coordinating this event. This year our new Development Director, Mrs. Kelly Hudson, is running the Carnival—and it is an awesome task! I know she appreciates all of your help!

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.

The next scheduled workshop with Mrs. Denise Owens, School Counselor will be tonight, 2 OCTOBER from 6:30-8:30pm (Library).

I appreciate so many of our parents already attending the Volunteer Workshops and for Mrs. Owens presenting this program. Please make every effort to attend our programs so that you may volunteer for various projects at school and assist our students!

IOWA/COGAT TESTING

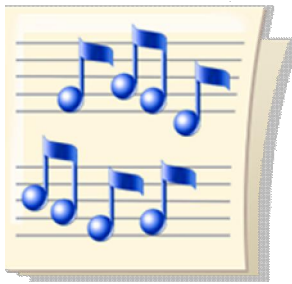
Our annual standardized testing period runs this week through Friday 12 October. Please avoid all appointments during these testing days. There is no making up a test or a section of a test if a student misses it. Please be sure that your child gets a good night sleep and has a good breakfast each day!

NUT DAYS

I have added another Nut Day to the October schedule. The additional day is FRIDAY, 19 October 2007---our Halloween Carnival Day. This is also our Main Event Day and a 12:15pm dismissal. Please make note of this on your calendar. (There is already an All-School NUT DAY on Wednesday, 17 October!)

Have a great week...God bless you and your families...

John Fencik
Principal



Music News

PAUSE FOR MIDDLE-SCHOOL VOCAL ENSEMBLES

Boys' Vocal Ensemble will resume practices on Wednesday, October 17. Girls' Vocal Ensemble will resume practices on Thursday, October 18. Both groups have gotten off to excellent starts on singing more challenging music. The pause is due to the schedule for standardized testing week and a trip.

STUDENTS SELECTED FOR STATE ELEMENTARY HONORS CHORUS

Four students were selected by the North Carolina Music Educators' Honors Chorus state audition committee and will sing in Winston-Salem for the NCMEA State Conference in November. Thirteen SPS students learned a portion of a Vivaldi "Laudamus Te" in Latin and were recorded individually. Those selected were Olivia Dunn (5th Grade), Chelsea Gouras (5th Grade), Marissa Hutto (5th Grade), and Kaylee McCord (6th Grade).

MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS TO AUDITION IN GOLDSBORO

Nine seventh and eighth-grade students have been rehearsing after school and at home to prepare for the highly-competitive NCMEA Middle-School Honors Chorus audition. For

judging the students will sing their vocal part of "Consecrate the Place and Day" by Lloyd Pfautsch as a solo and will sight-read a short a cappella melody individually. Those preparing for these auditions include Thomas Conlin, Maria Duenas, Jennie Lee, Caitlin Molloy, Michelle Osta, Alexandra Pierce, Sarah Rabon, Connor Sturgis, and Scarlett Walston.

Development News



Halloween Carnival flyers come home this week. Please help us advertise our annual event!!

Something new this year!! Tired of the lines at the Carnival?? How about purchasing your game tickets early!? Watch for a form to come home next week...buy your tickets early and stop by the cafeteria doors on your way into the Carnival to pick them up.

Also, we are still looking for vendors for the Country Store-let Kelly Hudson know if you or someone you know would like to sell your goods. Please sign up to supply cakes, plants, gently-used books, goodies for the Country Store, etc. The sign-up form came home this week. Again, thank you for helping to make our Carnival a success!! We couldn't do it without you!!

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The Candy Man orders will be here next Wednesday, October 10. This year we will have drive-thru delivery service!! Simply pull up Brother Patrick Drive anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and we will bring your order to you!! PLEASE do not attempt to collect your order during drop-off or pick-up...there will be NO ONE to help you. Thank you!

Beta Club News

Thanks to all of the Beta members and the parents who participated in the Beta Club Bake Sale on September 9. We had lots of sweet treats that brought in over \$135.00. A portion of the money will be used to send gift cards to some of the Catholic schools in New Orleans.

The Beta club also visited Cypress Glen on Sunday, September 30. Beta

members helped the residents with odd jobs ranging from gardening to moving boxes of clothes. The residents really enjoyed the students and truly appreciated their help. It was such a great experience for the students to give of their time and their talents to help others. Thanks to all of the members who participated!

Just a reminder that the Beta Club will be selling personalized Halloween cups at the Halloween carnival on October 19. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the last Beta meeting on Wednesday, September 26. If your child would like to volunteer for a time, please have them contact Mrs. Owens. Members will volunteer their time to help with the Halloween carnival clean-up on Saturday, October 20. Parents will need to bring their child to school around 9:00am. Please let Mrs. Owens know if you plan to help out with the clean-up.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 2

COGAT Testing - Grades 2&5
Workshop for Volunteers - 6:30 p.m. Library

Wednesday, October 3

COGAT Testing - Grades 2&5
Wildcat Volleyball vs. Rochelle at [Rochelle](#) 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 4

COGAT Testing - Grades 2&5
NCMEA MS Honors Chorus Audition - Goldsboro
Wildcat Football vs. Greene Co. at [Greene Co. MS](#) 4:00 p.m.
Wildcat Volleyball vs. Savannah at Home 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 5

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Next Week: ITBS Testing Oct. 8 – Oct 12

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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