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WILDCAT UPDATE

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Dear Saint Peter Catholic School Community,

What an exciting three months we have had since our last edition. We have just ended a wonderful Catholic Schools Week that celebrates our faith-based mission shared with over 6,400 Catholic schools in this great nation of ours. There's never been a better time to be a Wildcat than right now. Great things are ahead – I'm so glad we are a part of it!

"Third Quarter!" I shared this borrowed (and modified) football metaphor with the faculty and staff on January 10 at our monthly Faculty Meeting. We are immersed in the 3rd Quarter of the school year and we need your help! This is the most difficult time for students to remain positive and work hard at their studies. Despite this time of no special seasonal focus, this quarter is where significant gains can be made towards academic success and substantive learning. Please remain united with us and help your student stay the course and put in serious effort in all things. Here are a few suggestions:

- Check RenWeb frequently – your student's teacher should post new grades at least once a week.
- Ask your student to show you at least three things they learned at school today – this gives you direct feedback and affirms your interest.
- Make sure your student gets his homework completed (ten minutes per grade is a good guide) – have them review if you hear, "I don't have any homework."
- Make sure your student gets adequate sleep and brings a coat to school when it is cold – this prevents illness and helps with attentiveness.
- Get to school at least five (5) minutes early every day – tardiness causes unnecessary disruption for everyone.
- Email your teacher if you have any questions about anything – we all want to maximize the opportunities we are given each day.

Lastly, I invite each of you to come to the All-School Masses if possible. If your student has a part, please join us for the entire Mass. Consider staying for First Friday Adoration for a while – your example of prayer serves to provide the best example for our students and faculty and staff as well.

Yours in Christ,

Douglas E. Jones

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Happy 2018, Happy Catholic Schools Week, Happy Valentine's Day, and Lent is right around the corner. This issue of the Wildcat is long overdue because the winter weather interruptions have stalled everything. I do know it is still winter but may the Groundhog bring us an early spring!!

Registration for the 2018-19 school year began on Jan. 29th and the forms were due last Friday. Please return your form as soon as possible regardless of your intention. If you haven't seen it, (which is often the case in the MS), check your child's bookbag. PreK students must be four years old and K students must be five by Aug. 31st. All registration fees are due by Feb. 23.

Speaking of the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14th so all Valentine celebrations must be held on or before Feb. 13th.

Catholic Schools Week was quite a success last week. Thanks to all who planned and helped out to make it happen. I think we had more pastors to come this year than ever before. Middle School had a great and meaningful experience volunteering at the homeless shelter, Third Street Academy, and the Food Bank. Check out the pictures on our Facebook page. The lower school was quite busy making placements, cards, and of course, gathering canned goods for the contest. I think we topped last year's total of more than 4100!! The week finished out with the annual student/staff basketball game which is always the biggest event (and the loudest!) and the most fun of the weekly celebration.

Our Middle School was invited to send representatives to attend the Annual Leadership Conference hosted by Cardinal Gibbons High School for middle school students only on Nov. 13. We sent 12 students that were nominated by their teachers. This was the first year that the invitation was extended beyond the Triangle area schools. We hope to continue this tradition so that we can extend those leadership skills that we are working on here. This year's participants were Alex Cooper, Dee Dee Koesters, Jasmine Pandya, and Henry Walter from 6th grade; Will D'Alonzo, Joey Koesters, Katherine Stanley, and Kinsley Tate White from 7th grade; William Becker, London Cribari, Brighton Hou, and Grace McCarthy from 8th grade.

Congratulations to all of the Middle School students for doing an exceptional job with their History Day projects in Nov. and an extra congratulations to all of the winners. The following students qualified for the Regionals which will be held at ECU in the spring. In alphabetical order: Individual Exhibit – Anna Barlow, Lincoln Bond, Adrianna Hasselbach, Katie Morris, Kinsley Tate White, & Tyler Wilkerson; Group Exhibit – Tori Alcock & Pranavi Nekkanti, Perry Eveleth & Ives Howard, Drea & Britt Gauquie, Annie Geiger & Natalie Saieed, Jordan & MacKenzie Lewis; Individual Performance – Elliana Proctor; Group Performance – Maria & Juliette Workman; Individual Documentary – Leila Caines, Andrea Castillo, & Moria Skalek; Historical Paper – Gabby Barnaby, Abby Ershadi, Carter Lamson, & Katherine Stanley.

Also, we would like to congratulate the following students who qualified for the Regional History Bee to be held in Richmond, VA on April 23. These students took an online exam in January to

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qualify. They are 6th graders: Jude Kellum, AJ Gamboa, Gerald Reiling, Matthew Cox, & Jasmine Pandya; 7th graders: Jackson Powell, Jackson Schreiber, Riley Harris, & Will D'Alonzo; and 8th graders: Alexander Turner, Brighton Hou, Carter Lamson, Delaney Stanton, Ian Reiling, Jerry Cox, Spencer Jones, William Becker, & Will Sutton.

We would like to thank Mrs. Pat Woodside for teaching MS science while Mrs. Lawson was out on maternity leave. The snow interruption let her slip out without a proper send-off!!

As always during the winter, there is much sickness in the school. We have already had several cases of the flu. If your child is sick, please keep him/her at home. Before they can return to school, students must be free of fever (without medication) or from vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours. If a student is absent from school (or unexcused tardy), he/she cannot attend any school functions, athletic events, etc. later that day or evening. Remember to send a note upon their return to school.

Also speaking of winter, if the HIGH temperature of the day will be less than 45 degrees, please make sure that your child wears long pants and a coat to that he/she may go outside at recess time. Remember the ONLY acceptable outerwear inside the classroom/school is an SPCS crewneck sweatshirt. Please label your child's coat, sweatshirt, lunchbox, etc. Our Lost & Found is running over with nameless stuff!

Lastly, in support of Mr. Jones' friendly reminder last week, please DO NOT talk/text on your cell phone while you are in the drop-off and pickup lines. We have had some very close calls because of this. Please make your name (sign) visible to the caller. Party invitations cannot be given out at school unless ALL students in the classroom are included. This includes gift exchanges too.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We cannot do it without you. And pray for an early spring!!

Page Watson
Assistant Principal



The first Halloween Carnival Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 11 at 3 pm**, upstairs at the Spiritual Life Center in Room 201. All parents interested in helping with this October's carnival are welcome! Email heather.brockway@gmail.com with questions.



Thursday, February 22nd

5:30 - 7:30pm

SPCS Cafeteria

Pizza \$1 per slice ~ Drinks \$1 each ~ Bingo Cards 2 for \$1





Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 - February 3



FROM THE LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Thank you for making our **Christmas Book Fair at Barnes & Noble** successful. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Saint Peter families to Christmas shop while supporting the Library Media Center. We extend a big thank you to The Hoopsters, the featured Art Students, our Strings Program, Middle School Ensemble, The Elf on the Shelf, and faculty members who read Christmas stories. The LMC earned a Barnes & Noble gift card for \$683.16 which we will use to add books to our collection. Come by the library to see some of our new books.

The SPCS **Elementary Battle of the Books (EBOB)** team is working hard in preparation for our March 27 District Competition. We will host this year's gathering on the JP II Catholic High School campus. Our team members are Jaeyeon Choi (5E), Wright Collins (5A), Eli Cross (5A), Michael Dunn (4D), Anne Esambe (5E), James O'Donohue (5A), Jake van Reede (5A), Davis Walsh (5A), Alex Workman (4P), and Sunook Yoon (5A). Please encourage these students as they prepare for a challenging and fun day.

The **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** is March 19-23. We hope this event will be lots of fun for our Saint Peter Catholic School families. The fair will run daily during school hours. Our **Family Night** is March 20 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Make plans to dine with the 8th graders at the Spaghetti Dinner and shop at the Book Fair! We are also planning a **Morning Event** this year and will announce the date shortly. Please remember that our Book Fairs provide the book budget for the LMC.

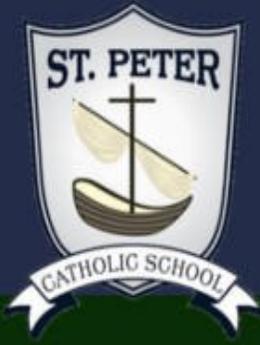


2-A visiting with Father Ian to learn about First Reconciliation



PKT using teamwork to complete a STEM activity!





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Important Dates

February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 16	1/2 Day of School
February 19	No School
February 22	HSA Mtg. & Pizza Bingo
February 23	Registration Fees Due
March 2	1/2 Day of School
March 2-4	EIC Tournament
March 5	2 Hour Delay
March 19-23	Book Fair
March 20	8th Gr. Spaghetti Dinner
March 29	1/2 Day of School
March 30—April 6	Easter Break



Our 8th grade students are busy preparing for the Optimist Club of Greenville Oratorical Contest. All 8th grade students will prepare the speech so they are able to participate. Students may then choose if they would like to participate in the actual contest on Sat., March 24, at 10:00 a.m.



Eighth Grade students recently volunteered at Community Crossroads Center and Third Street Academy during Catholic Schools Week.



The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate the following students for winning the annual K of C Anti-Drug Poster contest. In first place was Davis Hathaway, second place was Henry Walter, and third place went to Dee Dee Koesters. Davis's poster has been entered into the state competition. We would like to thank all of the sixth grade students who participated, as well as Mr. Blick who graciously facilitated the contest.





Read With Me!

Please read Sophia a story!
She loves to learn!

Would you like to be one of
the students who reads a
story to Sophia?

Tuesday mornings:

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Dr. Mani and Sophia are part of a national program, Pet Partners. They have been trained and certified together to qualify Sophia as a therapy dog. Sophia works with ECU students, as well as visiting with students from our school. She has also been invited to other schools in the area. The students read, discuss, and share connections to their chosen books. Many times they have dog themes. They give her treats and learn how to approach and pet her. This program is all about the love and diversity of reading, and the motivation of reading more in our day. The Resource Program is sponsoring this event and enjoying it very much.





Last year we sent Saint Peter's inaugural middle school team to NC Science Olympiad, where we placed 5th in the region and sent contestants to the state level in 2 events. This year, in addition to our middle school team, we are sending two elementary school teams. These three teams have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming competitions. The middle school competition is on February 24th at ECU, and the elementary competition is on March 17th at J H Rose High School.





The Saint Peter WiredCats Green and WiredCats Blue Middle School FIRST Lego League Robotics teams participated in the NC FIRST Lego League Championship tournament at NC A&T State University in Greensboro on January 20, 2018. Of the 58 teams at the event, the WiredCats Blue had the 11th highest score in the autonomous robot game competition, and the WiredCats Green had the 16th highest score.

The WiredCats FLL teams are part of our school's STEM approach. Each of the St. Peter 6th-8th grade FLL teams practiced after school multiple times per week in the school's art room during the season which started in August.

The WiredCats teams qualified for the state championship because of their performance at the JH Rose High School FIRST Lego League (FLL) Regional Qualifying Tournament on November 4th, where they were among six teams selected from the twenty that participated. At the JH Rose regional, Wiredcats Green won the engineering project presentation trophy for their robotic composting toilet. Wiredcats Blue won the robotic programming trophy.

At an FLL tournament, teams are judged on their engineering design project, core values (teamwork skills and "gracious professionalism"), and robot design (structural design and programming). Teams' robots compete for points in an autonomous robot game competition (an exciting spectator event). This year's FLL theme is "Hydrodynamics", which involves the human-related water cycle. The research project and the robot table game both reflect the theme. Additionally, each of our teams started a CAD robot part design branch this year as part of their robot design work.

Wiredcats Blue team members are Andrea Castillo, Jamie Galinis, Lauren Hodgson, Brighton Hou, Carter Lamson, Tiago Marlow, Stuart O'Connor, Jasmine Pandya, Jeremiah Reid, and Gerald Reiling.

Wiredcats Green team members are Skyler Barnaby, Lincoln Bond, Alex Cooper, Frankie Kennedy, Jason Napast, Elliana Proctor, Jackson Schreiber, Alexander Turner, and Rylan Tuten.

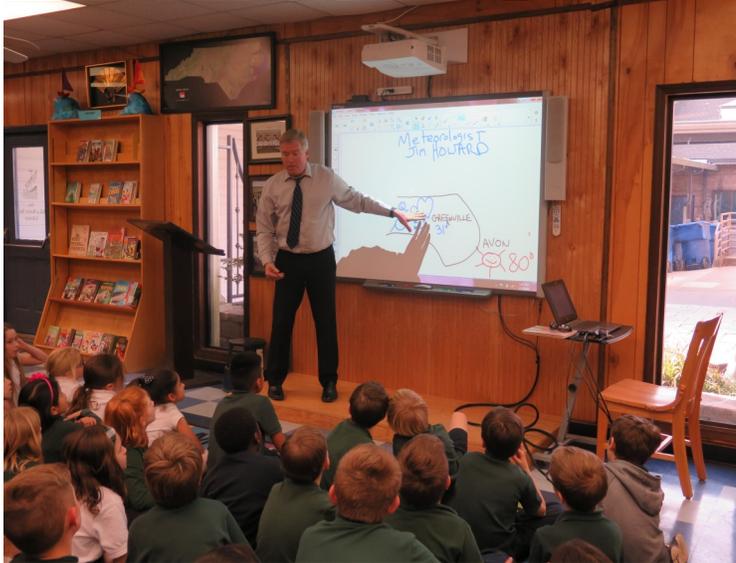
The Saint Peter teams are coached by John Bell, the St. Peter art teacher and head coach, and Kevin Pandya, assistant coach. Betty Robinson served as an unofficial assistant coach throughout our season. Team moms were Jennifer Hodgson for the Blue Team, and Heather Proctor for Green. Angela Lamson managed our online volunteer Sign Up. Team parents served in various important volunteer roles at tournaments. High school FIRST Robotics team members and Saint Peter graduates Allanah Napast, Ryan Moloney, and Nate Hasselbach served as mentors this season.

This year, our generous sponsors included Saint Peter Catholic Church, Eastern Headache and Spine, China 10 Restaurant, 24 Restore, Castillo Language Services, Lee and Betty Robinson, Charles and Rebecca O'Connor, Mark and Margie Dellasega, Steve and Jennifer Hodgson, Ken and Melissa Schreiber, Kevin and My-Hoa Pandya, and John and Rosa Bell.





3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents please mark your calendars! The Annual 3-5 Music Program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th, at 6:30 pm at John Paul II High School. It will be a wonderful evening of singing, recorders, and violins with a guest appearance by the Middle School Treble Cats. We have begun rehearsals and look forward to sharing our hard work with you!



Meteorologist, Jim Howard, came to speak to the second grade students for their weather unit.

PKH having fun with the letter M



Marble Painting



Mr. Jones read "Go Dog go!" to PKT! We loved having him share one of his favorite books from his childhood as we celebrated letter G!!



Monster Science Experiment





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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship helps motivated and deserving 8th grade students from area Catholic churches offset the cost of a Catholic high school education.

- Two scholarships are available for 8th grade students from area Catholic churches.
- Applications will be evaluated based on academic performance, evidence of leadership capability, service/volunteerism, and demonstrated financial need.
- Scholarship amount is \$6,500 per year for 4 years.

Visit jp2highschool.com/scholarships to learn more and apply by February 28.

JP2 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The JP2 Merit Scholarship helps motivated and deserving 8th grade students in Pitt County Schools offset the cost of a Catholic high school education.

- One 8th grade student at each of the K-8 or 6-8 Pitt County Schools will be selected.
- Applications will be evaluated based on academic performance, evidence of leadership capability, service/volunteerism, and demonstrated financial need.
- Scholarship amount is \$6,500 per year for 4 years.

Visit jp2highschool.com/scholarships to learn more and apply by February 28.

NC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The NC Opportunity Scholarship Program allows students in grades K-12 from low-income and working-class families to attend schools like John Paul II Catholic High School that could help meet their educational needs.

Families can receive up to \$4,200 per student per year. A limited number of scholarships are available, so the earlier you apply the better.

Visit schoolchoicenorthcarolina.com to learn more and ncseaa.edu to apply February 1-March 1.



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WILDCAT ATHLETICS

First of all a big welcome to Josh Brooks. He is an intern from ECU's Sports Studies Program that will be working with us throughout the rest of this year! As a part of his internship, he needed a special project. Since we are in need of a golf coach, it was a perfect fit. Josh brings a fresh enthusiasm to our program, and we are so happy that he chose us to work with.

Basketball games- All teams have been doing really well with games this season. We have about a month of games left and will finish basketball season off with the annual EIC basketball Tournament March 2-4th!

The upcoming EIC Basketball Tournament will be held in Havelock and is hosted by Annunciation Catholic School. Next year we are hosting! So if you attend this year and want to help with the planning for next year, please let me know.

With the spring sports season quickly approaching, SPCS will field the following teams this year.

Golf- Coached by Josh Brooks

Baseball- Coached by Joe Blick

Softball- Coached by Joe Hughes & Carlos Masis

Soccer- Coached by Dave Tulis & Andrew McMinn

** If you are interested in helping out with any of our teams, please let us know. I have heard from both golf and soccer coaches that they would appreciate some extra hands.

Gym Update:

The current bid we have with White Construction will include painting the gym, installing new lights, installing electric bleachers, and a new floor! We have almost reached our goal of raising \$143,000, but we still need your help! One way is by purchasing a paw print on our newly installed Walk with the Wildcats. If you haven't seen it, please feel free to pop into the gym and check it out. We are just waiting on our plaques to be engraved!

We will also be taking part in Hoops Mania— Tickets will be distributed soon to all students to sell! Tickets are \$10 each. We are asking each student to commit to selling 5 tickets. Just as a reminder, here is some information about Football Mania, which is a part of the same company!

Football Mania Success by the numbers:

We sold 802 tickets

Profit to Saint Peter= \$11,228!

There were 36 winners from the Saint Peter tickets sold

\$2,125 worth of prize money sent to winners over the 17 weeks of Football Mania!

Prizes ranged from \$25-\$200!!!



WILDCAT ATHLETICS

We are looking at adding another color to our official athletic colors for the school. The color is South Bend Gold. We tested the color on our football helmets after realizing we needed a lighter color to break up our Hunter Green & Navy Blue. It is also a nod to our original school colors (Green & Gold).

The work on our new baseball field is nearing completion! The field is located on Dickinson Ave., and is just beyond our football field. There is still more work to be done, and many things needed for the field. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the SPCS Athletic Department at mgetz@spscnc.net

Wildcat Basketball is off and running with all 6 teams in action. Make plans now to join us at the EIC tournament in Havelock on March 2nd through 4th to cheer on the Wildcats!!!





Mouse Head Sculptures by 1st Graders

(Students learned to create a cone and used it in their art.) Materials: paper, tape, glue, yarn, cotton, corn, and a pom pom



Abby Alford



Jake Zambardino



Nolan Howard



Vivian McKee

Paper cross sculptures by second grade students

The crosses shown here were shown with crosses by the all of the second graders in Saint Peter Church during the All Saints Day presentation on **November 1**. The second graders rolled card stock around wooden poles to form the cylinders with which they created the crosses. The supportive bases were made by connecting cardboard rectangles which were then coated with card stock pieces and paper mache.



Daniel Merino



Garrett Stokes



Katherine Bowling



Noah Blumenstein





Fourth Grade Sailboat Design and Construction Project

Students used origami techniques and measurement skills to create their sailboats. The volume of the water is made with wadded newspaper and tape. Boats are attached to waves with screws and glue. Surfaces are covered with paper mache and cotton.

Materials: cardboard, paper, glue, cotton, tape, screws



Keaghan Heffernan



Gabriela Castillo



Edward Kennedy



Cade Butcher

Sixth Grade Cell Pillows

Students drew and labelled animal and plant cells, which they used as models for the cloth pillow sculptures shown here. This project reinforces sixth grade science class content and is part of our school's STEM approach. Materials: cloth, thread, glue, yarn, and poly-fill stuffing



Luke McCarthy



Caroline Alexander



Allison Smith



Alex Cooper





Sixth Grade Personally Expressive Cloth Pillow Projects

Materials: cloth, thread, buttons, yarn, glue



Ashley Dignard



Britt Gauquie



Jeni Federico



Sophie Jones

Eighth Grade Human Figure Sculptures Depicting

As a means of reinforcing science class content, art students were given the option to create sculptures representing scientists, engineers, or inventors that they were studying in science class.

Materials: wire, paper, glue, yarn, cloth, paint, cardboard, tape, plastic



Grace McCarthy



Lauren Hodgson

Seventh Grade Hand and Forearm Sculptures

After cutting a piece of cardboard in the shape of their hands and forearms, and folding it along the joints, students added wadded newspaper to the front and back of their cardboard to approximate their own anatomical forms. This project reinforces concepts taught in 7th grade science class and is part of our school's STEM approach. Prior to creating their sculptures, students observed anatomical illustrations to draw the bones of their hands and forearms. Materials: Cardboard, wire, tape, glue, tempera paint, glitter-glue, paper



Abby Ershadi



Cherrie Yoon



Emma Schemerhorn



Jordan Lewis

