



St. Peter Catholic School
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Panther Post

December 2, 2011

St. Peter School Mission is to build Catholic leaders now and for the future by educating the whole child on the foundation of the Catholic Faith.

National Junior Honor Society

Is hosting Winter Wonderland Extravaganza . Proceeds go to MIZZOU Children’s Hospital, Serve and Open Arms The Grinch will be there for Reading

Dear All

The beautiful season of Advent is upon us as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. What a blessing it is to be free to celebrate this season each and every year in whatever way we chose. How blessed we are.

I know that this season often times brings with it added stress and concerns. We will try, as always, here at St. Peter Catholic School, to not add any undue stress to your holidays. I would ask that you pay particular attention to the following school policies at this time so that we do not have to ruin your day with a phone call or note home. It seems that these three policies have been in violation lately by several students in each category.

1. **Uniform policy:** we have had capri’s, no socks, wrong sweatshirts, shirts under school shirt with long sleeves and/or logo showing through shirt, gym clothes on non gym day
2. **Phone/Electronic Use:** students have cell phones on their person and music devices with cameras on their person. Neither of these two are allowed
3. **Last and Most Important:** Students are arriving LATE for School. It has fallen into habit with a few students. At times, students are entering Mass after it has begun. This is unacceptable and needs to be addressed immediately. It not only is school and diocesan policy but tardiness is addressed by the State of Missouri under their attendance policy and so I too am answerable to the State of Missouri for all students in attendance at St. Peter Catholic School and any violations of that policy such as “excessive tardiness.”

I appreciate that circumstances often prevent us from getting to our destinations on time and/or present home situations cause a hiccup in our logistics for getting our children where they need to be. If that is the case, please let me know, so that we are aware of your special circumstances and we can make arrangements for your child to make up their missing class time.

Yours in Christ,
 Cindy Newman

Panther Shirt Orders at in

Attention Panther fans! If you placed an order for spirit wear it will be delivered next week to school to the children to bring home unless you gave other directions for delivery. Thank you for supporting the Panther Boosters and the athletic program at St Peter School.

Calendar

December

Dec 3rd

Christmas Parade

Dec 4th

National Junior Honor Society hosting Winter Wonderland Extravaganza / Proceeds go to MIZZOU Children’s Hospital, Serve and Open Arms

**9am-2pm
 School Gym**

Dec 6th

St. Nick Day

Dec 7th

**Pep Assembly 2:30pm
 School Board Meeting**

Dec 8th

All School Mass Immaculate Conception

Dec 12th—16th

Mid Term Exams

Dec 17th

Breakfast with Santa 9am – Noon

Dec 20th

Christmas Concert 7pm

Dec 21st thru Jan 1st

Christmas Break

Dec 26t thru 30

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Jan 2nd

First day back to school

Preschool

Pre-school got a new Smart Board. We are all amazed at what we can do with it. It keeps us engaged in learning. We love it and use it everyday. We are working on the letter and sounds for K,L,M this month. Our religion stories are "We prepare for Christmas and We Celebrate Christmas. In math we are working on groups of objects and adding them together. Some reading stories will include: If You Take a Mouse to the Movies and There Was an Old Woman Who Swallowed a Bell. We had 100% attendance for our parent/teacher conferences. It was great to get a chance and visit with you about all the wonderful skills your children are working on. Thanks for taking time out of your schedule to meet with me. We are working on our Christmas program. We will be singing two songs: Rudolph and the Little Drummer Boy. Please try to practice singing with your kids at home too. We will have a Christmas Party later in the month and we will do our book exchange on that day. Everyone will bring a \$5 book and everyone will take one home. Please remember that our book order has some great books at wonderful prices and I will have the orders back before our party.

Kindergarten

Happy Holidays! The kindergartners have been busy preparing for our mass this Friday, December 2. We hope you all enjoyed our effort in reading. As Christmas approaches, we are learning about the season of Advent and the arrival of the baby Jesus. We continue to work through our reading workbook as we study each letter and begin to put them together to make words. Please continue to read with your child each night. We have finished our unit on symmetry and equal parts as an introduction to fractions. We have also started to work on telling time to the hour and identifying coins. Our math journals continue to record our days of the school year as we count to the 100th day of school. Every ten days, Mr. Zero comes to visit us and brings us treats in the shape of a zero. We were able to get our picture in the newspaper for learning our Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. McAtee is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution and came to award us certificates and a miniature flag for our efforts. We hope everyone will come to hear us sing at the Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm. Have a wonderful holiday.
God Bless Mrs. Reilly

First and Second Grades

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that Christmas is just around the corner! It seems like yesterday that we started school. This week, the first and second graders began writing numbers to 500(first grade) and 1000 (second grade). We spent one math period working on this together and from now until Dec. 20, the students will be working on this project during free time. I suspect most will be finished in 3or 4 days! This is a skill on their grade cards and will be marked for the second quarter. Both grades are also working on tally marks, bar graphs, and pictographs and coordinate points in math.

Since the month of December is short and full of activities for both students and parents, the second grade only has 1 book report due Dec. 20 and the first grade has only 120 minutes to read. This is also due Dec. 20.

Other activities are the Christmas Parade Dec. 3 and JNHS's book fair Dec. 4 and the whole school is going to the Fulton High School to see their Christmas play Dec. 5. We also have Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Concert. Please come out and support our students.

On a personal note, I will be gone Jan. 7 through Jan. 13. My husband, younger son and I are going to Tucson AZ to see our older son. Chris is in the Air Force and he and his family have been in Korea the past three years. We will meet our youngest granddaughter, Penelope, for the first time. I can't wait! My class will be left in good hands with plenty to keep them busy.

Merry Christmas,
Mrs. Markway

Third and Fourth Grade

Happy December everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have been focusing on Advent in Religion class. We have a Jesse Tree, which helps us to see the history of Christ's family. In Math the 3rd graders are working on money and the 4th graders are working on rounding and estimation. In English we are finishing up our unit on sentences and will be moving on to nouns. In Social Studies we are studying the capitals and states. We have already covered the Northeastern U.S. and will be taking a quiz over the Southern U.S. on Friday, December 9th. In Science we are learning about the habitats of animals and plants as well as ecosystems. In Reading we are still working on Stuart Little. Also, I was really impressed by the 3rd and 4th graders at the Geography Fair.

Mrs. Neudecker

Fifth and Sixth Grades

In Math, we continue with fluency and we have been dividing with larger numbers. In problem solving, we have been focusing on problems that use the strategy of "guess and check." The students have had fun with these types of problems and it is always great to see their excitement when they successfully figure out Happy Advent!

I hope this finds all of you doing well. I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. I was able to go to Louisiana to visit my mom and had a great time.

I wanted to thank everyone for participating in the Geography Fair. I received many compliments on your children's posters and food items. It went very well and it's always nice to be able to showcase our students. In Social Studies we just finished studying the Phoenicians and Hebrews. This helped us really understand where Moses and Egypt fits in history.

In Religion we have memorized the first 30 books of the Bible. We have been studying the Holy Spirit and how He is always present in our lives. We all experienced the changes in Mass this week and actually did pretty well. Mr. Cerneka is encouraging all the children to participate more in the Mass by both responding and singing. There have been times lately we sound awesome in Mass!
the problem!

In Science they have been studying ecosystems and biomes. Including how materials are recycled in nature and how organisms interact. Trivia: Did you know Antarctica is a desert?

I want to make sure everyone was aware that mid-year finals are scheduled for the week of December 12. Most of next week will be dedicated to reviewing for those.

Thank you for all of your support! Mrs. Wilson



Eight and Seventh Grades

Dear St. Peter Families,

Wow! December already! This can be a very enjoyable time of the year, but it can also be a very stressful time of the year. I work to keep you informed about activities and deadlines throughout the school year in order to reduce the stress. At the end of this article, I will list everything that I have scheduled with the students for the month of December.

The first Annual St. Peter Geography Fair was a great event! I cannot thank this school community enough for all the hard work and time put into displaying the "Countries of Our Faith". A special thank you to Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Neudecker for allowing their classes to participate. All the children represented St. Peter Catholic School well. I cannot wait for next year's fair.

The seventh and eighth graders will have taken the U. S. Constitution test by the time you read this newsletter. This 200-question test covers the basic aspects of our constitution and explores the role of our federal government. I truly believe an informed citizen is a strong citizen, and I try to convey my passion for our country to the students. We will cover the Missouri Constitution in the spring.

We are trying to wrap up the short story unit in Literature, and will move on to a novel unit in January. Most novel work will be introduced in class, and then followed up with daily homework. I do not 'test' over a novel, as I want to encourage a love of reading. I love to read, and can easily escape into a great book. Reading is so very important, and I wish everyone could really enjoy reading.

A letter went home on Monday to all eighth grade parents about Breakfast with Santa. Please read it over, and contact me with any questions or concerns. We need every eighth grader to participate to make this project a profitable fundraiser.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to share each school day with your children,

Mrs. Jacobsen

7th/8th Calendar

Dec. 3rd	Set up for Winter Extravaganza
Dec. 4th	Winter Extravaganza
Dec. 5th	FHS Children's production
Dec. 8th	Immaculate Conception <i>8th grade is planning the Liturgy</i>
Dec. 9th	Decorate for Ovid Bell Christmas Party
Dec. 12th	Math/Algebra Final @ 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 13th	History Final @ 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 14th	Mass—7th plans Liturgy Science Final @ 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 15th	Language Final @ 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 16th	Confessions following 8:15 a.m. Mass Finals make-up day Decorate for Breakfast with Santa until 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 17th	Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 20th	Christmas Concert
Dec. 21st	Christmas Break

Music

Over the past few weeks, our music classes have been filled with the melodious sounds of preparation for our Christmas concert. As I'm sure your children will tell you, we have practiced, and practiced, and practiced, and PRACTICED these songs. I can't wait for you all to hear what we've been working on.

Speaking of the concert, there are a few details about the show I would like to pass along. As you know, the concert will be on Tuesday, December 20th at 7pm. Any and all family and friends are welcome to attend. This year, the students will be required to dress in a particular way. Each student will need to wear a white, buttoned-down shirt, khaki pants, and dress shoes for the show. Additionally, all students will need to arrive at the gym at 6:15pm and check in with their home-room teacher.

As I have stated before, participation in this concert is mandatory for all students. Additionally, each student (pre-school through 8th grade) is required to stay for the entirety of the concert. All students will be part of the opening and closing numbers. Also, each of the classes will have two songs they will be performing.

If you have any questions about the concert, please don't hesitate to contact me. My e-mail address is scerneka@stpeterfultonmo.org

Thanks,
Mr. Cerneka

Computers and PE:

We are now in the 'holiday season.' I hope you all had a thankful Thanksgiving holiday. A lot of the traditions around Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year involve food. I hope you'll take the opportunity to bring your children into those traditions and set the example by making good food choices. We will be looking at food choices and how our choices change as we get older. We will also be practicing some indoor activities so we can stay active when the weather's cold. In computers, the younger students are using the touch pads to navigate in online learning games...we have found abcya.com a good place for the kids to play and learn. The older students have been using the internet and Word to type reports and Excel to make word searches. Even holiday themed activities give the students practice with word processing and spreadsheets. If you don't have Microsoft Office, I'd like to introduce you to OpenOffice.org. You can download OpenOffice free from their website. You can save documents as Word document or spreadsheet files. I hope that you enjoy the few weeks leading up to the Christmas holiday."

Happy Holidays
Mr. Duncan

Reminder

Please send warm coats for you child/ren we do go outside up until the

Home and School

Home and School has a Facebook page. It is *St. Peter Panthers Home and School* We invite you to go there and submit that you "like it". This is a great way to send and receive information.

Student Council

The Student Council Blood Drive on November 30th was Fantastic we had a great turn out and made our goal.

Way to Go St. Peters Blood Donor Heroes

ART

Dear Parents,

I can't believe how fast this year is moving. The holiday season is upon us and is perhaps, one of the best times of the year to create things. In Art we will be engaging in Christmas tree ornament making, gift making for our classroom and we will begin our classroom projects for the Casino Night Auction.

In January we will begin our Recycling month (might run into February) in Art. We will be acquiring thrown away or used items and recycling them into well appointed and usable works of Art. At the end of February, we will be hosting an Art Show to present to the community our students best efforts in Art and our First Annual "Trash to Treasure Art Show." It is our way of helping our youth actively reduce the carbon footprint in our community.

If anyone is in a position to donate some items we will be needing in January, I would appreciate your help in this area. Please see the list below.

- Any cardboard pieces
- Any wrapping paper pieces
- Duck tape (this not used if possible and any colors)
- Soda can tops
- Any books hardcover or paperback that are damaged or no longer want
- For our big auction pieces for the older kids we need pieces of old furniture if you have a table, chair, bookcase, any piece of furniture you want to get rid of or see someone getting rid of please send it in.
- Magazines
- Anything your child/ren likes to make things from
- Ribbon.



God Bless and Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Kim Wyman

We will now be having students writings along with pictures in the Panther Post hope you

ENGLISH

BAILEIGH H. 8TH
11.14.11

I AM STANDING ON THE BEACH WITH MY SHOES IN HAND. THE AIR IS COOL AND THE OCEAN IS SPITTING COOL DROPS OF SALT WATER AT ME AS THE WAVES ROLL IN. THE SMELL OF SALT MAKES MY EYES WATER. THE SAND BENEATH MY FEET IS COLD AND SOFT. I SLOWLY WALK TO THE EDGE OF THE WATER. I GET GOOSE BUMPS AS THE FREEZING WATER TOUCHES MY TOES. I CAN HEAR THE SEAGULLS IN THE DISTANCE. THEY ARE CALLING FOR EACH OTHER. I SEE THE WAVES DIE DOWN. EVERYTHING BECOMES PEACEFUL. I FORGET ALL MY WORRIES AND PROBLEMS. MY FRIEND CALLING ME FROM THE PIER SNAPS ME BACK INTO REALITY. I RUN OVER TO THE STEPS, THROW MY SHOES ON, AND HEAD UP THE STEPS.



JV Girls Basket Ball

The JV girls basketball team comprised of Madison Dreeste, Kate Haarmann, Baileigh Horstmeier, Hannah McGrath, Rylea Troesser, Kendall Dewein and Mary Hinchie took to the court Wed night and beat St Francis Taos 16-13.

Way to go ladies!



St. Peter National Junior Honor Society
Invites You
To Our
Winter Wonderland Extravaganza!!

Who: St. Peter National Junior Honor Society

What: A Scholastic Book Fair
Snack Bar
Food Drive

When: Sunday December, 4th from 9 am to 2 pm

Where: St. Peter Catholic School Gym
700 State Rd Z
Fulton Mo, 65251

Why: To raise funds for University Missouri Children's Hospital, Open Arms Pregnancy Association, and Serve

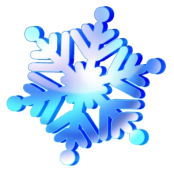


-Please call St. Peter School at 1-573-642-2839 for further information-

Storytelling hour at 12:30pm with the Grinch as guest reader.



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Saturday December 17, 2011



All are Welcome

Cost: \$5 each 3 and under Free
Copies of Pictures: \$1 ea

Highlights

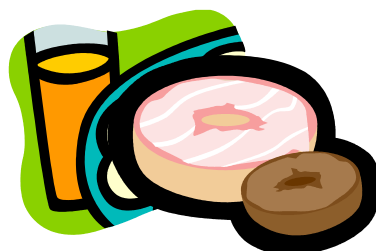
- ◆ Make Ornaments
- ◆ Have Doughnuts and juice
- ◆ Receive and color a coloring book
- ◆ Paint and design different crafts
- ◆ Picture with Santa
- ◆ Write letter to Santa

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Time: 9am till Noon





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HEALTH CARE PLANNING FOR CALLAWAY COUNTY

Dear Callaway County Resident,

Help us help you. The Callaway County Health Department and its community partners have been awarded a federal health care planning grant. As part of this grant, we are doing a health care needs assessment and the attached survey.

The goal is to assist all Callaway County residents to meet their basic medical, dental, and/or mental health care needs. There will be community meetings early next year to discuss with citizens the results of the needs assessment and survey and some possible solutions to any gaps identified.

Please complete the attached survey (one per person) and return it to school by December 15th! Or, if you prefer, find the survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/callawayhealthsurvey> No name is associated with these responses.

Thank you for participating with us in this very important planning process.

Sharon Lynch, Director of the Callaway County Health Department