



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

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# WILD AT UPDATE

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

**Again, as I am writing this I think of how time is flying by this year. With Spring Break quickly approaching and the beginning of fourth quarter it is very evident that before you know it the end of the year activities will begin. I recently sent out an email that outlined some of the changes that we are planning to implement next school year. The following is a short list of those changes:**

**Begin the process of becoming STEM Certified**

**Mrs. Mahar will be the full time STEM coordinator**

**Mrs. Christopher will move to Middle School Math**

**Mrs. Curry will move to Third Grade teacher**

**Mrs. Angster will be teaching Seventh Grade  
Language Arts**

**SAXON Math for grades K-5**

**Elimination of first semester middle school exams**

**As we begin this fourth quarter of school please remember that there are still nine weeks of school left and that the last nine weeks are just as important as the first nine weeks.**

**“THE SECRET OF CHANGE IS TO FOCUS NOT ALL OF YOUR ENERGY ON FIGHTING THE OLD, BUT ON BUILDING THE NEW.” SOCRATES**

Sincerely,

Doug McMillan

# AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Spring is here, I think. Nature is showing signs of green and our tulip trees along Beech St. are in full bloom! The year is flying by as the third quarter is almost over, but there is much to accomplish before the end of the school year. Please try to keep your children on a regular schedule for studying and rest, in spite of all of the spring sports and activities.

Speaking of rest, the flu, strep, and a virus similar to both are late arriving at St. Peters, and many children have been sick with one of these in the last two weeks. It must have blown in with the basketball tournament but has made its way to all grades, not just Middle School. We have had four to five children absent in each class during the past two weeks. If your child is sick or experiencing symptoms, please keep him/her home until he/she is fever free and free from vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours.

The EIC basketball tournament was hosted by St. Paul Catholic School in New Bern March 4-6. The Wildcats were very successful, taking home every trophy. The boys and girls blue and green teams had to play each other in the finals. Congratulations to all of the players and many thanks to all of the coaches who give a huge amount of time volunteering to make our children so successful.

By the time this goes to print, fifteen of our eighth grade students will have competed in the annual Optimist Club Oratorical Contest on March 19. We wish them all of the best. We always have winners that go on to the next level, thanks to the hard work of the Middle School Language Arts teachers. I will have an update in the next edition of the Wildcat.

Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Battle of the Books team. Their competition was held at Ravenscroft School in Raleigh on March 2, and came in second place. The History Day school winners, about fifty in all, will compete in the Regionals at ECU on March 23. I will update you on that outcome in the next edition, as well. We also want to

congratulate the winners of the Knights of Columbus "The Importance of Religious Freedom" Contest. Lucy Ogle (7<sup>th</sup> grade) won the essay contest and Jessica Balanay (7<sup>th</sup> grade) won the poem contest. In the poster contest, Julianna Laverde won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Hannah Smith placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Lauren Hodgson placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. All three of these students are in the sixth grade.

Even though Catholic Schools Week seems long ago (Jan. 30-Feb. 5), it was quite a success. A special thank you to Mrs. Dellasega and Mrs. Crumpler for revitalizing the week with some new activities and bringing us closer to the true mission and focus of Catholic Schools Week. It was very rewarding to go out into the community and brighten someone's day with a plate of homemade cookies. Many thanks to the HSA and the "cookie bakers" for coordinating the event, and thanks to Mrs. Lewis and her speakers from our community police officers, doctors, and the Parish for sharing their knowledge with the Middle School. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Curry for organizing and facilitating the Middle School Day of Community Service. Four of the classes worked at the Food Bank in two hour shifts, and the other two classes worked at the Greenville Homeless Shelter. The number of canned goods the students collected was unbelievable, more than St. Vincent de Paul had room for, and we all had such fun making it into a contest!

I would like to congratulate Mr. John Bell for being selected as one of the three finalists in the Diocese of Raleigh for the 2016 Monsignor Gerald Lewis Excellence in Teaching Award. This week, Mr. Joe Hughes was named the WITN-TV Teacher of the Week (March 15). I hope you were able to tune in to the morning news to see his live interview. Also, congratulations to Reuben Chemmanam, winner of the Morehead Scholarship to UNC. Reuben, a SPS alum, is a senior at Rose High School.

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# Important Dates

- March 24-1/2 Day of School
- March 25-April 3-Easter Break
- April 9-70th Anniversary Gala
- April 20-1/2 Day of School
- May 10-MS Academic Awards
- May 25-JK Moving Up
- May 26-8th Grade Graduation Mass
- May 26-8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
- May 30-No School
- May 31-Field Day
- May 31-1/2 Day of School
- June 1-Last Day of School
- June 1-Dismissal 12:00

You may be aware that we have begun to move towards integrating STEM/STREAM education (SCIENCE, MATH, RELIGION, ENGINEERING, ART, TECHNOLOGY) into our Middle School program this year in the Science, Math, and Art classes. By next year you will see much more of this integration into these classes, as well as the other Middle School classes and a few classes in the lower school. Our goal is to become a STEM certified school in a few of years. To become certified, the whole school must participate. We have a lot of learning and problem solving (space) to do, but this is a very exciting time for us with some changes on the horizon. Last month, five teachers and staff took a field trip to Greene County to see their Middle School and High School STEM programs in action. Both of these schools are STEM certified and they are doing some very exciting things!

Finally, our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala event will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support this milestone, and enjoy the party. You may purchase a ticket in the office or call them, hopefully before Easter vacation which is almost here. Enjoy your time off from school. We have certainly waited a long time for it. As always, thank you for all of your support through your Time, Treasure, or Talent. We cannot do it without you.

Page Watson  
Assistant Principal

The SPS Beta Club enjoyed an afternoon of bowling at ECU as their reward trip for making all As or As and Bs second quarter. Congratulations!





## From the Library Media Center

St. Peter's Elementary Battle of the Books team attended our Regional Competition at Ravenscroft School in Raleigh on March 2. The team represented our school well and placed second in the competition. SPS is planning to sponsor an Elementary (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade) team for the 2016-17 school year. We are open to sponsoring a Middle School team (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade) if there is interest. Contact Mrs. Jordan for more information.

To everyone who came to our Spring Book Fair, and all who helped make it a great experience, we would like to extend a big thank you! We could not have had such a successful event without the volunteers who helped with set-up, assisting with each class that visited the fair, and pack-up. I will share financial information as soon as it is available.

For the past few years the library has been the collection point for Labels for Education. We have received notice that this program will be discontinued soon. Please do not send any more labels to the library. We will redeem our current earning by the end of this quarter.

## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS

We are proud to introduce FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS at St. Peter Catholic School. This will begin in August of the 2016-2017 school year and will be open to rising 6th grade students. We in middle school STEM science are so excited to be including this into our STEM curriculum. If you are a parent of a rising 6th grader and are interested in helping please contact Kate Lawson at:

[Klawson@spscnc.net](mailto:Klawson@spscnc.net)



### DINE-AROUND

Our next dine around will be April 12th at Mellow Mushroom.

Lunch and dinner are both included. Make plans to join us

for a fun meal and help out our school!!!



Both third grades traveled to Rocky Mount on Thursday, March 10th. We visited the Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences. We looked at animals, learned how music and math are related, and watched an incredible show at the Cummins Planetarium. We enjoyed a show about solar superstorms, which is an extension of our Solar System unit. We ended the day with a visit to the Arts Center. We walked through an art exhibit and then created our own art. Our third graders were allowed to draw on the whiteboard and SMART board. They could create designs with Legos and yarn. It was a wonderful experience.





## Calling all Math Stars!!

Math Stars are due on April 15th. Remember to keep all worksheets at home until the due date!

### A Few Notes for 4th St. Morning Drop-Off:

1) Going around other drivers is acceptable in the morning because of the differences in the unload speeds between younger and older children. Our long sidewalk along 4th Street permits several cars to unload at once. Since we "drop where we stop" in the morning, this leaves open spaces along the curb allowing other drivers to pass you and pull in an open space.

2) Please do not creep along the curb with the intention of getting your child a little closer to the front door. This can cause a space to disappear at the moment when another driver is trying to move into that space, thus causing an accident.

Thank you for following the school's policies and helping to keep the morning drop-off safe for our children.

**Looking for Vacation Bible School Volunteers!!**  
St. Peter Catholic Church VBS will be June 13-17, 2016.

The theme is:

"Parade Around the Our Father"  
We love to have the kids but that means we need to have ADULTS, too.

If you would like to know more about helping out and having fun with the kids, all while learning about how great God is.....

call or email Joanne Galinis at [joanneg1640@gmail.com](mailto:joanneg1640@gmail.com) or 378-0098

You don't need skills, just a willingness to show up and have fun with the kids!

## HSA NEWS

The HSA is now looking for 2 parents who would be willing to serve on the Board for the next two school years. If you or anyone you may know are interested then please let us know. You can contact Trish Blanchard with any names for nomination or if you need any more information. You can email Trish at [trishblanchard@ymail.com](mailto:trishblanchard@ymail.com) or by phone at 409-553-5645.



Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing at our

# 70th Anniversary Gala



April 9, 2016  
6:30pm until

400 St. Andrews  
Greenville, NC  
(former Beef Barn Location)

Cash Bar ♦ Dinner  
Casual Attire

\$40/single ♦ \$70/couple

RSVPs by 3/23 being accepted now at front office (cash or credit) 752-3529



To supplement our science unit on water pollution and water conservation, Mr. Gary Hartong, a civil engineer who designs water purification systems came to visit Mrs. Moloney's and Mrs. Everette's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Mr. Hartong involved the children in building a water purification system and then demonstrated how it worked by changing dirty pond water into clean purified water. We also completed a science experiment to discover the effects of water pollution on plants.



# Congratulations Joe Hughes WITN Teacher Of The Week



## A "Roaring" Good Time in JKS



Mrs. Smith's JK Class recently studied all about Dinosaurs. They made fossils, measured how many JK footprints could fit into one T Rex's footprint, and wrote about what each student would do if the Dinosaurs came back. JKS ended the week by making a volcano and watching it erupt to represent one theory of why dinosaurs are extinct!

## Pitt County Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest

Saturday, March 19, 16 students from Pitt County participated in the Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest. 13 of those students were St. Peter's eighth graders. Students gave a speech on "How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others." Participants were judged on poise, content of speech, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness. Harriet Bowles and Brae Heizer won at the club level. They will move on to the Zone Level competition, which will be held in April.

Participants were Harriet Bowles, Ciera Caines, Rebecca Chemmanam, Celi Cooper, Caroline Flowers, Brae Heizer, Ashley Hinson, Skeyler Jackson, Elaijah Lapay, Javier Limon, Alannah Napast, Emily Surlles, and Anna Vaughn.





# WILDCAT ATHLETICS

The EIC Tournament was held in New Bern, NC on the weekend of March 4-6th.

St. Peter's was awarded the 1st place school trophy in all categories based on the school's record in EIC League regular season games. Congratulations to the JV Boys, JV Girls, Varsity Girls & Varsity Boys teams.

8 EIC teams competed in the championship games Sunday, among those teams were all 6 of the St. Peter's basketball teams! We were awarded the following trophies:

1st place Tournament JV Girls

1st place Tournament JV Boys

2nd place Varsity Girls- Varsity Girls Blue

1st place Varsity Girls- Varsity Girls Green

2nd place Varsity Boys- Varsity Boys Blue

1st place Varsity Boys- Varsity Boys Green

Thank you again to all our players, coaches & parents that made this fun weekend and season possible.





# WILDCAT ATHLETICS

## 2016 EIC TOURNAMENT



A WEEKEND OF FUN!!!





# WILDCAT ATHLETICS

Quite literally the day we got back from the EIC Basketball weekend our Spring sports were in full swing. Baseball, soccer & golf teams have a full season ahead. Please go to our athletic webpage for more information and up to date schedules with the new addition of scores being posted as soon as they are received.

**As always a BIG thank you to our VOLUNTEER coaches in all of our sports.**

For Basketball they were:

**JV Girls:** Johanna Waller, Bri Waller, & Mike Carlson

**JV Boys:** Drake Brinkley & Greg Fader

**Varsity Girls Blue:** Elbert Kennard

**Varsity Girls Green:** Steve Horne, Laura English, Christian Porter, & Mike Carlson

**Varsity Boys Blue:** Steve Branch, Wes Hoag & Jason Wainwright

**Varsity Boys Green:** Joe-Joe Hughes, Joe Hughes & Shannon Cowan

**For Soccer:** We have a team of soccer dads that are helping out...

Keith Corder & Dave Tulis

**For Baseball:** Joe Blick & Ken Grace

**For Golf:** Tyler Clark & Josh Clark



**The SPS Soccer team in new uniforms donated by an anonymous donor.**

Thank you to all SPS parents-students to helped with JR4H fundraiser, we raised over \$4,000 dollars for the American Heart Association. Gifts/rewards for the students are on their way and will be passed out as soon as we receive them.



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# WILDCAT ATHLETICS



Parents! Here is a little more about the Boosterthon Fun Run that is coming up in April. The previous e-mails you have received from me about your child's shirt size and shirt sponsors was the first step in this program.

It'll be a 9-day program where we kick off with a Pep Rally on April 18<sup>th</sup>, families will have time to get pledges for every lap your student runs, and then we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on April 27<sup>th</sup>. With our big goal to raise funds for a new gym floor, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun. Students will also experience an amazing character theme, *Big World Recess!* It's a global fitness theme all about playing with character.

Middle School students will be participating in a Color Run on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We wanted to make something special just for them!

Donations will go toward a new gym floor and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run!

A BIG Thank You to our shirt sponsors:

**Gold Level:**

Bella Homes

Orthopedics East and Sport Medicine Center

Sound Partners

**Bronze Level:**

Jersey Mikes Subs

**Silver Level:**

Modlin Insurance Agency

Tyre Realty Group

Russell Property Management

Eastern Carolina Foot & Ankle Specialists

Advanced Health and Physical Medicine

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**





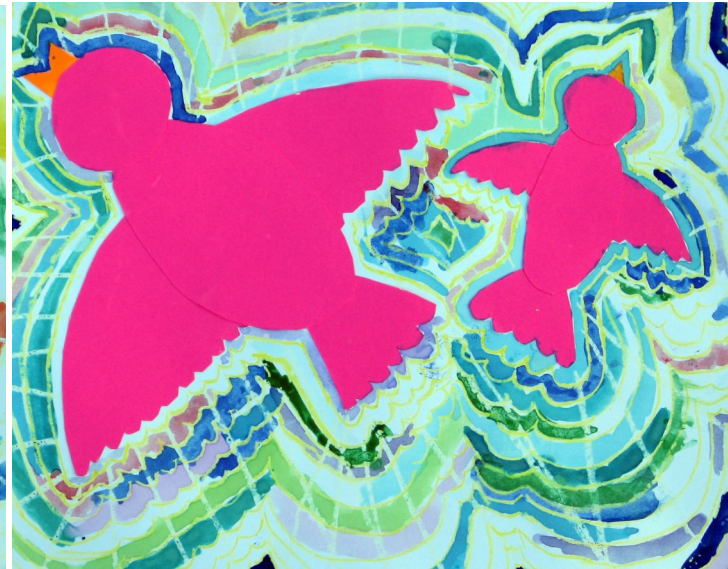
### Butterfly Collage

Students created symmetrical paper butterflies, glued them to construction paper, and then made colored paper components for their environment. An important part of this project involved arranging the parts on the page to form an effective composition. Clockwise from top left:

Kelsey Sommer—1K, Grainger Harris—1B, Harrison Tyre—1B, and Brinn Skalak 1K.







### Watercolor Painting with Paper Bird

Students draw, cut, and glue together the component parts of a paper bird which they affix to card stock. Crayons and watercolor are used to create color areas which echo the shape of the bird, thus unifying the composition. **Clockwise from top left: Ava Lynn Hodgson -2ME, Gabi Castillo - 2ME, Gibbon Powell -2ME, and McGavock Smith -2ME.**

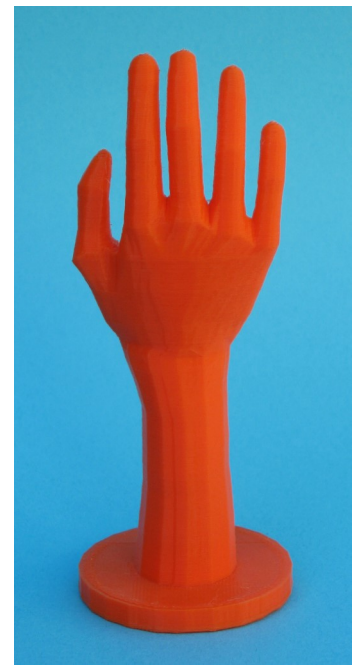






## St. Peter 3D Print Display at ECU

There will be a display of 3D prints created from St. Peter middle school art students' Computer-Aided Design drawings at ECU from April 1-30. The display will be in a glass case on the 2nd floor of Joyner Library at the entrance to the Teaching Resources Center. A reception will be held on Friday, April 22 from 7-8 PM. Our CAD students who have finished CAD projects and have 3D-printed will have work on display. For more information, contact Mr. Bell, the St. Peter art teacher.



3D prints from computer-aided design (CAD) drawings of hands.

This project serves as an engineering component option of a 7th grade science class STEM unit on the anatomy and physiology of the human hand.

From left:

3D print from CAD drawing of a hand by Ethan Kennedy - 7C

3D print from CAD drawing of a hand by Jessica Balanay - 7L

3D print from CAD drawing of a hand by Hans Guillen - 7L







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Mr. Bell, Art Teacher

STUDENT ART



**3D Prints from computer-aided design (CAD) drawings of Churches with Cruciform Ground Plans**

(Clockwise from top left:)

3D Print of Church with Cruciform Ground Plan by Lauren Hodgson (6K)

3D Print of Church with Cruciform Ground Plan by Brighton Hou (6K)

3D Print of Church with Cruciform Ground Plan by Erin Stockwell (6K)

3D Print of Church with Cruciform Ground Plan by Ian Reiling (6K)

3D Print of Church with Cruciform Ground Plan by London Cribari (6K)

3D Print of Church with Cruciform Ground Plan by Taylor Padgett (6K)

3D Print of Church with Cruciform Ground Plan by Bella McMillan (6K)

