



*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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful reception, support, and warm wishes I have received as I began my journey here at St. Peter School. When I accepted this position I did so because of the "feeling" that I had from meeting with just a few parents and staff as well as Fr. Jim, of the type of community I felt would be offered. That feeling was not unfounded. I have only been in Greenville for three months and the outpouring of support and the friendliness of the parents, students and staff of St. Peter School is exactly what I hoped it would be. A big fear was that I would not fit in or be welcomed but each day that I am here I feel that I am just being absorbed into a wonderful family and for this I am very thankful.

As you all know and I have learned St. Peter School is rooted in a truly Catholic based forum in

which one of the highest quality educations is provided to every student whether Catholic or not at a very reasonable cost. St. Peter School began the education of students in August of 1946, but in the spring of 1985 a low enrollment and financial issues had the school on the verge of closing. Then in August of 1985 the Franciscan Brothers were brought in and turned everything around and led the school to become the great institution that it is today. The Franciscan Brothers are physically no longer a part of St. Peter School but everywhere you look you can see signs of what they have done. After hearing of these Brothers it has become my mission to continue what they revived and make sure that St. Peter School is always an integral part of Catholic Education in Greenville.

Sincerely,  
Doug McMillan

# *Around our School*

*Page Watson, Assistant Principal*

Welcome back to school. It is a very happy new year for all Wildcats and families! We have had a fabulous start and everyone has settled in nicely. We especially welcome our new students and families. We are so glad that you have chosen St. Peter Catholic School as your second home! Our school enrollment is about 530 students with a few openings in each grade except Jr. Kindergarten, third, and fourth, which have waiting lists.

I would like to start by giving a big shout-out to Mrs. Beth Overman who has volunteered to take the job of coordinating and publishing this Wildcat Newsletter. Our goal this year is to publish a newsletter about once each quarter. If you have any news or announcements to publish, please contact her at [boverman@spcsnc.net](mailto:boverman@spcsnc.net).

We have had several new staff additions and changes. First, we welcome Mr. Doug McMillan, our new Principal, to the St. Peter family and community. He comes to us from Clinton, Missouri, where he served as the Principal at Holy Rosary Catholic School for the past eleven years. Susan Baro is teaching first grade replacing Rebecca Blick who was married in June and moved to San Antonio, TX. Rebecca is teaching in a Catholic School there. Teri Beshara is Mrs. Baro's assistant. Maggie Elias is now the assistant in 2M/E and continues to teach JK-4 Spanish. We welcome Susan Patrick as the assistant in 3B. Susan Angster is teaching for Carmen Boyd while she is out on maternity leave. Congratulations to Carmen and her new baby boy, Bennett. Mrs. Angster will work as an assistant in Middle School 3 days a week when Mrs. Boyd returns. We would like to welcome back Carol Maxon who is also working as an assistant in Middle School. She and Mrs. Stallings are working overtime for now! They can never retire! Jennifer Lewis is our new Guidance Counselor. She is replacing Karen Newton who has retired. She will be working 4 days a week. Please look for the flyer that she sent home with your children last week when she was visiting the classrooms.

Mrs. Flock, our office administrator, is out of school on medical leave. She is recovering at home (even working remotely, a little), but it will be a while before she can return to us. We ask that you pray that she continues to heal and regain good health. Please be patient when making requests of the office staff as they are shorthanded with Mrs. Flock out. Many thanks to Betsy Godwin who is working extra hours, as well as Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Von Lehmden.

Please continue to support our painless fundraisers such as Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup labels, and pop top tabs. Remember to relink your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school. You can do it online or in the store. Our school code is 2641.

The uniform policy was updated in the handbook before school began, and was discussed at Open House and in the classroom. Please read and follow the policy. We have changed our school logo and it will now be monogrammed on all uniform shirts and sweatshirts. This logo should only be on these two items and are not to be used on clothing that is not a part of the school uniform. We have contracted locally with Monograms Plus, Boston Bags & Tags, Parrott Canvas, and Pirate Threads as our official monogrammers, as well as Land's End and Educational Outfitters. They have been instructed not to use the logo on anything other than the uniform garments (including polo styled "wick-away" shirts). The old logo is grandfathered in until further notice but must not be used on any NEW items. All uniform socks must be black, white, navy blue, or gray as well as the trim on the socks. Belts must be black, brown, or navy blue. Belts with a background color of light blue, pink, purple, etc., are not permitted. Please check to see if your child is dressed appropriately in the morning, as it will make our job much easier. As the weather gets colder, a uniform sweatshirt is the only outerwear that can be worn in the classroom. We have a new vendor for uniform sweatshirts. You will be (Cont.)





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receiving information via email soon for an initial bulk order.

Please keep the lines of communication open always by emailing, calling, or sending a note to your child's teacher. Check RenWeb often for grades and assignments. Talk to the teacher about any concern you may have.

Just because you heard it in the community or read it on social media, doesn't make it true!

The teacher is the first line of communication. Teach your children to be respectful, responsible, resourceful, and to advocate for themselves. It's OK to let them make mistakes. That is the best way to learn!

We have a wonderful staff that is here to teach and nurture your children, and is always willing to work with you. Thank you for your support.

Let's make this the best year ever!

Page Watson  
Assistant Principal

## Technology Corner

The school purchased 24 Chromebooks to be used in grades 1-2. These computers will be used in the classrooms for research, reading groups, and special projects.

Students in grades 3-8 have their own Google Drive accounts. In the near future, our second grade students will be logging into their Gogole Drive accounts for the first time. Some of the benefits of using Google Drive at school are collaboration among students for group projects, teacher's ability to share notes and assignments with their students, and student's ability to access their documents at home. If your child is having trouble with their account at home, please have them speak with their teacher or let me know.

Hopefully by this time, everyone has had the opportunity to sign into their ParentsWeb account. Please let me know if you are having any issues signing into your account.

I am looking forward to working with all of your students in the computer lab this year!  
Mrs. Shari Crumpler

## DAR Essay Contest

All Middle School students will participate in the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest. The topic this year is "The Stamp Act". All essays will be due in Mr. Hughes' Social Studies class on the September 23rd.

## AR BOOKS WANTED!!!

If any parents are cleaning out AR books and would like to donate them please contact Shelley Fowler at sfowler@spsnc.net

## 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.





# Safe Environment Training

## *What is Safe Environment Training or SET?*

Safe Environment Training is a Diocesan training curriculum for adults working with children. This required training is focused on recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect.

## *Who must take part in a SET workshop?*

Anyone interested in working with children at our school, school-sponsored events, or Church must complete this training. This includes all staff members and anyone interested in volunteering.

## *When are the upcoming SET workshop opportunities at St. Peter Catholic Church?*

Please see the following list of scheduled workshops:

Sunday, September 20th	1:30-4:00pm
Tuesday, September 29th	6:00-8:30pm
Sunday, November 22nd	1:30-4:00pm
Sunday, January 24th	1:30-4:00pm
Sunday, March 20th	1:30-4:00pm
Sunday, May 15th	1:30-4:00pm

(Note: All of these workshops will be held at the St. Peter Catholic Church Spiritual Life Center. Other local SET workshop opportunities may be found on the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org).

## *I am interested in volunteering. How do I sign up for one of the SET workshops listed above?*

Please keep in mind that you need to register ahead of time to ensure we have enough materials. To register, email Colette DeLeo at [stpetercd@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stpetercd@suddenlinkmail.com).

She will email you the necessary volunteer application form that includes three personal references and a written consent for background check. It is extremely important to complete this application and bring it with you to the workshop.

## *How often must I re-certify my Safe Environment Training?*

You must complete a SET workshop every five years.

# SPS Development

Saint Peter Catholic School is making a concerted effort to have more presence in the community of Greenville and surrounding areas. You have likely seen the school logo in the newspaper, inserts, advertisements, and around the school in general (not to mention uniforms.) Show your pride by purchasing a school logo window decal. These tastefully sized window clings are available for \$2 at the front office from Laurel.

We are approaching a milestone in our history: 70 years of educational excellence! We will kick off this celebration in the Spring with several events scheduled in April 2016. Please stay tuned for details in later editions of this newsletter.

Kindergarten and First grade completed a class book with all their instructions in Spanish. Each student in the class made a page with a picture of him/ herself then I will bind it together and then we read the book together in class. At the end of the class I gave the book to the kids and they took it back in their classroom. It's going along nicely. They love seeing each other's pictures. Between each page we asked the question Como Te Llamas? So we practiced a lot without them ever getting bored. It was their first conversation!





## Eighth-Grade Students working in the STEM Science Lab



## From the Library Media Center

August and September have been productive months in the Library Media Center. From August ?? to September ?? we circulated XXXX items. We thank all our families 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.

Encourage your SPS student to use the following resources:

Alexandria Researcher - our LMC catalog  
World Book Online - Log-in ID: wbinfo, Password: wildcats  
PebbleGo - Username: stpeter, Password: school  
AR Bookfinder - search for AR reading levels and points

After the success of last years Elementary Battle of the Books team, we are planning to sponsor a team this year. A group of 4th and 5th grade students are working to be among the 10 students chosen to join the 2015-16 team. We will announce the EBOB team members in an upcoming newsletter.

## Save Your Pringles Cans!!!

Anybody have any Pringles cans? Don't throw them away! In June I was a guest of the 10th Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune. My youngest son, Brian, the USNA grad, is a First Lt. and serves with the 10th Marines as a Artillery battery officer. I witnessed artillery fire "close and personal". It was simply amazing!



Brian and the 10th Marines will be deployed in October long with the 6th Marines to the coast of Yemen, where they will for 7-9 months. In talking to Brian's Colonel, I asked him if there was anything our kids at St. Peter's could do for the Marines, particularly around Christmas. He mentioned that homemade cookies are always a hit. He indicated that they must be properly packaged for them to get them from the States. In the past, Pringle's cans have proved successful. So save those cans and turn them in to the front office because the kids will be making some homemade cookies for the troops!

Coach Blick

## 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

## 2015-16 Home-School Association Board

Trish Blanchard	President
Deyva Martin	Vice President
Allison McMinn	Secretary
Anna Firnhaber	Treasurer

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

October 29th, 2015

If you are crafty we need items for the Country Store or Auction, if you own a business we are looking for sponsors and auction items, if you cook or bake please send us your delights(day of) for the Country Store, if you have generators we need to borrow three that day, if you are home the day of the event we need people to help with decorating and set up, if you are strong we need help with breakdown that evening and it doesn't stop there. Contact Erin Greenleaf for more information at [erinconnolly@aol.com](mailto:erinconnolly@aol.com).

## Jersey Mike's Dine-Around Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd  
5:00pm - 9:00pm

*Firetower Location Only*  
1908 E. Firetower Road (across  
from Ribeyes)  
(252) 321-1112

*No need to drop off your receipt!*  
*Jersey Mike's is giving 20% of all*  
*sales back*  
*to St. Peter's School*



**WHATS NEW WITH JP II?:**

**The Annual JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL BBQ**

Plate Dinner will be held on Friday, October 9th 4:30-7:30 p.m. Purchase your tickets in advance for \$8 a plate! Eat-in or Take-out at JP II East Campus on 2725 E. 14th Street. The dinner is delicious! Come and taste for yourself! 252-215-1224.

JP II High School students will be attending St. Peter School Masses the third Friday of September, October and November. The SAINTS are looking forward to time well-spent with the WILDCATS!

**Cafeteria Volunteers Needed!**

We need your help to make our cafeteria run smoothly. You can sign up using VolunteerSpot.

The link is:

<http://vols.pt/Q1x25E>. If you prefer not to sign up via

VolunteerSpot or have other questions please contact Carrie

Stockwell at

[bstockwell1@suddenlink.net](mailto:bstockwell1@suddenlink.net) or 252-341-4925.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**September 28 - 30**  
**CoGat Testing Grade 5**

**October 5 - 8**  
**IOWA Testing Grades 3 - 8**

**October 13**  
**All School NUT Day**

**October 19**  
**Picture Make-up Day**

**October 22**  
**End First Quarter**

**October 29**  
**Half Day of School**  
**Halloween Carnival**

**October 30**  
**No School**

**November 24**  
**Half Day of School**  
**Grandparents' Day**

**November 25 -27**  
**Thanksgiving Break**





# WILDCAT ATHLETICS!

## Fall Events



### Volleyball

- 9/22/15 IOP at St. Peter  
9/24/15 Chocowinity at St. Peter  
9/28/15 Northeast at St. Peter  
9/29/15 St Peter at NECP  
10/01/15 St Peter at Bath  
10/02/15 Spike It For Life  
10/05/15 St. Peter at Bear Grass  
10/07/15 St Peter vs Christ Cov.  
(@ The Zone)  
10/08/15 Snowden at St. Peter  
10/13/15 St. Peter at Annunciation  
10/15/15 IBAC Conf. Championship  
(@ Bear Grass Charter)  
10/20/15 St. Paul at St. Peter  
TBA EIC Conf. Tri Match  
*(all matches at 4pm unless otherwise noted)*



### Hoopsters

**We will be having a special performance at the ECU Soccer game at half-time on Sunday October 4th @ 1pm. Also be looking for an announcement about a performance at Freeboot Friday.**





# WILDCAT ATHLETICS!

## 2015 Football Schedule

9/17/15 St. Peter at Downeast 4:00PM  
9/23/15 Northeast at St. Peter 5:00PM  
9/30/15 Chocowinity at St. Peter 5:00PM  
10/07/15 St. Peter at Bath 4:30PM  
10/14/15 St. Peter at Northeast 5:00PM  
10/21/15 St. Peter at Chocowinity 5:00PM  
10/28/15 Bath at St. Peter 4:30PM



## 2015 Cross Country Schedule

9/16/15 St. Peter host at JPII  
9/21/15 CC host at Boyd Lee Park  
10/5/15 CC host at Boyd Lee Park  
10/14/15 St. Peter host at JPII

The athletic department is in need of ice packs, band-aids, and athletic tape. Please see Megan Getz for more information.

## Pep Squad

Football Pep-Squad is open to any interested SPS Student. Practice is on Monday's from 2:45 until 3:15 in the gym. Please contact Megan Getz for more info.





# WILDCAT STUDENT ART

Mr. Bell, Art Teacher

Dear St. Peter Community:

Thanks largely to the generosity of one of our St. Peter families, our school purchased a Makerbot Replicator Mini 3D Printer during the summer. The art photos in this edition of the Wildcat show the work of the first five St. Peter students to successfully modify their computer-aided design drawings from last school year for 3D printing this year. Their prints include four churches and a DNA double helix. These students are to be commended because they have completed some rather complex CAD work entirely outside of their regular art class periods. These students, as well as some other middle school students who are currently modifying their drawings for 3D printing, are acquiring valuable skills for careers in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. Much of the students CAD work that is being done in the art room is executed on three new laptop computers that were donated last year by another very generous family.



Screen View



Printed Product

Church by Justin Overman

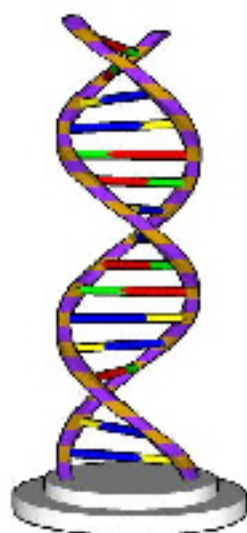






# WILDCAT STUDENT ART

Mr. Bell, Art Teacher



CAD Image



Print in Progress

Three-dimensional (3D) printing is an additive manufacturing process that, in the case of our printer, uses information from a student's computer-aided design file to create a plastic, three-dimensional object. The printer's software interprets a student's CAD drawing as a stack of thin horizontal slices. The printer heats and extrudes (squirts out) strings of melted plastic filament to create each slice. The melted plastic strands of our printer have a diameter of about 0.3 mm. Our students' 3D prints of churches each took from five to six hours to print. The DNA model took about two and a half hours.

DNA model by Elaijah Lapay





# WILDCAT STUDENT ART

Mr. Bell, Art Teacher



Ryan Moloney



Nate Hasselbach



Maggie Geiger

In industry, 3D printing is often used for developing prototypes for new products and for the manufacture of replacement parts for machines. Although our printer uses plastic filament, there are 3D printers which use other materials, such as aluminum, glass, silver, steel, wax, and more. Artists, inventors, and many types of designers are continuously finding new ways to use this exciting technology.

The CAD software that we use in our art program is Sketch Up Make (a free download for educational use). All sixth graders receive eight class periods of instruction in Sketch Up, after which they may opt to continue working with CAD throughout middle school art. Projects for students who elect to work with CAD this year will include churches for sixth graders, a hand and forearm model for seventh graders (which is related to 7th grade science class), and a DNA double helix for eighth graders. For students who welcome a challenge and like to work hard, the opportunity to create 3D prints of their CAD drawings is available.

Sincerely  
John Bell III

