

Wildcat Weekly

News from the Principal's Lair

September 18, 2006

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's,

Wow! Fall is right around the corner...one can tell with the sound of fall sports in the air! Our football, volleyball, and cheerleading programs are all up and running. As always, I am grateful for the coaches who volunteer to teach our children and for the many parents who drive to the games and support our scholar/athletes.

Many times in our lives we hear the phrase that "folks don't like change!" I guess that this is true for many and in many circumstances. Yet if we are honest, life itself is simply filled with constant change. From second to second, from day to day, from year to year...we all experience change. Summer is even now quickly fading and the leaves will start to turn and fall will be upon us! Nature itself understands the necessity of change. St. Peter's Catholic School has changed so much over sixty years. It has been built on the generous sacrifices and the faith of so many people who have graced this school over six decades. We are who we are today because of them—the faculty, staff, parents, and students of the past! A school and its programs must be a living organism...seeking growth and progress. This involves change. Academically, our school has always excelled and continues to provide an unequalled tradition of excellence in education. Our students go on to outstanding careers in higher education and professional/vocational lives! Yet the world around us changes every day—just think of the growth of technology in the past twenty years. For a school to adequately prepare its students for this reality, it must constantly review its programs and methods of teaching and make necessary adaptations to both. If a school fails to do this, it fails as a school, because it fails its students! Our administration and faculty are committed to maintaining that unequalled tradition of excellence. With that commitment is our responsibility to make changes to benefit our students. Change also involves continual analysis and evaluation. There is nothing wrong with trying something, evaluating it, and then moving in a different direction. One continues to learn in this way—just ask Thomas Edison! I am ever grateful and humbled that you place such trust in us in the education of your child/children.

An area that remains consistent for our school is our commitment to the spiritual growth of our children. This is the first and foremost mission of our school. In "educating the leaders of tomorrow," we must first build a foundation upon the Lord. This involves both the faith and moral values that come from the Christian

Gospel! The whole atmosphere and environment of St. Peter's must radiate this faith in and love for Jesus as we strive to be faithful disciples of the Lord! This depends on all of the adults of our community, for we all have a serious obligation to be examples of the faith to our children! May the Lord help us to be the best of examples!

I will over the next weeks revisit the ideals of Bishop Michael Burbidge for a Catholic school and discuss the philosophy of Catholic education that flows from those ideals!

May God bless you and your families!

Mr. Fencik

Our sincerest condolences to the family of Lacy Ellen and Hayes Wicher on the passing away of their grandfather William Campbell and the family of Turner Albernaz on the passing of his grandmother Ruth Taylor. God Bless you all.

This Weeks Calendar News:

First NUT DAY Wednesday September 20th ☺ ...Football Game Thursday @ JH Rose High School 4:30 p.m. (Home Game against Tucker Creek Middle School) ...GO WILDCATS! First Volleyball Game vs. Rochelle Middle School, September 25th @ 4p.m. right here at St. Peter's.

REMINDER :Class pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 26th.

Friday September 22nd, there will be an Intermediate Communion Service in the church @ 9a.m. All parents are welcome to join us in prayer.

Development News ☺

Gift Wrap -

Gift Wrap orders have been turned in. If you have been notified of shortages in your orders, please submit the amounts as soon as possible so we can get an accurate count. The students are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the Main Event outcome.

I would like to thank Christine Luzzi, Suzanne Edwards, Kelly Perkins, Katie Vick, Wendy Murphy, Mrs. Lancaster, Julie Dietrich, Annette Jones, and Kim Kuhn for their help with counting all the orders! This was a big job! THANK YOU.

NUT DAY- The teachers have received their lists. If you have not turned in your NUT Day money please do so. We have raised over \$3000.00 to date.

Target- We received a check in the amount of \$538.00. Thank you to those families who have linked their Target card to St. Peter's Catholic School. If you have a Target account and have not linked your card please consider this as we receive a 2% rebate from purchases you charge to your card.

Dining Guide- These will be available to you as a courtesy from Friday, September 22nd through October 9th. The cost is \$25.00 per book. If you purchase 5 books you will receive a sixth book for free! They have revised the Dining Guide by adding more local merchants. Stop by the front office if you would like to see a copy! They make great gifts! Copies are limited.

Halloween Carnival – We are in need of creative people for the Haunted House, if you know of some people who would like to help Mrs. Doreen Flock and her family who have graciously volunteered, please contact her at the front office 752-3529.

Thank you to all the room moms who attended the room mom meeting. I appreciate you taking time from your busy schedules to meet with the development office to outline this years activities. I look forward to a fun and successful school year!

News From The Finance Office (Jeanne vonLehmden)

Within the next couple of weeks parents who made overpayments for cafeteria lunches (for September) will receive checks in the mail. If the amount of credit owed was less than \$4, cash will be sent home in the students folder from school. PLEASE keep in mind that this does not apply to every family. We apologize for any confusion that the lunch form created for parents. Hopefully the children who purchased lunches have been pleased with the food. I have tried many of the entries and they were quite tasty! If you have any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm in the office Monday through Wednesday.

******IMPORTANT REMINDER:* October lunch forms will be sent home on Monday, September 18th. October lunch payments should be made out to ARAMARK. ** Please read the new lunch forms carefully when you receive it!**

FOOD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Food certificates to Food Lion, Kroger and Lowes Foods are available for sale again this year in the front office. We also have a couple of restaraunt coupons or gift cards as well. The restaraunts are Pirate's Cove (formerly AJ McMurphys), Red Lobster, China 10, and Jersey Mike's. For the new families at St. Peter's School who are not familiar with the program, this is a fund raising program through ST. Peter's Church. This program helped the school pay off its mortgage! If you are

interested in purchasing these any of these certificates, just fill out an order form which can be obtained in the front office of the school and send a check made payable to ST PETERS CATHOLIC CHURCH. Periodically these forms will sent home through your child's folder. We appreciate your support of this program!! Remember these gift cards make great gifts for family and friends!

YEARBOOK NEWS ** Changes please read **

- Picture day changed to Tuesday, Sept. 26th.
- Eighth grade students only new dress code for yearbook:
 - **Boys - shirt and tie**
 - Girls - Sunday best clothing keeping with school dress code
- Eighth grade only form will be sent home Tues., 9/6 for yearbook information for Last Will and Testament, pet peeve, etc. Due back Friday, Oct. 6th.

MUSIC NEWS:

GIRLS AND BOYS VOCAL ENSEMBLE IS IN FULL SWING.... IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP, PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTEND!!

Join Cub Scouts:

The annual roundup of new Cub Scouts is going on now. Cub Scout Pack 826, sponsored by St. Peter's and the Knights of Columbus, INVITES ALL BOYS (1ST-5TH Grades) and their parents to attend the roundup meeting in the St. Peter's Church Parish Hall on Tuesday September 12th @6:00 p.m.; the monthly Pack meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.in the Parish Hall. Call Pack Committee Chairman Al Patrick (321-4734 Home, 353-1333 Office) or check the Pack's web site <http://www.packsonline.com/nc/826> for more information.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH:

Come help us kick off Faith Alive! with a Potluck Picnic. All families are invited to a picnic at H. Boyd Lee Park on Friday, September 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. We will provide the drinks and paper goods. In case of rain, we will meet in the school cafeteria. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the atrium or call Maria Moloney @ 353-7064 or maria@firehorn.com.