



St. Peter School Wednesday Packet November 30, 2011

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE
Wednesday, November 30, 2011

"Today is a good day to do great things for the glory of God!"

MOVING FORWARD FROM NOVEMBER 14: Since the events of Monday, November 14, much has been done to continually ensure the safety of the students at St. Peter Catholic School. Here is a brief summary:

- Quest Consultants International, Ltd. of Oak Brook has been retained to assist SPS with a Physical Security Assessment. Quest will provide our school with a comprehensive Safety and Security report with findings and recommendations. The report will identify areas of strength, areas which need improvement, and recommendations as to enhancements. Quest has already begun the assessment and hopes to complete the report before Christmas vacation.
- Allied Barton Security Services of Naperville has been retained to provide daily security on our campus until Quest can finish the consultation and recommendation process. Funding for this endeavor has been generously offered by the grandparents of one of our students.
- Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Mary Fulton and Renee Petri a Security Desk has been established outside the school office to register all visitors to the school.
- Thanks to the generosity of the Boskey family large construction cones with "No Parking" signs now create a buffer zone for Allied Barton to secure the playground area where it borders the parking area.
- Based on recommendations from the Geneva Police Department, the arrival procedure at our school has been changed. Students no longer wait in front of the school from 8:10 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. At 8:10 a.m., the school doors are unlocked and students are admitted to our school building and directed to go immediately to their homerooms.
- Currently, Northern Illinois Fence is completing a physical assessment of our campus in regards to perimeter fencing. This is the same company that provided fencing for many of the nuclear power plants in Illinois. First and foremost in their initial recommendations was securing the preschool/kindergarten playground. That step will be completed within the next two weeks, assuming the weather cooperates! Final recommendations with their cost estimates should be completed by this Friday.
- Three companies that provide security camera assessments have completed their "walk-throughs" of the campus and at this time are preparing their recommendations with accompanying quotes. After their reports are reviewed, security camera installation will hopefully be completed over Christmas vacation.
- **Finally, we are asking all families to update their emergency contact information, if necessary. TOMORROW, THURSDAY/DECEMBER 1, a test of St. Peter Catholic School's emergency messaging system will be conducted. The following email and phone message will be sent at 6:00 p.m. to all email addresses and phone numbers that a family has provided our school office: "This is a test of the St. Peter Catholic School emergency alert messaging system. This is only a TEST!" Those who don't receive the emergency alert via email and phone at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, should contact Mrs. Cummins in the school office on Friday.**

Most of us are familiar with the old proverb, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" That is exactly what all of us at St. Peter School are doing! Faculty and families are joining together to make a strong school even stronger, a great school even greater, and of course, it's all for the glory of God! Thank you for all of your support!

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK (AND SOUND) A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS:

*Students in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade, as well as the Fifth Grade students taking Music this semester, will be presenting their Christmas Music Concert on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. (Look for a guest appearance by our swing choir, Local Vocals!)

*Students in our band program will be presenting their Christmas Band Concert on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

We hope to see you there!

MASS ON FRIDAY: Please join us for Mass this Friday, December 2, at 8:45 a.m. Mrs. Sheehan's 2nd grade class will be presenting this liturgy, and our music teachers, Ms. Steele and Mrs. Stasell, will be providing the musical accompaniment.

**IT'S THE TIME OF THE YEAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES and
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS!
IF INTERESTED, PLEASE READ BELOW:**

Marmion Academy High School is hosting its annual Scholarship Qualifying Entrance Exam for 8th grade boys on **Saturday, December 3**, at 9:00 a.m. Ten scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit of the exam with a total value of over \$165,000. The December 3rd date is the only test date for the scholarship-qualifying exam. To register for the exam, an applicant must file an application for admission with Marmion prior to or on the day of the exam. An applicant can apply on-line at www.marmion.org.

Aurora Central Catholic High School is pleased to welcome sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their parents to an Open House. The Open House will take place on **Sunday, December 4**, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Aurora Central Catholic High School. All students are invited to tour Aurora Central Catholic's state-of-the-art campus and meet with ACC's faculty and staff. All visitors will have the chance to meet with representatives from various clubs and athletic teams at the school. The high school is situated in a beautiful residential area on the west side of Aurora at 1255 North Edgelawn Drive. If you cannot attend this Open House, but would like to schedule a personal tour, please phone the Admissions Director, Brian Casey, (630) 907-0095, ext. 109.

Accelerated Reader News

As noted in last week's Wednesday packet and last month's AR News the new Multimedia Learning Center tab is on St. Peter's website. Using Accelerated Reader Home Connect you can set up an e-mail address which will send you your child's results and progress when they take an AR test. Once your student has helped you log-on to their account, just click the "e-mail set-up" at the top of the page. This will guide you to set this up.

Last month Mrs. Feldmann and Mrs. Feltes went to a seminar offered by Renaissance Learning. A study conducted by this organization found that students make the most progress in reading when they recreationally read for 35 minutes a day at their current reading level and, when accessed, have 90% accuracy. Accelerated Reader is the perfect tool to test the accuracy of your child's recreational reading.

Remember, practice is the key to reading success. Michael Jordan did not stop going to basketball practice just because he was the greatest basketball player in the game. He continued to challenge himself. This is also true of reading. Just because your child is reading at or above grade level, they need to continue to challenge themselves to be the best that they can be.

Don't forget the website arbookfinder.com is also a wonderful tool to help you find books at your child's reading level as well as their interest level.

AR Point Clubs

Our AR Clubs for this year once again recognize the total number of points students have earned since enrolling at St. Peters School.

Currently the AR Club has 242 student members with students Grade 1 through Grade 8. We are very proud of two of our 1st graders who became members of the 25 point club in the second month of school.

100 Point Club

Ryan Bamrick 7, Nicole Boehm 7, Kevin Donner 8, Lindsey Fitch 6, Molly Fulton 6, Chantal Lappin 7, Margaret Panizzi 5, David Peterson 5, Sydney Soeder 4, Quinn Turchich 8

50 Point Club

Ben Ali 5, Jacob Caceres 5, Nicole Casey 5, Jeffrey Cherif 7, Anna Crowell 5, Andrew Gallagher 7, Benjamin Okolita 4, Carly Perillo 6, Emma Spitzig 5, Aaron Staehely 5, Aaron Stocking 5, Nicky Wilson 3, Jonathan Young 8

25 Point Club

Joshua Bamrick 5, Logan Burch 4, Jacob Caceres 5, Stella Feldhaus 1, Victoria Fender 1, Blaise Fulco 3, Anthony Panizzi 6, Madeline Petranek 3, Benjamin Robertson 3, Mark Ruscitti 3, Thomas Schroeder 5, Ryan Stempowski 4, Nicholas White 3



Adopt-a-Family Project

Once again St. Peter School will be adopting a number of families in need for Christmas and providing them with food and gifts. As in previous years, we will have the younger grades bring in food items and the older grades bring in modest gifts. Please stay tuned for more information in the next few days!

Youth Choir for 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass

Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to sing for the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass in church, Saturday, Dec. 24th.

There will be TWO Rehearsals in church:

TUESDAY, Dec. 13--3:45—5:00 PM

THURSDAY, Dec. 22—3:45—5:00 PM

Directed/Accompanied by Amy Steele and Sherri Stasell.

IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest

If you plan to perform a solo or in an ensemble, you must fill out the bottom of this form and turn it in **on the appropriate due date** in order to be properly registered for this contest. Go to this website for more information: http://www.igsma.org/Pages/district_ix.htm.

This contest is separate from the Band for Today Solo Contest which will be held on the same day, February 26, at St. Francis High School. A majority of band students performing a solo participate in the Band for Today Solo Contest. The IGSMA Solo Contest is an additional activity and more strict in its requirements. It is open to students in their second year or more of band. Band for Today will accommodate students schedule wishing to participate in both events.

Students (with their parents' help) are responsible for finding an accompanist and preparing themselves for this contest, however, they will be required to show their original sheet music and play/sing for either Mrs. Yanong or Miss Steele during recess or before/ after school once or twice prior to attending the contest. This event is an excellent opportunity to perform in front of others, receive feedback on your progressing musical skills, and win awards for your achievements.

Form Due Dates:

Band Students: Turn in this information to Mrs. Yanong's mailbox or at your band time by Thursday December 8th.

Vocalists and students who play a string instrument or piano: Turn this information into Miss Steele's mailbox or fill in the blanks and email it as an attachment by 3pm on Friday, December 9th.

Rules:	http://www.igsma.org/Pages/rules_for_s_e.htm
Fees:	Each student pays registration per piece of music Solos = \$8 Fees will be due to St. Peter School in January
Contest Date:	Saturday, February 25 th
Location:	Site TBA
Time:	TBA after registration

(detach here)

Student's First Name: _____ Last: _____

Grade Level in School: _____ Years of Experience on Instrument or Lessons on Voice: _____

Piano Accompanist: _____ Contact Info: _____

Private Lesson Teacher: _____ Contact Info: _____

Name of Song/Piece of Music	Composer	Instrument or Voice You will Perform on this	Accompanist



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Home & School Pages

H&S Meeting Monday, Dec 5th

Please join us for an informative meeting highlighting the remainder of the school year~2011 and Spectacular 2012

CLASSROOM PROJECTS NEED YOU!!

Spectacular 2012...We are in need for the following class: 8 Shine
Please contact Patty Boskey or Jolene Austin to volunteer for your child's classroom project, grab a friend, make it fun, just HELP US to HELP OUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL!

*Book Fair TODAY!!! ~

Wednesday, November 30th

at Barnes & Nobles Geneva Commons all day long.

*St. Peter School Families ~ Join us for an

evening of ol'fashioned fun Christmas fun at Marmion Abbey Farms
Thursday, December 8th 5-7pm \$4 per person

*SPECTACULAR 2012 ~ Save the date

Friday, February 10th at EagleBrook,
please contact Jenn Rittenhouse or Julie Hood to volunteer
And don't forget to turn in your Acquisition forms!



St. Peter School Families...

Join us for an evening of old-fashioned Christmas fun at Varnion Abbey Farms (850 Butterfield Road, Aurora)

Date: Thursday, December 8th
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Cost: \$4 per person

Activities include... hayrides, a bonfire, pinecone ornament craft, hot chocolate and cookies

Receive a 20% off coupon that evening good for any u-cut tree or any one (1) item in the Abbey Farms store (Discount does NOT apply to pre-cut trees)

Complete form below and return with payment in an envelope marked "Varnion Abbey Farms" to the school office by Monday, December 5th. Make checks payable to St. Peter Home and School Association.

Questions? Please contact
Leanne Barton (630) 845-0126 or Pam Mucha (630) 232-0557

Family Name:

Number Attending:

Phone #: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____



St. Peter Kid's in Pictures

For those of you that ordered
Christmas Ornaments

(with photos by Kathy Green)

For **2012 Spectacular** they will be ready
for pick up on

December 15th and December 16th

In the St Peter School front office.

(They will not be sent home with your child,
because they are very fragile!)

Thank you again for your order!

Any questions, please call
Sally O'Brien at 630-208-1456





Girls Volleyball and Cross Country

Uniform Return

It's time to return your Girls Volleyball and Cross Country uniforms!

Collection bins are located in the School Workroom.

Uniforms are due no later than Monday, December 12th.

Thank You Volunteers

Special thanks to the parents who volunteered to distribute uniforms this season:

Cross Country – Kim O'Neil

Girls Volleyball

5th – Siobhan Drew, Julie Hood, Jenn Rittenhouse

6th – Eileen Miulli

7th – Kathi Burch

8th – Alysia Feeney

Barnes & Noble Bookfairs

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Wednesday, 11/30/2011, 9a-10p

Barnes & Noble

In the Geneva Commons

Bookfair ID #10582856

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.*

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Rosary High School's Coaching Staff & Players present:

Holiday Hoops 2011

**A Basketball Shooting Camp
for girls in 5th-8th grades.**



December 26 & 27

Grades 5 & 6: 9 am - Noon

Grades 7 & 8: 1 pm - 4 pm

Registration fee (includes t-shirt):

\$35.00 (\$45.00 at the door)

Make checks payable to: Dave Beebe

**Registration forms can be
found at www.rosaryhs.com**



The 2012 Spectacular Acquisitions Committee Wants You!

Here's how you can help:

Do you have something that you are willing to donate to the auction?

Maybe your employer has Bulls tickets to which you have access. Maybe you have a lake house that you are willing to give up for a week. Maybe you have gift cards that are just lying around - never to be used by your family. We would love to take those kinds of things to benefit our auction!

Do you own a business?

Everybody wins when you donate a product or service to our school auction and enjoy the great benefits that we give you in return!

Do you work for a company that can make a donation?

Do they match charitable donations or would they be willing to donate a product or service?

Have you considered a donation to the Cornerstone Society?

Do you know of someone else who might consider making a donation (perhaps a grandparent)? Please contact us if you need another Cornerstone Packet.

Physical donations may be put into the box labeled "Spectacular" in the school office. We are also happy to arrange for pickup. **Thank you in advance for you help!** Please feel free to contact us with any questions or donation ideas.

The sooner, the better, please! We'd love to get this wrapped up in 2011.

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[] YES! I am willing to help!

Donation Item(s) _____

Value _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____