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# WILD AT UPDATE

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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL**

In September of 1996, I walked by a shelf full of toys in Walmart, and my wife said, "We should get one of those for Mikayla for Christmas." At the time, I thought she was crazy because we still had three months until Christmas. Mikayla was only 2 months old, and it was \$30 for something called "Tickle me Elmo" that was probably going to scare her anyway. For those of you that may remember, by November, Elmo was sold out everywhere. By December, it was selling for about \$1500, if you could find it. With all of the hype, don't think that I did not hear "I told you so" many times. Still, we looked everywhere, and it soon became evident that we were not going to have the "hottest toy of the year" under our tree. This was our first Christmas as parents, and there were plenty of gifts for a baby that could not even open or appreciate them. Yet, we still felt like we were letting her down because of that one gift. After we finished opening gifts, I took the wrapping paper to the trash, and on our front porch was a wrapped gift with Mikayla's name on it. It had no card. Yes, it was the "Tickle Me Elmo". Mikayla is now twenty, and still has it. She has been told this story many times, and yet, no one has ever taken credit for that gift.

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# *AROUND OUR SCHOOL*

It's amazing to me that as soon as the Halloween Carnival is over, the rest of the school year flies. By the time you read this, you will be enjoying your Christmas holidays. The Carnival was a huge success, more than any other year that I can remember, and the weather was perfect. At the last tally, it has netted more than \$40,000. Our thanks to Erin Greenleaf and her hardworking committee for doing an outstanding job. Also, thank you to everyone who supported this event with their Time, Treasure, Talent, and to Elaine Hughes who continues to set up, run, and clean up after the Country Store each year. It was a wonderful evening.

Congratulations to all of the Middle School students who qualified for regional History Day at ECU in the spring, and to our two Robotics teams who qualified for the state competition in Greensboro in January. You will find more detailed articles with a complete list of names in this newsletter. Thank you to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Bell for all of their work and guidance in these competitions. Also, many thanks to Mrs. Getz and Mr. Carlos for their wonderful Grandparents Day program.

By the time we return from Christmas vacation on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, it will soon be time for Parent/Teacher conferences and re-registration. Conferences will be held at the end of the second marking period (Jan. 17-18). Be on the lookout for more information and sign up times after school resumes. In-School registration for 2017-18 begins January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Open House and Information meeting for parents of incoming Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and other new students is January 17<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone who may be interested in enrolling their child/children in our school, please spread the word. Also, watch for more detailed information from the office and check our live calendar often.

Catholic Schools Week is January 29-February 3. Last year, the committee tried some new and more meaningful activities. As they were so successful, we will try them again. Remind your pastor to keep Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> open to attend our Pastor's Day service followed by the Pastor/Volunteer breakfast. Mark your calendar too. More information will come as the day gets closer.

As winter approaches, here are the usual reminders. Please make sure your child has a coat to wear on the playground, and label it with his/her name. The only sweatshirt students may wear in the classroom or church is the official school uniform crewneck sweatshirt with the official logo. Other SPS Spirit wear may be worn outside only. Also, please keep your child home if he/she is sick. He/she should not return to school until free of fever or vomiting for at least 24 hours.

Finally, if you have not given to the Annual Fund, please consider making a contribution before the end of the year. It is confidential, tax-deductible, and very necessary to provide those extras that our budget cannot cover. We are striving for 100% participation from our families, and any amount is greatly appreciated. If you would like for it to go to a specific project, please include that. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take time to enjoy the moment, and pray for those who are not as blessed as we are.

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...From the Desk of the Principal continued:

I tell you this story because so many of you are like that person that did not leave the name on the gift. Each year, you are asked to donate time, money, food, canned goods, etc. that mean so much to all of us at St. Peter's. Yet, you never ask to be recognized, and barely get even a thank you. St. Peter's would not function without selfless people like you. Many people would not benefit from your donations such as the food pantry, soup kitchen, cookies for the troops, books, computers, a school building, and the list goes on and on. Please take this as my personal thank you for everything you do, and do not get recognized for it. Even though your name may not get mentioned, your acts of kindness will be remembered for years, by many people. Hopefully, in twenty years when they tell their story, you can smile and say, "I was a part of that." Have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Doug McMillan

# Important Dates

Dec. 21	1/2 Day of School
Dec. 22—Jan. 2	Christmas Break
Jan. 11	3rd Quarter Begins
Jan. 12	Report Cards
Jan. 13	1/2 Day of School
Jan. 16	No School
Jan 17	Open House & Info. Meeting for new PK, K, & other interested students
Jan. 18 & 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	1/2 Days of School
Jan. 23	In School Registration Begins
Jan. 29—Feb. 4	Catholic Schools Week

Calling all MATH STARS!

Looking for something to do during Christmas Break? Get a head start on Math Stars. All worksheets are on the SPS website. Please remember to keep all worksheets at home

Texas Roadhouse Gift Card fundraiser earned \$1,368.00 plus a free teacher luncheon for Catholic Schools Week! Also, they donated 3 "dinner for 2" certificates for teacher Christmas lunch gifts! Thanks to everyone who supported this event! Our dine around, that will earn an extra percentage at Texas Roadhouse if you use the cards will be Jan. 17th on the NUT day. Please come dine around with SPS whether you bought a card or not we still get 15% back!



**Our recent Dine-Around at Michaelangelos Pizza netted \$300 for our school. Thank you to Michaelangelos for your generous support!!!**







## Beta Club News

**DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, OUR BETA CLUB MEMBERS MAKE FLEECE BLANKETS FOR BABIES IN NEED OF PITT COUNTY. WE SET UP THE TREE OF WARMTH IN THE CAFETERIA AND ASK ALL OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF TO DECORATE THE TREE WITH WARM CLOTHING ARTICLES FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE HELPED BY THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF OUR CHURCH. OUR MEMBERS CONTINUE TO MAKE SANDWICHES EVERY THURSDAY FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN OF GREENVILLE.**



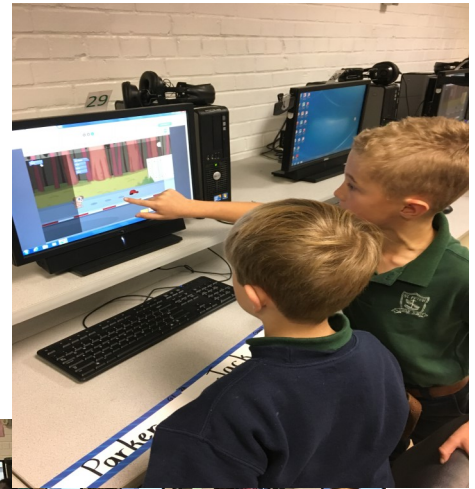
**OUR 1ST QUARTER REWARDS TRIP WAS AT CAPTAIN JACK'S MINIATURE GOLF. ON NOVEMBER 16TH, THIRTY FIVE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL. WE CONGRATULATE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED GOOD ACADEMIC WORK AND WE THANK THE PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS ACTIVITY CELEBRATING THEIR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS.**





## Computer Science Education Week Dec. 5-11

Our second grade and middle school students joined in on one of the largest learning events in history: The Hour of Code, in Mrs. Crumpler's computer classes during Computer Science Education Week. The Hour of Code is a worldwide campaign to spark students' interest in coding and careers in Computer Science. Over 100M students across the world have participated in more than 200,000 events. The Hour of Code helps demystify coding and shows that anyone can learn the basics of coding, while giving students the confidence to build their own technology applications within any field that they are interested. Coding encourages students to think logically and be creative with technology. Studies show that there will be 1.4 million jobs available in Computer Science fields in 2020 and only 400,000 graduates with a degree in computer science to fill these open positions. Together, St. Peter students wrote over 14,208 lines of code while participating in the Hour of Code!



St. Peter Catholic School 7W Everything Green STREAM group planting paperwhite narcissus bulbs from Terra Ceia Farms:

Seated front, L to R: Elliana Proctor and Britton Seymour

Standing L to R: Sloan Carlson, Sydney Boyer, Spencer Jones (behind), Megan Flowers, Madeline Smith, Mrs. Fowler (behind), Hannah Smith, Grace McCarthy, Will McMinn, Ben Skahill, Ian Reiling (standing behind Ben), Emma Hastings, Connor Gay.





## From the Library Media Center

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in our Barnes & Noble Christmas Book Fair this year. It was wonderful to see so many students, parents, and teachers supporting our school! We appreciate each of the St. Peter groups and teachers who helped make this event fun for all. It was an opportunity to get together outside of school as well as a fundraiser for our Library. Our profit thus far is \$876.08, the final amount may be a bit higher if there are online purchases. All funds will be used to expand our book collection.





# SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



**WHAT:** Science Olympiad is a team competition where kids compete in different science events from building towers to shooting off rockets to studying the stars. It is an incredible STEM opportunity for our kids to apply what they are learning in school in a fun and challenging environment.

**WHO:** This is open to all Middle School students.

**WHEN:** Kids work solo or with a partner on their event during flexible work times.

**WHY:** Have fun experimenting, building, and learning with friends.

We have high school students as well as parents who are excited to come and help our students prepare for the competition. The actual competition in February 25<sup>th</sup>, so there is plenty of time to prepare.

**HOW:** Contact Kim Taylor at [kimmertaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmertaylor@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.

Check out this link to see an example of one of the events: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Second Graders recently made ice cream for a science class on matter (left) and visited CB Aycock's birthplace where they learned to write with quill and ink (right).



Click the link below to watch Mrs. Moloney's second grade class rap about matter!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92MfgIhuXf4>





# WiredCats Robotics



## St. Peter WiredCats FLL Robotics Teams Qualify for State Championship Tournament

By: John Bell Art Teacher and Wired Cats Coach

The dedication of the students on our WiredCats Green and WiredCats Blue FIRST Lego League teams is the main reason that this program is such a strong component of our school's STEM approach. Each of our St. Peter 6th-8th grade FLL teams has been practicing in the art room after school multiple times per week since August. Since October, we have even been holding practices on Saturdays.

Because of their excellent performance at the Winterville FIRST Lego League (FLL) Qualifying Tournament on November 5th, our WiredCats Green and WiredCats Blue Teams have advanced to the state level of the FIRST Lego League competition. Eight teams were selected from among the twenty-eight that participated at the Winterville Regional. The Green Team won the Strategy and Innovation Award at the tournament. At an FLL tournament, teams are judged on their project (an engineering design project that proposes a solution to a problem), core values (how well team members work together as a unit and their "gracious professionalism"), and robot design (the quality of a team's robot design and programming). Teams' robots also compete for points on the competition tables. On the robot competition table, the Green and Blue teams placed fourth and sixth, respectively.

Dr. Valerie DeBellis, who has assisted me in coaching our teams, has been an invaluable resource person for our program. We have not only been blessed by her background in math and research. She also had significant prior experience with FLL teams before joining us as a volunteer. Dr. DeBellis and I are both grateful for the kindness and support of team parents throughout our first FLL season, which is still ongoing.

Currently, our teams are gearing up for the State Championship which will be held in Greensboro at NC A&T State University on January 15, 2017.

GO WIREDCATS!



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# History Day

National History Day was held at St. Peter's School the week of November 14-18. This year's theme was "Taking a Stand in History". Congratulations to all of the Middle School students for doing an exceptional job with their projects, papers, performances, etc. The following students qualified for the regional History Day at ECU in the spring.

## Individual Exhibit

Mason Bridgers  
Harrison Evans  
Lauren Hodgson  
Ives Howard  
Jackson Schreiber  
Bella McMillan

## Individual Website

Abby Ershadi  
Hannah Smith  
Grant Worthington  
William Becker

## Individual Performance

Carter Lamson  
Elliana Proctor  
Maria Workman  
Brena Gauland

## Individual Documentary

Tori Alcock  
Gabriella Corder  
Reilly Flynn

## Group Exhibit

Gabby Barnaby & Ashlee Twiddy  
Joe-Joe Byrne & Perry Eveleth  
Annie & Maggie Geiger  
Kyson James & Ben Hurdle  
Evan, Jordan, & Mckenzie Lewis  
Joey Koesters & Matt Sommer

## Group Website

Brooke, Alex, & Carter Borton  
Emma Dao & Elizabeth Hochberg  
Connor Gay & Luis Limon  
Sydney Boyer & Megan Flowers

## Historical Paper

Ian Reiling  
Madeline Smith  
Grace McCarthy

## Group Documentary

Dana Galinis & Jessica Corley  
Jason Napast, Jerry Cox, & Erika Goran-Rivas



# WILDCAT ATHLETICS

## Hoopsters:

Recently our group performed at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair and the Greenville Christmas Parade. This was the 1st time participating in a night parade. In the coming months the Hoopsters will be performing at half-time shows for the ECU Women's game on January 18th & at the ECU Men's Basketball game on January 25th!

## Basketball, Cheerleading & Swimming:

As some of you know we have quite a large basketball program at St. Peter's. We have 94 players this year coached by our amazing VOLUNTEER coaching staff of:

**JV Girls:** Johanna Waller, Robert Trotta and Kelly Trotta

**JV Boys:** Drake Brinkley & Wade Scales

**Varsity Girls Green:** Mike Carlson, Walker Allen & Scott Seymour

**Varsity Girls Blue:** Elbert Kennard & Bri Waller

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

**Varsity Boys Blue:** Matt Gibson & Randy Cox

If you enjoy keeping a scorebook or working the scoreboard please e-mail me at [mgetz@spcsnc.net](mailto:mgetz@spcsnc.net) - with a program this size we love extra help!!! Or come and cheer us on our full schedule is always online on our webpage: <https://sites.google.com/a/spcsnc.net/st-peter-s-athletic-home-page/sports-schedules/basketball-1>

We also have a cheerleading squad of 11 coached by Carol Maxon & Jessica Sherrill who will be performing at some of our SPS home basketball games this season.

And for the 1st time we have a swim team of six SPS students that have partnered with JP2, coached by Barb Delbridge!!!





# WILDCAT ATHLETICS

**Gym Floor Fund Update:** After our Grandparents & Special Friends Program before Thanksgiving break we had a surge in giving towards our floor fund. \$5,350 was added bringing our new total to just over \$41,000!!! We will be having another Boosterthon Fun Run in the Spring. The Pep Rally will be on March 28th and the Run will take place on April 6th. In the meantime, if you want to make a restricted donation to the Gym Floor fund, we welcome that at any time! Truthfully, this is more than just a flooring project- we are planning on replacing bleachers with an automatic set, getting a fresh coat of paint, and updating the lighting in the gym. We want a hardwood floor, so that process is more involved than you would think since we currently don't have wood.

**Baseball Field Plans:** BIG things are in the works for SPS Baseball!!!! There is a spot for an awesome baseball field beyond the football field. First, we will lay out the actual field, then the plan is for the St. Peter's Baseball team to use the field as our practice location for the 2017 season! Funding for that project came through Father Jim.

**Football Helmet Sale:** We also have a helmet sale going on now.... We have white or green game worn SPS helmets for \$10/each! E-mail me to reserve yours today!

**Sweatshirt order & Spirit Wear is available:** We have had 2 sweatshirt orders now with our new local supplier Gametime Gear. Corey Scott is at the head of this new local business and has been great to work with. If you are looking for SPS spirit wear please go to our team shop in his website....

<http://www.gametime-gear.com/custom-team-shops/st-peter-catholic-school>

Gametime Gear gives back 10% of all sales towards our SPS Athletic program. We plan on using those funds to purchase new uniforms as they are needed for our different teams.





## Bohr Models of Atoms and "Advertisements" for Elements by 8th graders

**ALAYNA' GOT SODIUM BUSINESS**

Alayna's Got Sodium has been selling sodium for 11 years. A lot of people, like chemists buy my product so that they can make salt. If you combine sodium and chloride you can make salt. I am very successful with my business because as you know many people eat salt everyday.

- Sodium is the sixth most abundant metal in the Earth's crust.
- Sodium is a vital element for living organisms.
- Alone, sodium is explosive.
- Sodium is a silvery-white metal belonging to Group 1 of the Periodic Table, which is the alkali metals group.

Atomic number~ 11  
Protons~ 11  
Neutrons~12  
Electrons~ 11

**Brooke Borton**

**Carbon**

- Carbon is the basis for organic chemistry.
- Examples of different forms of carbon are soot, charcoal, graphite, and diamond.
- State: Solid
- It is non-metal, taking place in the Periodic Table in Period 2, Group 14.

- Buy the best-class diamonds made from the best carbon!
- Use charcoal to keep a fire going!
- Get long-lasting pencils created with graphite!
- Over 10 million different compounds are known!

Atomic Number: 6  
6 Electrons  
6 Protons  
6 Neutrons

Students created virtual 3D models of Atoms with Sketch Up computer-aided design software and imported them as photos into ads which were created in Microsoft Power-Point. Students were required to research some basic facts about their elements and include them in their advertisements. Humor is a component of many of the ads. *This part is part of our interdisciplinary STEM collaboration between the visual arts program and middle school science.*

**Clockwise from top left: Alayna Damm, Brooke Borton, Justin Overman, and Kylie Kresho.**

By: Kylie Kresho

**CARBON**

**DO YOU NEED CARBON?**

If you need Carbon, then come on down to Kyky's House of Carbon! If you need coal, or diamonds, then my house of Carbon is for you.

The crushed form of carbon is a diamond.

Kylie Jenner and Kim Kardashian with their smashed carbon rings from Kyky's House of Carbon.

Carbon's numbers!: Atomic number: 6  
Protons: 6  
Electrons: 6  
Neutrons: 6

Stars and people contain Carbon.

Carbon's original form is coal.

Iron melts at 1538 degrees C.

**Iron Incorporated**

At Iron Inc., we sell iron to steel plants where it is sold to make skyscrapers. Iron must be melted in extreme heat to melt it to obtain liquid for forming steel rods for Skyscrapers. We are looking for Iron mines who would like to sell Iron to us so we can ship it to Steel plants who make New York larger.

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26 Protons Atomic number 26  
26 Electrons

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(8th grade continued)

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Mass #: 47.867

Neutrons: 26  
Protons: 22

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Has five naturally occurring stable isotopes!

A vital nutrient to our health!

Protons: 30  
Neutrons: 35

WOW!

Atomic Number: 30  
Protons: 30  
Neutrons: 35

Common metal used by industry!

(Clockwise from top left) Noah Sampson  
Jessica Balanay, Elizabeth Hochberg, and  
Ryan Moloney

Carbon

ATOMIC # = 6

SYMBOL-C

**CARBON Industries**

Protons: 6  
Neutrons: 6  
Electrons: 6

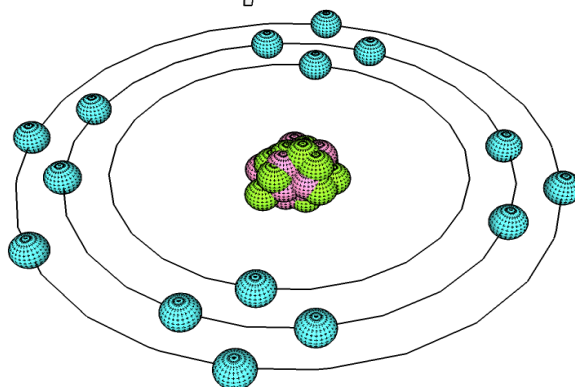
Here on earth we have an excess of carbon.

However we know you aliens need this stuff bad. You need it for your **graphite pencils**, for the **pigment for your tattoos**, and even for the **hardest material on earth...DIAMONDS!** And also a minor detail carbon is essential to all life and since you aliens are almost out you better buy it fast or..... Goodbye!

MASS # = 12.0107

PLEASE CALL: 1800-NEED-CARBON

Phosphorus







## Maracas by Kindergarten

(Students learned to create a cylinder used it in their art.)

Materials: paper, tape, glue, cotton, corn



Bill Powell



Allie Blum



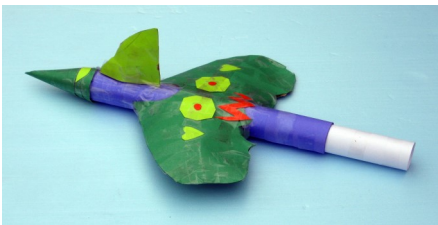
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Birdie Stone

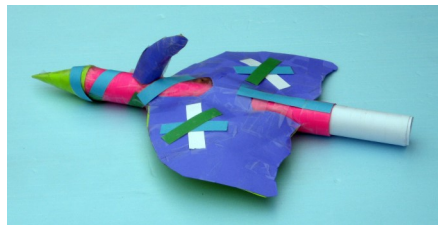
## Paper Air Rockets by 3rd Graders

Students created rockets that are propelled by air pressure (lung power). They tested their rockets on our art room firing range while observing proper safety precautions.



Taylor Leosner

Zoe Zambardino



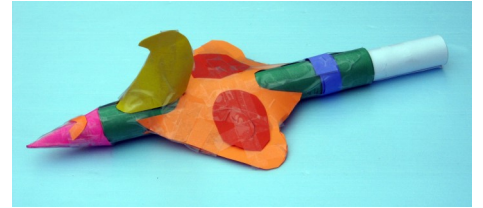
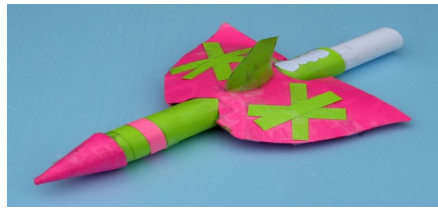
Marlene Alarcon Lawrence

Lila Harris



Ava Lynn Hodgson

Ryan Cox







### Sixth Grade Sewing Projects

Materials: cloth, thread, buttons, yarn, glue

Clockwise from top left:

Mackenzie Lewis, Pranavi Nekkanti,  
Brielle McGillicuddy, Riley Harris,  
Jackson Schreiber, Drea Gauquie,  
Gracie Kean, Cherrie Yoon,  
Emma Schemerhorn,  
Juan Gonzalez.







Paper cross sculptures created by the second grade students are shown in St. Peter Church immediately following the All Saints Day presentation on October 31.



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.

### Mouse Head Sculptures by 1st Graders

(Students learned to create a cone and used it in their art.)

Materials: paper, tape, glue, yarn, cotton, corn, and a pom pom



Jaden Le



Joyner Rhodes



Emma Brown Blick



Logan McNeil



Remey O'Donahue



Lauren Brockway



Daniel Merino



Harris Lane

