



*Celebrating the 66th year
of Catholic education
of the whole child:
spiritual, academic,
emotional, intellectual,
physical and social.*

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

I pray that everyone had a blessed Christmas season and are ready to enjoy a great year in 2013.

Usually people make resolutions to begin the new year as a way to improve or enhance their life.

I was recently reading a section of JOHN PAUL II ENCYCLICAL HOLY SPIRIT from the VATICAN COUNCIL TRINITY LITURGY and was moved profoundly by the description of the power of the Holy Spirit which proceeds from God our Father and his son Jesus Christ. Out of this encyclical I developed my new year's resolution which I would like to share with you.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Galatians speaks of "the fruit of the Spirit," such as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." These gifts of the Holy Spirit, obtained through prayer and God's grace are available to us as long as we use our free choice to live in the spirit as opposed to living for the desires of the flesh (i.e. enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, etc.). I concluded that if I live by "The Spirit" that there would not be time or a desire to live "in the flesh." The concept, this gift, is not complicated, but it takes practice

and constant prayer! I pray that your new year's resolution will be spiritually meaningful and life altering. May God bless you and your family in 2013!

The second semester has now begun and the calendar is replete with activities here at SPS! When you have the opportunity, please refer to our calendar on our web page for specific details. For January, the most notable dates include:

- 1/23** JK and K Parent Conferences
- 1/23** Academic Breakfast for middle school
- 1/24** JK Parent Conferences
- 1/24** Pastors Day Service
- 1/24** Pizza Bingo sponsored by HSA
- 1/25** 8th Graders at March for Life in Washington, D.C.
- 1/26** Begin JK and K Parish Registration for next year
- 1/27** Begin Catholic Schools Week
 - Monday: Office Staff Day
 - Tuesday: Administrators' Day
 - Wednesday: Volunteers' Day
 - Thursday: Staff Day
 - Friday: All School Mass/Students' Day
- 1/27** Begin In-School Registration

May God bless you and your families always,
Joseph A. Nelson, Ed.D.

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Page Watson, Assistant Principal

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that your Christmas holiday was joyous and peaceful! Again, God has blessed us with a temporary reprieve from winter and every afternoon, it stays lighter a little longer.

2013-14 Registration

Registration for the 2013-14 school year begins soon. The information meeting for prospective JK and K parents, and anyone interested in other grades will be on Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parish registration for JK and K will be after all masses on Jan. 26 and 27 at the school office. Birth and baptismal certificates and immunization records must be presented at that time. JK students MUST be 4-years-old and K students MUST be 5-years-old ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2013 as required by NC state law. ALL JK STUDENTS currently enrolled at St. Peter's School MUST re-apply for Kindergarten that weekend. In school re-registration begins Jan. 28. Please check the church bulletin for more information.

High School Registration

Eighth grade registration for high school begins this month as well. On Jan. 8 some faculty, staff, and students from JP II High School gave a presentation of the academic program as well as the social and spiritual life at their school to the 8th grade. On Jan. 28 Rose, Conley, and South Central High Schools will be here for their registration overview. Eighth grade parents, watch for more info to follow.

March for Life

On Jan. 25 our 8th graders and some of the faculty and staff will participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. They will leave the afternoon before so that they will be able to participate in a youth rally the evening before the March. They will also attend Mass at the Basilica with Bishop Burbidge on Friday morning prior to the March.

Iowa Test Results

There are still many middle school parents who have not picked up their Iowa Test results in the office.

Second Quarter Report Cards

Second quarter report cards go out on Jan. 22 so if you owe any fees, books, or athletic uniforms, please take care of that prior to that date as it will be held. The deactivation period for parent Renweb viewing is from Jan. 11-25.

Tardies

Per the updated policy, all tardies are counted as unexcused unless a doctor's note is presented. The policy allows for those unexpected, RARE situations. Please refer to the parent/student handbook for the guidelines and consequences.

Sickness

There is much sickness in the school this time of year. If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Before they return to school

they must be free of fever or from vomiting for 24 hours. Remember to send an absence note upon their return...and wash hands frequently!

Morning Dropoff

Morning drop off traffic for Brother Patrick Drive is backing up on 5th St. Please do not enter the line before 7:45.

School Uniforms

Make sure that your child has the correct school uniform each day. There are students not wearing uniform shorts and pants. The only acceptable outerwear (in the classroom) is SPS crewneck sweatshirts and hoodies (for MS). Refer to the parent/student handbook for the uniform vendors (we have a few new ones).

Lunch

Please do NOT bring in lunches from outside vendors, even for special occasions.

Annual Fund Gifts

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support of our Annual Fund Drive which began in December. We are so pleased with the growth in participation by our families, alumni, and special friends. If you have not responded, please do so. Every donation, no matter how much, is important. Our goal is for every family to participate.



Thursday, January 24
5:30-7:30 p.m.
School Cafeteria

Join us for bingo, pizza, raffles, popcorn, cotton candy and fun with your St. Peters friends and family.

Bingo cards are \$3 each or 4 for \$10
Pizza slices: \$2 / Drinks: \$0.50

This is a great night of family fun as a St. Peter's community and you will not want to miss it!

WILDCAT ATHLETICS

The **Faculty/Student basketball game** is February 1.

The **Shamrock Basketball Tournament** is February 15-17.

The **EIC Tournament** is March 1-3.



BETA CLUB NEWS

At the end of our Thanksgiving break, the Jr. Beta Club began a service project of collecting gently used coats. These coats were given to St. Vincent de Paul ministry to give to those in need for protection against the cold of winter. The project ended at the beginning of our Christmas break. With the help of SPS families, we donated about 100 coats. Thanks to everyone for their assistance in this project. *Thomas Reisch*

During this past Christmas season, the Jr. Beta Club took part in our annual Tree of Warmth service project. The Tree of Warmth project encourages all SPS students to donate new items such as hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. These items are given to St. Vincent de Paul ministry to give to those in need. This year we added a second tree to our cafeteria and collected over 100 items of warmth. This is a special service project for our school because all students can participate and help those less fortunate. Thank you to everyone who decorated our trees with items of warmth. *Bryan Cooper*

This December, the SPS Jr. Beta Club had an after school service project making blankets for babies in the Neonatal ICU at the hospital. Around 50 Beta Club members participated. The members formed groups and made several blankets in those groups. While making the blankets everyone talked and laughed...it was a fun yet relaxed way to help those in need. With about twelve to thirteen groups, we were able to make 32 blankets. This activity really got the Beta Club into the real meaning of Christmas. This was a fun and rewarding experience! *Georgia Wieland-Stanford*

Thanks to all our members who continue to bring in the sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen.

Our next activity will be our rewards trip for A/B students of 2nd quarter. More information will follow. Have a great 3rd quarter Beta Club members. Keep up the good work!

Thank you for your support of our school. You are a big part of what makes St. Peter's Catholic School such a great place.

ART FROM MR. BELL'S CLASS



Mary and Jesus by Isabella Voos (5M)
Pencil and colored pencil on card stock



Mary and Jesus by Mary Grace Smith (5A)
Pencil and colored pencil on card stock



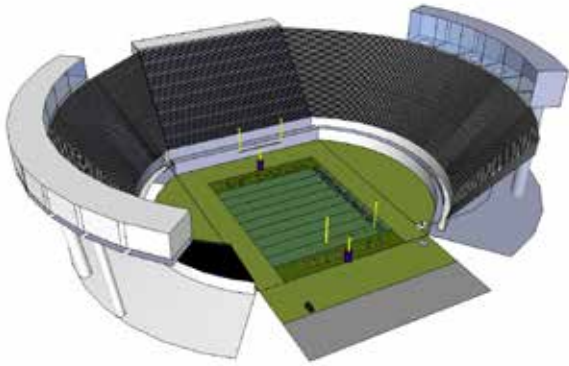
Mary and Jesus by China Gunter (5A)
Pencil and colored pencil on card stock



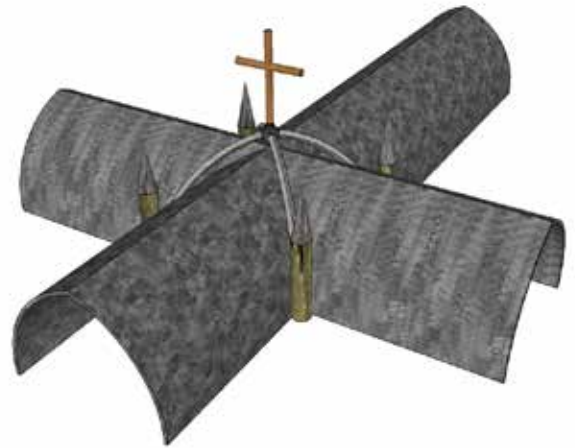
Tree Houses by Kelly Owens (8F)
Digital drawing created with the "SketchUp" computer-aided design program



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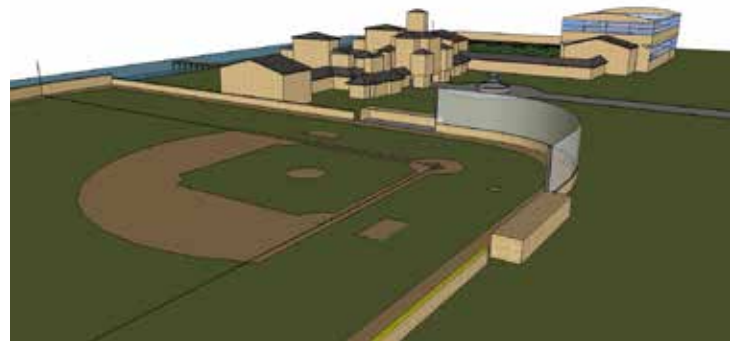
Football Stadium by Solomon Farris (8H)
Digital drawing created with the "SketchUp" computer-aided design program



Church Roof with Extruded Gothic Arches by Keegan Moloney (8H)
Digital drawing created with the "SketchUp" computer-aided design program



Baseball Stadium by Trey Kuhn (8H)
Digital drawing created with the "SketchUp" computer-aided design program



Buildings with Sports Complex by Ryan Goodwin (8H)
Digital drawing created with the "SketchUp" computer-aided design program

