



*Celebrating the 69th year  
of Catholic education  
of the whole child:  
spiritual, academic,  
emotional, intellectual,  
physical and social.*

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# WILDCAT MONTHLY

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the outstanding families, staff and parish volunteers who work so diligently to make SPS so successful! We begin this very busy time of year with sports and club activities as well as the Halloween Carnival. A special thanks goes to Mr. Patrick Reid for chairing the Halloween Carnival this year. With the assistance of Carnival Committee members everything is ready to go for October 30th!

October is known for honoring our Blessed Mother Mary through the recitation of the Rosary. I encourage all to remember to say the Rosary as a family especially this month. If you are not familiar with the Rosary I would suggest that you research the topic and discover the beauty of the four mysteries. The four mysteries are: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous. I like to say the Rosary with Mother Angelica via social media! The more you recite the Rosary the closer you will be drawn to our Lord.

I hope to see you at the Halloween Carnival and experience the joy of our SPS Family gathering!

In Christ,  
Joseph A. Nelson, Ed.D.



*JK-Smith observed  
Fire Prevention Week  
October 5- 10. Students  
made fire hats and  
conducted a Fire Safety  
Inspection of our  
school, by tallying the  
number of Fire Alarms,  
Smoke Detectors, Fire  
Extinguishers, and Exit  
signs! Based on our  
data, St. Peters definitely  
passed as a Safe School!*

# AROUND OUR SCHOOL

*Page Watson, Assistant Principal*

## *Halloween Carnival*

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year is already over and the Halloween Carnival is next week. (And I missed the first Wildcat Monthly somehow!) There is much information coming home with your child or electronically, so please be diligent in checking folder, bookbag, and your email so that you will be informed. Please sign up to volunteer, sell your tickets, and return all forms and money promptly. We ask that each family gives 15-20 hours of volunteer time to the school and the Carnival is one of the best ways to fulfill that commitment. Even baking a cake can count for an hour!!

## *Staff Changes*

We had a few staff changes and additions with the beginning of the new school year. We welcome Krissy Smith who is teaching JK. Lisa Pastor is now teaching kindergarten and Carrie Everett is team teaching with Mrs. Moloney in second grade. Maggie Barros is the assistant in 3B and she is teaching Spanish in JK-4th grade. Beth Overman is the assistant in 5S and is teaching religion in that class also. Mrs. Roberson is out on medical leave and Jennifer Lewis is substituting for her. We hope that Mrs. Roberson is on the road to recovery from her accident and will be back with us very soon. Chip Gallusha is the tech support person, replacing Al Parks who died unexpectedly in July. Our hearts and prayers are with Al's family.

## *History Day*

Congratulations to the following Middle School students who competed in History Day at the National level in June at the University of Maryland. They are Harrison Miller and Mary Beth Cole for Individual Performance, and Grace Crane for Historical Paper. Baylea Williams, Jordyn Williams, and Caroline Kraczon, three of our alumni, competed in the Senior Division.

## *School Pictures*

Student pictures were sent home on October 15. Please return the pictures or the money to purchase them as soon as possible. The entire package is \$45 but you may purchase all or part of the package. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's School. If you paid \$15 prior to picture day, this is NOT payment for individual student pictures. That was for the cost of a class picture which had to be prepaid. Those pictures have not yet arrived.

## *Report Cards*

Report cards will be sent or emailed on October 22, the same day that this WMC will be published. Make sure that all fees are paid and overdue library books are returned. If you do not receive a copy of the report card (K-5) or an email report (6-8), please call the office. Parent conferences will be held on October 28 & 29. The conference sign-up sheets are in the office. You may sign up in person or call the office to schedule your conference times.

## *Uniform Policy*

The uniform policy was updated at the beginning of the school year and was discussed at the Open Houses. Please read and follow the policy. When purchasing uniform items, take a printed copy of the policy with you for reference. We have specific vendors selling specific uniform brands listed in the policy. Just because you are shopping at Belk or JC Penney does not mean that every pair of khaki or navy shorts they sell is our uniform. We have chosen specific items. Items that are purchased from vendors not listed, are not uniform items. Socks must be black, white, gray, or navy blue. Other colors are not permitted. Belts must be black, brown, or navy blue. Belts with a background color of light blue, purple, pink, etc. are not permitted. Please check to see if your child is dressed appropriately in the morning, and it will make our job so much easier. And as the weather gets colder, a uniform sweatshirt is the only outerwear that can be worn in the classroom. You may order one at any time from our school. Forms are available in the office or online. Polar fleece, other SpiritWear sweatshirts, jackets, etc. can only be worn outside.

## *School E-Mail Addresses*

All school personnel email addresses have changed and are now online. Please keep the lines of communication open always by emailing, calling, or sending a note to your child's teacher.



# AROUND OUR SCHOOL

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Check RenWeb often for grades and assignments. If you are not able to use RenWeb, please call Mrs. Crumpler or the office for assistance. Note, however, that grade viewing is turned off for a 2 week period during the end of the quarter to close out records and collect fees. Currently, this is in effect from Oct. 17-31.

## *Lines of Communication*

Finally, about keeping the lines of communication open: always start with the teacher first, if you have concerns. Since you are the primary educator, teach your children to be respectful, responsible, resourceful, and to advocate for themselves. We have the best staff anywhere, the most caring and professional. They

are here to teach and nurture your children and are always willing to work with you. Thank you for your support.

## TECHNOLOGY CORNER

*Shari Crumpler*

The school purchased 50 Chromebooks to be used in grades 3-5. These computers will be used in the classrooms for research, reading groups, and special projects. The Chromebooks will also help with the overflow of computer users in the computer lab. Also, Scholastic CoreClicks is a new reading enrichment software program that grades 3-5 have started utilizing this year.

During the first month of computer classes, Kindergarten has been working on learning/practicing proper mouse control. They are also learning KidPix software program. KidPix allows the students to create pictures using several tools such as paint, click and drag, resizing, color fill, and typing.

First grade students completed their first research project using PebbleGo! as a research tool. We had a four week trial to access PebbleGo! (an online database designed for beginning researchers.) The classes joined Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Crumpler in the computer lab as they researched bats or owls. The students were enthusiastic researchers and this tool allowed the students to successfully participate in the research process. They will use ChatterPix and iMovie to turn their research into an animated video.

Fifth grade is visiting the computer lab weekly to complete their Welcome to the Web assignment. They are using an interactive website that teaches them about the internet including: internet safety, features on your browser, searching effectively online, different search engines, and copyrights. <https://Welcome2theweb.org.uk>

Sixth grade has been spending time weekly in the computer lab researching their History Day topics using online resources such as: SweetSearch, Worldbook Online, Vlib.org, and DeeperWeb.com in preparation for History Day.

In conclusion, the computer lab has been extremely busy this first quarter of school with students working on various assignments. Computer Aided Design (CAD) projects in art and science, several different research projects, Study Island, Accelerated Reader and various writing assignments are just a few of the reasons that keeps our students visiting the computer lab daily.



# IN THE MEDIA CENTER

*Kim Jordan and Karen Farley*

Our September Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success with \$11008.77 in total sales. The LMC realized a \$2375.06 cash profit and received \$716.33 in books from Scholastic. All the proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase books for our LMC.



September and October have been productive months in the Library Media Center. From September 15 to October 15 we circulated 3,519 items. We thank all our parents who encourage their children to read daily. We truly have a motivated group of readers at our school.

Many of our students are working on projects and are using a variety of print and non-print resources to research, compile, and present information. The Mac Lab continues to be a popular spot for small groups in grades 3-8.

After the success of last year's Elementary Battle of the Books team, we are planning to sponsor two teams this year: one Elementary (EBOB) team and one Middle School (MBOB) team. Patty Angolia & Kim Jordan are coaching the EBOB team and Whitney Curry & Kim Jordan are coaching the MBOB team. It's not too late to join either of our teams!

Please take a look at Alexandria Researcher, the SPS Library Catalog.

- Go to [peter.goalexandria.com](http://peter.goalexandria.com) or the SPS website, Academics tab, Library Media Center, and click on Alexandria Researcher.
- Look for Explore on the Home Page, click on Most Popular to view popular books in our LMC or What's New to see recent additions to our collection!

# TRIPLE P: POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM



Beth Hinson (Triple P certified instructor and SPS parent) will again offer a three-part Triple P workshop this year. There is no cost to attend this program, and she will offer both an evening series as well as a morning series. We hope you will join us for the full series, but you do not have to attend all three sessions. Each session will provide you with informative and valuable ideas to enhance your parenting experience! This is not just for parents of young children. Middle school parents are encouraged to attend.

The three sessions in the series will be:



The Power of Positive Parenting



Raising Confident, Competent Children



Raising Resilient Children

## *Evening Workshops*

October 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

## *Morning Workshops*

November 4, 11, 18 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. in the Spiritual Life Center.

For More Information about Triple P in North Carolina visit <http://www.triplep-parenting.net/nc-en/home/>

**Questions?** Contact Guidance Counselor Karen Newton at [knewton@spsnc.net](mailto:knewton@spsnc.net).





# HSA NEWS

## HSA BOARD

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The Home and School Association meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The Board as well as the chair of each volunteer committee attends as well as representatives from the faculty and school administration. Any parent is welcome to attend any HSA meeting! Please join us.

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

**October 28, 29, and 30**  
Half Days

**October 31:** No School

**November 11:** All School Nut Day

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

**Thursday, October 30, 2014**

It is October and you know what that means Our Annual Tradition of the Halloween Carnival. This year's carnival is on Thursday, October 30 from 3:30-8:00 p.m. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it takes all of us to contribute one way or another. Be sure to sign up to volunteer for a ½ hour shift with each of your kids classrooms. Our Cake Walk and Our Country Store are popular stops for many. We need lots of cakes for the cake walk and treats, casseroles, soups, dips and other baked goodies for our country store. Be sure to bring these in on the morning of the 30th already wrapped and priced to go. I hope you all are looking forward to a night of good food, a raffle and silent auction, games, inflatables and so much more!

A great big THANK YOU to this year's team of committee chairs: Trish Blanchard, Jennifer Byrnes, Annie Blaubach, Alicia Delamare, Robin Edmison, Erin Greenleaf, Debbie Hautom, Beth Hinson, Gia Kean, Dawn Kendrick, Amy Klingensmith, Carie Lamson, Erica Morris, Beth and Andrew Overman and Patrick Reid.

If you are interested in becoming a committee chair for the 2015 Halloween Carnival please contact Erin Greenleaf at [erinconnolly@aol.com](mailto:erinconnolly@aol.com).



Remember to link your Target Card to St. Peter's School. We receive valuable dollars from them every year that we apply to our Teacher grants.

## CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of cafeteria volunteers to help with daily lunch duties. Please contact Carie Lamson [carie\\_lamson@yahoo.com](mailto:carie_lamson@yahoo.com) to volunteer. We need approximately 50 volunteers monthly.



# SUPPORT WILDCAT ATHLETICS!

## FOOTBALL

Remaining games are:  
October 29 at 4:30 p.m. against Northeast (JP2 Field)  
November 5 at 4:00 p.m. at Bath

## HOOPSTERS

Practices are at 7:30 a.m. in the gym with Mrs. Getz on most Tuesdays. We are looking forward to performing at:

- SPS home basketball games
- ECU Women's Basketball game on Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m.
- ECU Men's Basketball game on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day on Tuesday, November 25
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair Night

## BASKETBALL

Basketball season is fast approaching. Practices can begin on November 1st. Students in 6th-8th grades are allowed to participate. Our full schedule can be found online.

## GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Mark your calendars! Our 11th Grandparents & Special Friends Day Program will be held on Tuesday, November 25th in the gym. The Intermediate School (grades 3-5) will be performing at 9:00 a.m. and the Primary School (grades JK-2nd) will be performing at 10:15 a.m.

Thank you to our pep squad for doing an awesome job cheering on our football team this year!!!

Team photos for pep squad, football, volleyball, and cross country will be taken November 3 in the gym.







# WILDCAT STUDENT ART

Mr. Bell, Art Teacher

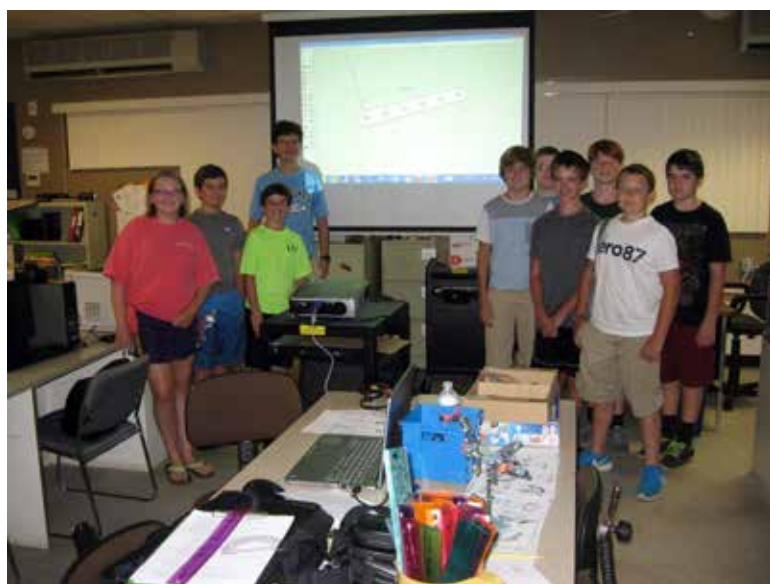


Two St. Peter eighth graders, Ben Damm and Ethan Boyer, served as teaching assistants to Mr. Bell, the St. Peter art teacher, during a CAD (computer-aided design) seminar for teachers at the Diocese of Raleigh's Fall Professional Development Day teachers conference in Chapel Hill on September 22, 2014. They shared their knowledge of Sketch Up CAD software with 25 teachers from schools throughout the Raleigh Diocese. The students drew doghouses and hot-air balloons, just as sixth grade art students do at St. Peter when they are introduced to computer-aided design.



Nine seventh and eighth graders participated in an intensive CAD (computer-aided design) course in the St. Peter Computer lab from July 15-17. The students used digital calipers to measure parts of an Erector Set airplane model and then drew them with Sketch Up CAD software. The individual parts were placed into a "parts library" and were then combined by the students according to the Erector Set assembly manual directions to create the wings, the fuselage, the tail, and the nose section. Each student combined these sub-assemblies and successfully created an airplane. Shown left-to-right are Allie Curtis, Andrew

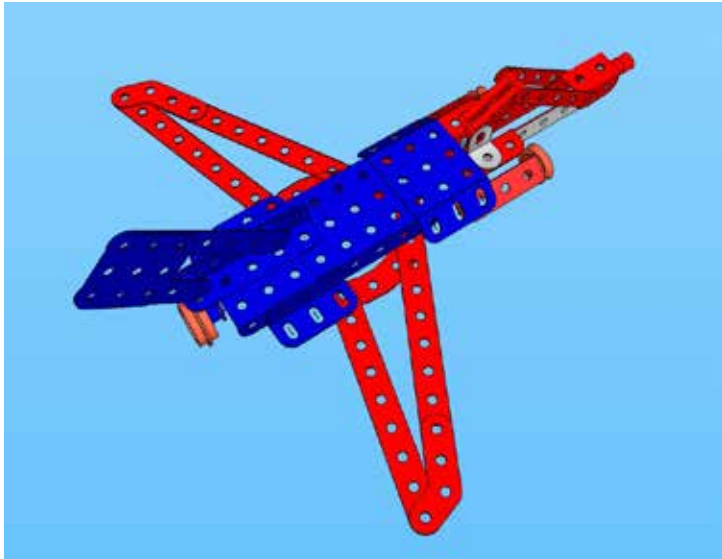
Bailey, Matthew Blount, John Bell IV (instructor and St. Peter's alumni), Ben Damm, Paul O'Callaghan, Drew Hurdle, Ethan Boyer, Henry Twarog, and Dylan Barnes. The advanced skills that these students acquired this summer have provided a valuable resource for all of the 7th and 8th grade art students who have opted to work with CAD this year.



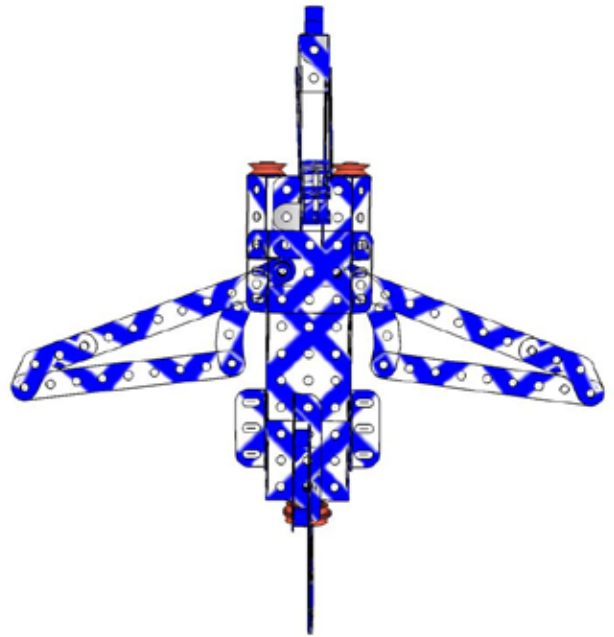
# WILDCAT STUDENT ART



Some of the models completed by our summer CAD course members are shown here. Each of these jets was assembled with Sketch Up computer-aided design software from parts created by all nine members of our summer class.



*Jet by Drew Hurdle (8H) and the other St. Peter 2014 summer CAD class members*



*Jet by Ethan Boyer (8H) and the other St. Peter 2014 summer CAD class members*



*Jet by Ben Damm (8W) and the other St. Peter 2014 summer CAD class members*





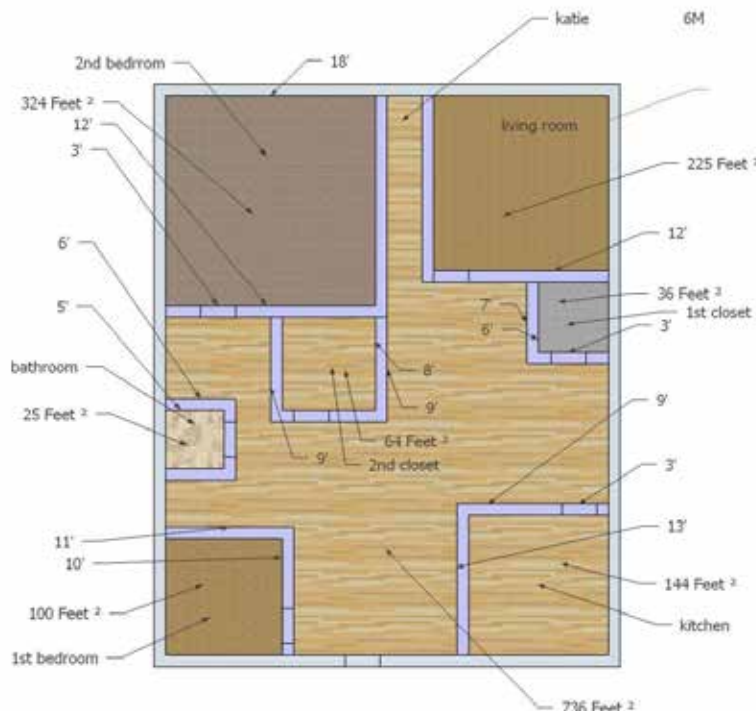


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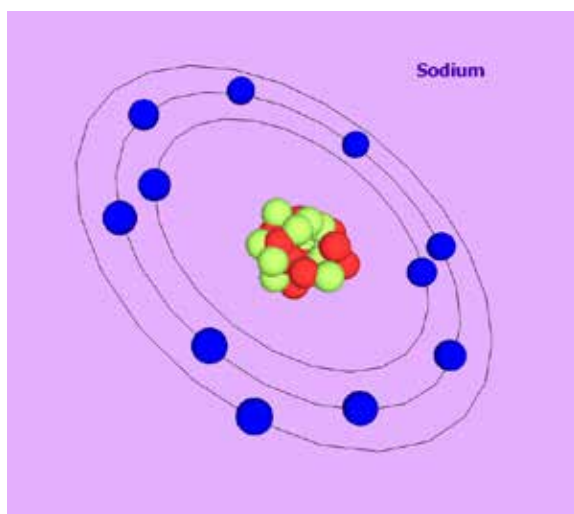
Mr. Bell, Art Teacher

CAD work at St. Peter is part of the school's emphasis on STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math). Sixth grade art students are currently beginning a church design project. Seventh graders who have chosen to work with CAD in art class are designing "loop de loop" roller coasters, while eighth graders are currently measuring and drawing Erector Set parts for a group CAD project, with the goal of creating virtual helicopters using Sketch Up.

Learning through computer-aided design is serving to integrate art class content with the core disciplines of math and science. Last May, the 6th grade math class of Mrs. Madeleine Mahar experienced the concept of area by drawing floor plans with CAD. The students drew plans in accordance with assigned specifications and then made calculations related to area, such as the cost of flooring material. This year, the floor plan project is being redesigned to include math calculations related to area and volume.



*House Floor Plan by Katie Bray Carlson (7C)*  
Sketch Up CAD software



*Sodium Atom by Grace Crane (8W)*  
Sketch Up CAD software

As part of an extensive unit on atoms, Mrs. Kate Lawson's 8th grade science students are each using Sketch Up to create a Bohr model of an atom of an element that they have been assigned to research. Previous CAD training in art class and a carefully planned lesson have given our 8th graders the resources and skills necessary to complete the assignment in the school's main computer lab.

