

8th Grade Newsletter
February 2, 2012

Mr. Bob Jacobsen—Science

Science Fair:

THE 2012 ST. PETER'S SCIENCE FAIR WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M., AND ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 PM.

NOTE: DISPLAYS MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 1:00 AND 3:00 ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5. DISPLAYS CANNOT BE REMOVED BEFORE 1:00 ON SUNDAY!

Next week, the students will continue their work on the gray perch; the practicum will take place either late next week or early the following week. The students will complete their comparative anatomy unit with the study of the grass frog. The date for the final practicum has not been set.

Ms. Dorothy Starnes—Math

The students will continue working on probability and odds. They are using permutation and combination formulas, tree diagrams, and formulas to calculate odds and probability.

Mr. Walt Tabory—Religion

In eighth grade religion class, students are preparing for a Unit I test on Wednesday, 2/8/12 and have a current event report due on 2/13/12. We will continue with Chapter 7 which begins our study of the early church, so we will reflect daily on the Acts of the Apostles. We will compare their acts with our efforts to act morally in our society today. The Soles for Souls shoe drive has reached a new level of 700 pairs of shoes. This service project teaches that we are created to help each other. We plan to invite Sr. Berta of Operation Breakthrough to address the student assembly on Friday and then have her truck loaded with the 30 or so boxes of shoes. While our faith teaches us to be humble and not seek attention, there may be media coverage. Please continue to show your children a model of charity by sending more food and shoes tomorrow. Shoes can also be brought in from 2/6/12 – 2/09/12.

Mrs. Bernie VanArsdale—Language Arts

Literature—the students have completed Part One of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. They have taken a test covering the reading and the results should be home by the end of the week. Part Two will start tomorrow, Friday. Each student will be given, in the next several days, a list of three classic novels. The students are asked to read two of the novels between now and the middle of the fourth quarter. A book review form will be given to them and they may receive AR points for the novel.

Writing—eighth graders are beginning a unit in English which will cover verbals. This unit also includes descriptive writing. Vocabulary remains a part of the daily life of an eighth grade student.

Mrs. Dianna Youngblood—American History (Social Studies) dyoungblood@stpeterskc.org

Eighth graders are studying Chapter 23, "World War I."