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Kindergarten through 6th Grade

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2008-2009 School Calendar

- December 19 - Grandparent's Day
- December 20 - January 4 - Christmas Vacation
- January 25-31 - Catholic Schools Week
- January 27 - Kindergarten Sneak Peek
- February - I love to Read Month!
- February 9-12 - Pennies for Cancer Patients Project
- February 25 - Ash Wednesday
- March 4-6 - 6th Grade Eagle Bluff trip
- March 10 - Kindergarten Round-up
- March 21-29 - Spring Break
- April 9 - Stations of the Cross/Passion Play
- April 10-13 - Easter Vacation
- April 24 - Spring Musical and Dinner
- May 3 - First Communion
- May 12 - Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Musical
- May 15 - Geography & Art Fair
- May 29 - 6th Grade Graduation
- June 3 - Last Day of School

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Nicole Belpedio

I thought I would take this opportunity of writing "the Principal's Corner" to give you an update about some of the happenings at St. Peter's School. For starters, we once again had a successful nonpublic school Marathon/Ride for a Reason, where we receive 100% of the monies pledged or donated. We raised \$50,240 for St. Peter's School. These funds from the "marathon" go towards our general budget. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our cause!



1st Grader, Simon Otto, shows his school spirit by wearing a St. Peter's School t-shirt

St. Peter's School is in the beginning stages of the process of Accreditation. A committee was formed, consisting of many stakeholders: parents, school board members, teachers, parish members, and community members. Accreditation is a service provided by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). Its purpose is to provide recognized credibility for

schools in the eyes of the public. Accreditation provides a practical framework for long-range strategic planning, focused on ongoing school improvement efforts. It provides the school with an objective, outside viewpoint, which can oftentimes be necessary in addressing long-standing issues and concerns. Accreditation also provides an opportunity to highlight the many excellent accomplishments of the school and its students.

Throughout the school year, the students at St. Peter's School put on many theatrical productions. There are Christmas Programs, a Grandparent's Day celebration, a Veteran's Day Program, Spring Musicals, a Passion Play, and a Saints Parade to name a few. We also have a Geography Fair, Art Show, Wax Museum, and Poetry Readings. In addition to our regular curriculum, we have added the Accelerated Reader Program and Star Reader as supplements. An Accelerated Math program is coming soon!



4th Grader's Edmund Iten, Samantha Fake, Heidi First and Mikayla Fuchs dress up as famous people in history for a class assignment.

Nicole J. Belpedio

Last years Alumni Appeal was a success - Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Peter's School. We raised more than \$10,000 to support the school, new books for the library and to fund additional students through the Paula S. Field Scholarship fund. The Alumni Appeal letters are coming out soon and we look forward to your continued support.

One former student has donated \$50,000 to the St. Peter's School Endowment through the Alumni Appeal over the past 10 years. Thank you for your great support.

Jim Althoff	Mary Ann Kuka	Michael Otten
Catherine & Dan Bauer	Roy & Jeanne LaFave	Lori Salonek
Lawrence & Anni Bauman	Alice Ann Lindahl	Marvin Styrbicky
Stephen & Darlene Bauman	Ann Lundsten	Monica Welker
Tony & Jean Bauman	William Lundsten	Phyllis L. Yantes
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Berchtold	Sharon McVary	Keith Bartos
Barbara Boyce Biales	Barbara J. Merriman	Bob & Helen Bauman
Dorothy Dalbec	James Mooney	Cheryl & Fred Gordon
Rosanne & Donald Eppel	Muriel Morrison	Tom Holovnia
Dennis M. Fabel	Jean Motzko	David McCarney
Alice Fink	Dennis Muckenhirn	Jeffrey Merriman
Dan Gardner	Gary Muckenhirn	Joan Merriman
Lil Georges	Joan & Joe Muckenhirn	Edith M. Moran
James & Judith Giesen	Barbara Cedergren Piculeu	Betty Nicholas
Ronald Guilfoile	Gene Rieland	Michael Tischler
Shirley Hayes	LeRoy Rieland	Peter Gallus
Gerald Helmbrecht	Patricia Robinson	Mrs. Earl Lewis
Debra Hoen	Lucille & James Ronan	Genevieve Annett
Harvey J. Jaunich	John Schumacher	Bill Farniok
Claudia Goranson	Linda & Bruce Schumacher	Marie Kreft
Dick Johnson	Darwin & Virginia Voltin	Mark Hausladen
Rita Kennedy	Kathleen Williams	Norma Wandersee
Rev Francis Kittock	Michael Yaeger	Delores Anderson
Catherine Kraemer	Den Gardner	George Althoff
	Michael Lundsten	Sharon Hagelin

First Grade Marathon Song
(to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus)
adapted by Mrs. Yager, 1st Grade Teacher

The wheels on our bikes go round and round,
round and round, round and round.
The wheels on our bikes go round and round
at the marathon.

The knights on the path say (wave) "Have a safe ride
Have a safe ride – Have a safe ride!"
The knights on the path say (wave) "Have a safe ride!"
at the marathon.

The teachers at the park say (arms) "You did a great job!"
"You did a great job! You did a great job!"
The teachers at the park say, "You did a great job!"
at the marathon.

The tables at the park (hands in the air) are piled high with treats
high with treats, high with treats.
The tables at the park are piled high with treats
at the marathon.

We're thankful for the pledges (fold hands) and we'll be
faithful in prayer, faithful in prayer, faithful in prayer.
We're thankful for the pledges and we'll be faithful in prayer
after the marathon.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? GRADUATING CLASS OF 1982

The graduating class of 1982 is now 20 years out of high school. They have families of their own, and have established themselves in their careers and lives. Class of 1982- send us an update on what you have been doing and we'll print your messages in the Spring Flock.



Front Row (sitting): Renee Bauman, Rachel Jacobson, Becky Outley, Ann Diethelm, Kim Nieman **Row 1 (standing):** Denise Horsch, Stephanie Nelson, Ben Swartzter, Ben Bauman, Charlie Swartzter, Tom Craig, Rita Bauman, Patty Klein **Row 2:** Kim Gnitka, Troy Farniok, Chris Althoff, Jeff Bauman, Virgil LaPlant, Angela Winterhalter **Teacher:** Mrs. Kris Harlan

Name: _____

What have you been doing for the past 26 years?

What is your fondest memory from St. Peter's School?

A message for your classmates:

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008

Last Spring we missed a chance to update you on our graduates. These 14 students completed their studies with St. Peter's School and have moved on to 7th grade. Please join us in wishing them well in their new adventure.



Front Row: Grace Schleisman, Elliott Kittock, Bailey Windsperger, August Otto, Ryan Dougherty 2nd Row: Ms. Belpedio (principal), Ben Jacobs, Cecelia Kuka, Trena Beehler, Hunter Glasrud, Ms. Mazzuca (teacher) 3rd Row: Father Miller, Zachary Linden, Michael Bartos, Rose Meintsma, Gabrielle Arthur, Hannah Ganzel, Cody Roskowiak

BUSINESSES SUPORT ST. PETE'S!

Local businesses are big supporters of the annual *Marathon/Ride for a Reason*, the largest fundraiser for St. Peter's School. This year one business offered a different kind of donation as incentive for students to meet their \$50,000 goal. Delano Dodge donated a car, for the day, to the family who raised the most money in the last week of pledging. Delano Dodge is one of more than 100 businesses that support the Ride for a Reason. In September, the students collect the names of people and



Schultz family with Father Miller and Ms. Belpedio (principal)

groups to ride "in honor" or "memory of" during the marathon through Delano. The ride is designed to teach students to think beyond their own needs and pray for the well-being of others. Delano Dodge's donation was a great motivator for the students and the school raised more than \$20,000 during the last week. Theresa Schultz (a SPS alum), and her family raised more than \$3,000 total. She helped plan and conduct the fundraiser. The Schultz family were major contributors to Marathon's success!



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Call the office to get your address updated. (763) 972-2528.***

Be sure to visit the St. Peter's School website

<http://www.stpetersschool-delano.com>

for the latest news about St. Pete's!