



*Celebrating the 70th year
of Catholic education
of the whole child:
spiritual, academic,
emotional, intellectual,
physical and social.*

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WILDCAT UPDATE

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is always amazing to me how fast time really does go, especially at the beginning of the school year. We are already into November and have put first quarter and the Halloween Carnival behind us and are ready to move on into our fourth month of school already. As we are now approaching Thanksgiving I just ask that each one of you look around or think about your own life and realize how many things you have to be thankful for. Things are not perfect, and rarely do things go according to your plans (trust me I am living proof of that at this point in my life) and yet you are able to drop your child off at school into a loving and caring environment where you know they are cared for and loved as if they were at home.

I have been asked several times what I thought of the Halloween Carnival since it was my first experience and my true reaction is WOW! In staying with my thankful mode, I am so thankful for those parents who accepted the challenge of being the ones in charge of different things for the carnival and did an outstanding job for very little---ok, no pay. This carnival will end up profiting over \$36,000 dollars and without the help and support of everyone that was involved there is no way that this would have been possible. The money that was raised from the carnival will help with many things and for a more detailed breakdown please read the letter from me that is coming home about the Annual Fund.

THANK YOU for everything you have done and continue to do for St. Peter School and for believing in us and supporting us each day.

Sincerely,
Doug McMillan

Around our School

The first quarter of school has sailed by, the Halloween Carnival has come and gone, and now we are heading into that crazy time the holidays. I just saw a sign in Walmart yesterday that said 48 days till Christmas. Oh dear!! The Carnival was a huge success, and the weather was perfect. Our thanks to Erin Greenleaf and her committee members for doing an outstanding job. Also thank you to everyone who supported this event with their Time, Treasure, and Talent. I also want to give a special thanks to Elaine Hughes who continues to come in year after year to set up, run, and clean up after the Country Store. She runs it like a well-oiled machine and it is always a huge hit. Although I do not have a final figure, we made more than \$36,000. It was a wonderful evening.

We welcome Mrs. Boyd back to the third grade after spending the 1st quarter on maternity leave. Thank you, Mrs. Angster, for getting her class off to a great start this year. Mrs. Angster has now begun her job as one of the Middle School assistants. We would also like to thank Mrs. Maxon and Mrs. Stallings for working double time until Mrs. Angster could begin. Mrs. Flock is now about half way through her chemotherapy and is getting along well. Please continue to pray for her speedy recovery and return to us. Also keep Erin Madigan and her family in your prayers as she starts her treatment. We will try to keep you updated.

Congratulations to Sloan Carlson in 6th grade. She was one of several students who entered the City of Greenville Recycling poster contest last spring and won 1st place. Her poster now appears on the back of one of the city's recycling trucks. Look for it around Greenville.

The Annual Fund drive has begun. Please be on the lookout for it and support the school by making a contribution. Tuition does not pay for all extras (supplies, resources, tech equipment, etc.) that we sometimes take for granted. We use the money received from the Annual Fund and the Carnival for these extras. We would like to have 100% participation from our families, in any amount. All donations are tax deductible.

In case you weren't aware, Starbucks cards have been added to the church's gift card program. Starbucks cards always seem to be a big Christmas gift item, so if that is on your shopping list, purchase it here.

As cold weather approaches, make sure your child has a coat to wear on the playground and has the official uniform sweatshirt to wear in the classroom, in church, etc. Only a navy blue or green crewneck sweatshirt with the official school logo on it is acceptable indoors (hoodies in MS and old logos are grandfathered in for now). We have a new local vendor, Stadium Sports, to purchase sweatshirts.

Our Grandparents Day (Special Friends) Program kicks off the holidays on Nov. 23rd. PreK-2 will perform at 9:00 and grades 3-5 will follow at 10:15 in the gym. Dismissal is at noon (11:45-1st dismissal) and there is no After School Care that day. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone in advance. Let's remember to give thanks for all that we have and pray for those who are less fortunate and are in need.

Page Watson, Assistant Principal



Sixth Grade Science

Sixth grade takes a closer look at the eye with an eye dissection



Thank You From the Middle School Staff

As we move into the second quarter of the school year, the sacrifice that parents and students make on a daily basis is impressive. Middle school students, thank you for working so hard every single day. It is awesome to see so many students striving for excellence as they participate in academic and extracurricular activities. Early morning ensemble practice and television appearances, late afternoon art projects, daily athletic practices and games, Beta Club campaigns and elections, and early morning and late afternoon tutorials in various subjects are just a few of the ways that middle school students go the extra mile. Parents, we cannot thank you enough for the sacrifice you make to help your students excel.

We truly appreciate the support parents provide students and teachers. The eighth grade retreat, academic breakfast, saints program reception, and the Haunted Trail are just a few of the wonderful ways that you enhance daily life at St. Peter School.

It is our privilege and our pleasure to work with you as partners as we strive to provide an excellent education for your children. The middle school team thanks you from the bottom of our hearts!

MATH STARS

Calling all Family Math Stars! Worksheets and parent newsletters are on the website. Please print and check at home. Keep all worksheets until the due date (March).



Eighth Grade Science students present elements of the periodic table.



BETA CLUB NEWS

We are happy to announce our new Beta Club officers for this school year. They are Rebecca Chemmanam - President, Ashley Hinson - Vice President and Elijah Lapay - Secretary/Treasurer. Our new members are Jarrett Bond, Hannah Scott Chamblee, Caroline Christopher, Anna Vaughn, Emily Surles, Ayden Bilicki, Emmie Brooks, Landon Brown, Brooke Borton, Hanley Boardman, Jessica Balanay, Alayna Damm, Noelle De Vente, Harrison Ershadi, Andrew Gallagher, Maggie Geiger, Hans Guillen, Davis Harz, Elizabeth Hochberg, Ethan Kennedy, Faith Koesters, Kylie Kresho, Ryan Moloney, David Nguyen, Lucy Ogle, Justin Overman, Noah Sampson, Olivia Steele, Jordan Taylor, Ashley van Haver, Lily van Reede, Phillip Walter, Lee Watson, Parker Woodall, and Carson Worthington. We welcome to our SPS Beta Club Scott Corley and Parker Eveleth who were inducted in other schools. We also welcome back our 27 members from last school year. All of our members have had to maintain an A/B average every quarter in every subject in order to qualify for membership. We look forward to a wonderful Beta Club year with all our members and officers.

Our fall yard sale was very successful thanks to all the help from students, parents, teachers and parishioners. We appreciate all the donations that helped with our success and we would like to thank all the parents and members that were so generous with their time and effort. Our next projects include the fleece blankets for Pitt County babies, our Tree of Warmth, and a new project this year - cocoa jars for the residents of Cypress Glen. We thank Skyeler Jackson for leading us in this project.

Our sandwiches for the soup kitchen are brought in every Thursday. Our members have done a great job bringing those in. Thank you!

Don't forget we have a Beta Club nut day every month. Check the school calendar and hallway calendar for the dates.

SPS Development

The 2015-16 Annual Fund is under way! Please help us reach our goal of 100% family participation by contributing what you can. A letter from our principal, Doug McMillan, has been mailed to you detailing exactly what our financial goals are and where the funds will be used. Last year, the Annual Fund was the most successful to date, but participation was still only 47%. Help us break our own record!

SAVE THE DATE for our Spring Dinner-Dance that will kick off the celebration of our 70th year anniversary. Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 400 St. Andrews. It will be a great time!

Upcoming Painless Fundraisers

*Nov. 30-Dec. 9 Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser. Envelopes come home Nov. 30th and must be returned on Dec. 9th so cards come home on Dec. 16th for all of your holiday needs. Also, when parents use the cards at our Texas Roadhouse dine around Wed., Jan. 13th we get another 15% back on top of the 15% we already earned when the cards were purchased.

*Dec. 2nd Michaelangelo's dine around 5-9 Evans St. Location. Barnes and Noble book fair is the same night.



From the Library Media Center

Our September Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success with \$10,812.92 in total sales. The LMC realized a \$2,368.92 cash profit and received \$661.14 in books from Scholastic. All the proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase books for our LMC.

Library Media Center Additions - Thanks to your Annual Fund donations, we have a new SMART Board in the LMC. We have also added 338 new books this year - your support of our Book Fairs allowed us to make these purchases

We are planning a Barnes & Noble Christmas Book Fair for Wednesday, December 2. We hope this event will be lots of fun for all our St. Peter families. The in-store fair will run all day, with special events from 5:30 - 7:30 p. m. There will also be an online component of the fair. We are planning a number of exhibits and events featuring SPS students. The LMC will receive a percentage of in-store and online sales made during the Book Fair. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

We are proud to announce that SPS will sponsor an Elementary Battle of the Books team this year. Each team member reads the 18 books on the list, becomes an expert on at least 4 books, attends weekly meetings, and plans to participate in the Regional competition in March 2016. Our team members are: Abby Ershadi, Anna McLean Evans, Annie Geiger, Gracie Kean, Eleanor McMillan, Olivia Miller, Jasmine Pandya, Joshua Pierre, Jeremiah Reid, Michelle Saucedo-Trinidad, Lauryn Taylor, Juliette Workman, and Maria Workman.

First Grade Research Project

Mrs. Kresho's First Grade class was very busy with their first research project of the year. Each child was assigned either a bat or owl to research. They went to the computer lab and worked with Pebblego to find interesting facts about their animal.

After working individually on the computers, they then moved into the group section of the project. Each child picked their favorite fact and recorded it on the ipad using Adobe Voice. Original artwork, photos, and facts were all used in the project. Each group was in charge of putting together the music and background of the project as well. Everything was recorded and then presented. An added bonus was that we were able to email the presentations to our parents for all to see.

St. Vincent de Paul

Please remember the poor as you go to the grocery store. We are in constant need of food and other supplies. Donations may be sent in with your child and are collected weekly from the school.



HSA NEWS

Thank you to all the faculty, staff and parents who volunteered their time, treasure and talent to the success of the Halloween Carnival. We are happy to report that we were able to raise \$36,000 for the students of SPS. For the past three months a special group of parents have dedicated countless hours by undertaking the huge task of planning the Halloween Carnival. A great, big thank you goes to Carnival Chair Erin Greenleaf and volunteers Rebecca Feeney, Anadi Nava, Wan-Yu Lee, Amy Klingensmith, Jamie Williams, Trish Blanchard, Annie Blaubach, Debbie Hatoum, Jennifer Byrnes, Erica Morris, Robin Edmison and Jessica VanMeter.

A Note From 2-A

Dear HSA,
Thank you for the delicious popcorn party for our attendance at the football game. It was enjoyed by all!
Love,
2-A



Fun at the Halloween Carnival



Easy Ways To Help Our School

**Please remember to
re-link your
Harris-Teeter VIC
Card for this school
year. Our school ID
is 2641.**



ARTS • ATHLETICS • ACADEMICS

Please send in your Campbell's, Prego, Pepperidge Farms, V8, Bic and Swanson labels. These help us obtain additional educational supplies for our school.

St. Peter Church is now offering Starbucks cards as a part of their gift card program. If you are giving these cards for Christmas gifts, consider buying them from us. They come in \$10 and \$25 increments. The school will purchase some to keep on hand but it only takes a day or less to have them for you and the Parish receives a portion of the sale in return.

Help our school raise money by recycling Capri-Sun drink pouches. Our school will make \$.02 per pouch.

Boxtops for Education

We have just made our fall submission and should receive a check for \$2,278.60!!! All of those funds are earmarked for playground improvements. Please continue to send in your box tops!





7th grade Science building roller coasters using recycled materials.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 24
Grandparent's Day
1/2 Day of School

November 25 - 27
Thanksgiving Break

December 2
Barnes & Noble Book Fair

December 8
Immaculate Conception All School Mass

December 18
1/2 Day of School

December 21 - January 3
Christmas Break

January 13
2nd Quarter Ends

January 19
JK & Kindergarten Open House

January 20 - 21
Parent - Teacher Conferences



Eighth Grade All Saints Program



Catholic Schools' Week

This year we will begin our annual celebration of Catholic School's Week at the Saturday evening and

Sundays Masses on January 29/30. We will be looking for teacher, staff, student and family participation at all of the Masses. Catholic Schools' Week activities will continue throughout the week of February 1 - 5. There will be a

new emphasis on community outreach and service. If you can help out in any way, let us know. It's up to us to let our parish and community know that in our school, St. Peter Catholic School, we have found a 'value far beyond pearls'.

Cookies for the Troops

Thank you for your tremendous response for Pringle cans. We have collected enough for our upcoming project. We will be making cookies for the Marines after school the week following Thanksgiving break.

Lost and Found

Ever felt the urge to fold? Like to straighten a mess? Come join the Lost & Found! It will be an exciting year with the new changes to the uniforms coming. There will be lots of action and much to do. This is one of the easiest volunteer opportunities available at SPS. For more information contact: Joanne Galinis at joanneg1640@gmail.com.



Second Grade recently visited Governor Aycock's Birthplace and explored life of long ago.



WILDCAT ATHLETICS!



Volleyball

IBAC finished undefeated for the season and won the IBAC Tournament.

EIC also finished the season with an EIC Tournament win.

Thank you to our volunteer volleyball coaches: Jason Flowers, Kendall Carter, Carlos Masis & Jessica Merrill.

HOOPSTERS

Hoopsters recently had their first performance at FreeBoot Friday!!!

Upcoming Hoopsters events are:

Greenville Christmas Parade

Saturday 12/5 @ 10am

Men's Basketball 1/13 vs SMU @ 7pm

Women's Basketball 2/3 vs Tulsa @ 7pm



BOOSTERTHON

Funrun & Color Run coming soon!!! Our date is set for this 1st ever event: Beginning with a PepRally on April 18th and finishing with a Fun Run for grades Jk-5 and a Color Run for grades 6-8th on April 27th!



WILDCAT ATHLETICS!

FOOTBALL

Although the won-loss record didn't show it, we had a great football season. Our kids learned to fight through adversity and grew throughout the season. We want to thank our volunteer coaches- Joe Blick, Randy Kukoli, Ken Whitehurst & Joe Santapolo who taught the boys so much. Also a big thank you to the parents who helped with the many jobs to make the season so memorable.



Basketball Season Has Begun!
Games begin Saturday
12/5/2015. Please come
support our 6 basketball teams.
Full Basketball schedules can
be found on the athletics page
of the SPS website.

Cross - Country

Cross-Country season
finished strong with
finishers in the top of their
categories- Another big
thank you to our volunteer
coaches Joe Corley &
Monica Carlson





WILDCAT STUDENT ART

Mr. Bell, Art Teacher



Paper cross sculptures created by the second grade students are shown in St. Peter Church immediately following the All Saints Day presentation on November 2. 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. All visible surfaces were covered with paper mache.



Pumpkins by Madeline Smith, Grace McCarthy, and Savannah Jones (left to right), 6th grade Cloth, poly-fil stuffing, thread, ink





WILDCAT STUDENT ART

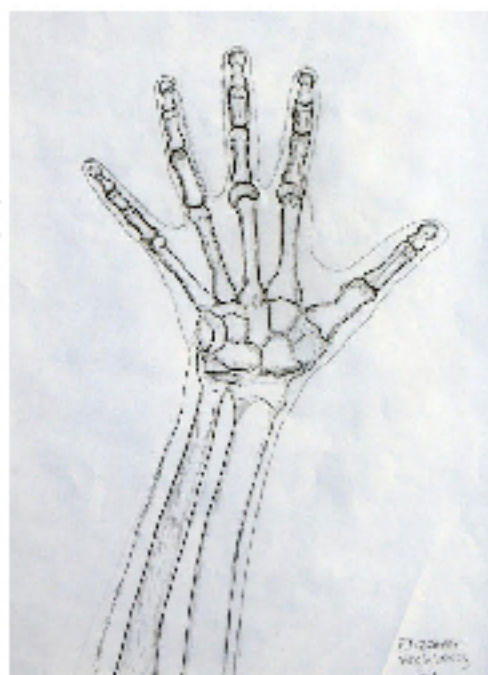
Mr. Bell, Art Teacher

Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf by Anjalee Hou,
8th grade Watercolor on paper



Leaf Pendant by Celi
Cooper, 8th grade
Wire and bead jewelry

Hand and Forearm
Bones by Elizabeth
Hochberg, 7th grade
Pencil on paper
(Drawings of this type
have been created by
7th graders as part of
our interdisciplinary
STEAM collaboration
between the visual
arts program and
middle school
science. STEAM:
science, technology,
engineering, art, and
math)



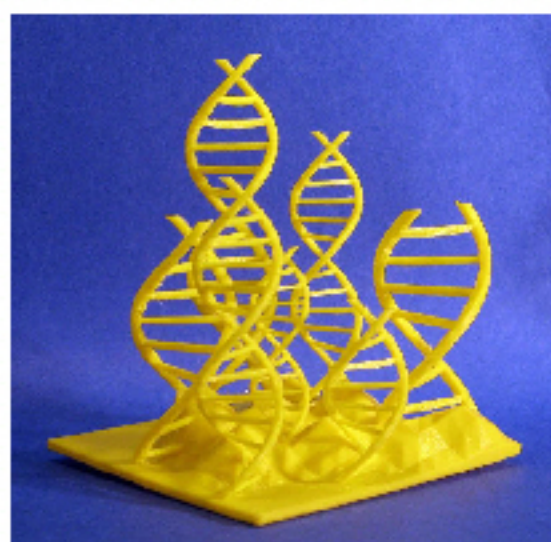


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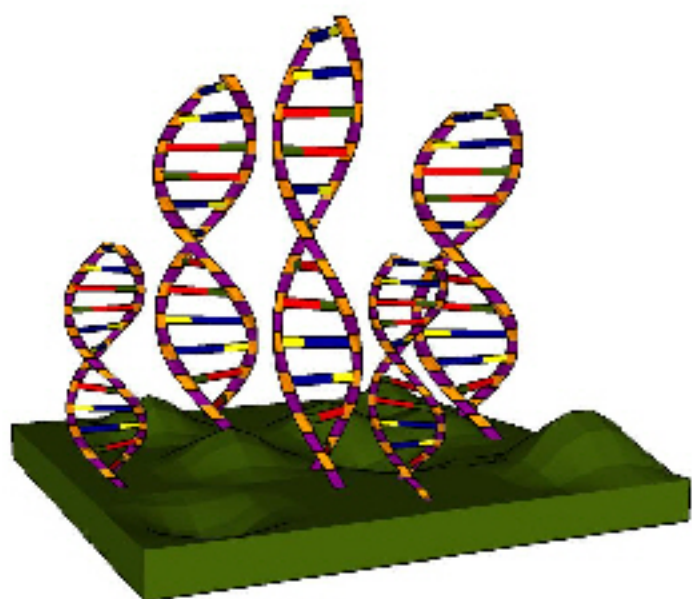
Mr. Bell, Art Teacher



DNA Double Helix
Molecular Model by Jack
Hastings, 8th grade
3D print from Sketch Up
CAD model (Although
the 3D print is
monochromatic, the
original computer-aided
design work was colored
like the DNA models in
our school's 8th grade
science textbook. This
project was designed as
a means for art students
to reinforce what they
learn in science class.)



DNA Forest by Alannah Napast, 8th grade
3D print from Sketch Up CAD model (After
creating a DNA double helix molecular
model, the original was copied, re-sized,
and placed on hilly terrain which was made
using the "sandbox" tools of Sketch Up.)



DNA Landscape by Matthew Blount, 8th
grade Sketch Up CAD model (After creating
a DNA double helix molecular model, the
original was copied, re-sized, and placed on
hilly terrain which was made using the
"sandbox" tools of Sketch Up.)

