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Kindergarten through 6th Grade

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School Calendar

Winter '09-'10

- December 9 – All school field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- December 11 - Adoration & Confessions
- December 18 – All School Christmas Program – 7:00 p.m.
- December 22 – Grandparent's Day
- December 23-January 4 – Christmas Vacation
- January 31 – February 5 – Catholic Schools Week
- January 31 – All School Mass and Pancake/Waffle Breakfast
- February 8 – Pennies for Patients
- February 17 – Ash Wednesday
- February 18 – Stations of the Cross
- February 19 – Adoration & Confessions
- March 4 - Stations of the Cross
- March 11 – Kindergarten Round-up
- March 18 – Stations of the Cross
- March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph's, Mass at St Joseph's Church
- March 25 – 2nd Grade Passion Play – 1:30 p.m.
- March 28 – April 2 – Spring Break
- April 4 – Easter
- April 30 – Spring Musical Dinner and Program
- May 2 – First Communion
- May 7 – May Crowning
- May 11 – K-2 Musical 7:00 p.m.
- May 13 - Living Rosary
- May 14 – Salad Luncheon and Wax Museum
- May 21 – Adoration and Confessions
- May 28 – 6th Grade Graduation Mass 8:00 a.m.
- May 2 – Mass at St. Joseph's Church – Last Day of School
- May 6 – All School Mass 10:30 a.m.

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

by Nicole Belpedio

Fall Greetings to everyone! The new school-year is upon us and we are already into the second quarter. Our enrollment has increased to eighty-five students and we added eight new families to St. Peter's School. These new faces and families are a welcomed addition.

Our Fall has been filled with enthusiasm and excitement as the students and their families worked very hard for our "Ride for a Reason" marathon fundraiser. They collected over 1,300 prayer intentions and raised over \$57,000!!! The Marathon for Nonpublic Education is an annual fundraiser for nonpublic schools across the nation. At St. Peter's, students obtain pledges from donors and walk, run or bike approximately six miles through Delano. 100 percent of the money we collect goes to our school. Ride for a Reason is St. Peter's special way to bring faith to the Marathon. It includes opportunities for our students to reflect upon and pray for others in need.

St. Peter's School went through an Accreditation process this past year, culminating with a visit from a Site Committee at the end of October. This committee of teachers and employees of the Archdiocese helped us to focus our on-going efforts to improve the school. Accreditation helps us validate the quality education our students are receiving at St. Peter's. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and staff for their hard work on this important process!!!

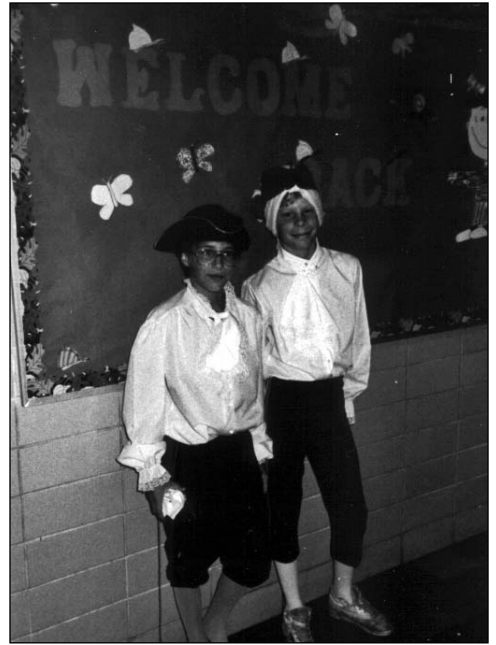
Advent is upon us and in preparation for Christmas we are holding weekly Advent prayer services. We are also providing the students with an opportunity for adoration and confession. Finally, in the spirit of giving, each class is collecting money to purchase gifts for a family in need during these difficult times.

As the students and staff at St. Peter's prepare for Christmas we wish many blessings on you all,

Nicole J. Belpedio

FUN PHOTO

These boys may look happy to be in knickers and lacy blouses, but we don't think they are. Like many St. Peter's students they fell victim to a school project that not only had them researching and writing about a subject, but also dressing up like one of the characters in the books. We aren't sure why these two are dressed like American Revolutionaries, but we do know students at St. Peter's today have several opportunities to dress like the characters they are studying. One event is for the Wax Museum held each spring and another is for All Saint's Day.



ALL SAINT'S DAY

Burned at the stake, stoned to death, eaten by lions, hung upside down, or stabbed through the heart, what a gruesome way to go! For the last seven years Mrs. Julie Shelby has used the saints to teach her students about sacrifice, dedication and faith as well as good composition, research skills and public speaking. Mrs. Shelby, the 4th and 5th Grade teacher at St. Peter's School, believes the students find this saint project very rewarding. As a yearly part of the Religion curriculum she has students researching, writing and preparing an oral presentation (speech) about a saint of their choice. Mrs. Shelby says many students choose to research their name saint, but some get excited about a saint they had learned about elsewhere.



Combined 4th and 5th Grades in their Saint costumes after the Feast of All Saints Mass

The students work starts in mid September and culminates with a parade and Mass on the Feast of All Saints. A costume is required and Mrs. Shelby has seen some really good ones over the years. "Some of my favorites have been St. Michael the Archangel, St. Peter and St. Joan of Arc", says Shelby.

The students almost always get into this project. While studying and researching students find out more about the process of beatification and canonization as well as about how many saints were martyred. And that is the hook. Finding out about the way many of these holy men and women died is interesting. Along the way though, the students learn a great deal about how the saints lived too and that is helping them on their way to becoming saints in their own right.



Samantha Fake gives her oral presentation on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton in costume

2ND GRADE PUPPET SHOW

The Second Grade Teacher, Mrs. Sheila Barth, shared this picture of a puppet show the children designed and performed for parents on Friday, November 13th. Mrs. Barth first had the students think of a character they would like to create for a puppet. Then they made puppet heads out of papier-mâché and painted them. Each child took home a pattern for the cloth body and decorated it to complement his/her character.

Once the puppets were assembled, the children were asked how they could incorporate all the characters into a skit. There was lots of brainstorming, and finally a rough draft was composed. The children decided on the setting and the individual scenes as well as the personality of each character. The class wrote conversations for the skit to fit the scenes, practiced their puppet show and worked on projecting their voices and using expression. The parents were invited and the children presented the puppet show after celebrating Mass on Friday morning.

Mrs. Barth enjoyed this activity very much, but knows it would not be possible without the wonderful volunteers she has had over the years!!



REMEMBERED...

Lucille Marie "Mama Lu" (Connelly) Frankl, age 78 of Delano, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Mass of Christian Burial took place Monday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delano, with the Rev. Frank Wampach officiating. Class of 1944.

MEMORY LANE

Do you recognize this picture? What is the occasion? How many of these people can you name?



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December is a busy month at St. Peter's School, but we are never too busy for you.

Stop by to attend the Christmas program on December 18th or visit us for Mass and the Grandparent's Day Program on December 22nd. We would love to see you and

have you join us in preparing for Christmas!

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