

St. Peter's School

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Principal's December 17 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful Christmas program our students gifted us with on Tuesday night. I want to again extend my thanks and congratulations to Stephanie Buhrmeister. We are so blessed to have her working with our students, nurturing their musical abilities and inspiring them to share their talents with us all.

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Our fourth graders enjoyed a Kansas City holiday tradition yesterday, *The Nutcracker*. They looked like little ladies and gentlemen, and I understand they acted as such, too. Thanks to Mrs. Buhrmeister for arranging this field trip and to those parents and teachers who helped chaperone the students. They were fortunate enough to see performances by some of St. Peter's own. The talented Skyler and Sophie Spear, Ellie Grever, and Audrey and Olivia Carroll are all dancing in *The Nutcracker* this season.

I also want to recognize sixth grader Jessie Walker McGraw, who is performing in the Blue Springs Civic Theater's production of *The Life and Times of Santa Clause*.

St. Peter's students were involved in many service projects this Advent season to help those in need and share their blessings with others. In addition to the family each class adopted and provided gifts for and stocking the parish food pantry, SPS Families met Monday morning and decorated Christmas gift jars full of goodies for the seniors of our parish. Eighth grade students also made fleece scarves for them. Our second grade students focused on performing random acts of kindness and generosity for others throughout the Advent season.

Father Rocha celebrated our school Mass today and in his homily he asked us all to promise to do something for him on Christmas. He asked us to stop for a minute before we open our presents and thank God for giving us the gift of Jesus, His Son, to carry in our hearts.

As adults we know that God's gifts are not always showy and flamboyant. They are often given to us wrapped up in others' words and actions. Some of us have received the gift of humor when we have needed cheering up, the gift of understanding when someone has listened to our problems, or we may have been given the gift of thoughtfulness as a result of an unexpected act of kindness.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for the many gifts you give us each and every day and wish you and your families the peace and blessings of this Christmas season and a happy, healthy New Year.

Janet Spallo, Principal

We would like to thank
Browne's Irish Market
for hosting "St. Peter's Day" on
December 6. We received a
check in the amount of \$100,
which represented 10% of sales
to St. Peter's friends and families
that afternoon!

Special Reminders & Notes**Important Dates**

- ✓ Dec. 18; Jeans Day; Jr. High Christmas Dance, 7-9:30 p.m. in the Garden Room
- ✓ Dec. 20; St. Peter's Parish Penance Service at 6 p.m.
- ✓ Dec. 21; Altar Server Pizza Party from 10:45-11:45 am in the Legacy basement
- ✓ Dec. 22; Second Quarter Ends; Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break
- ✓ Jan. 4, 2010; School Resumes

St. Peter's Church
Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

3 pm (Church &
Legacy Center)
5:30 pm (Church)
10:00 pm (Church)

Christmas Day

10:00 am (Church)

Jeans Day—Friday, Dec. 18...

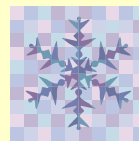
Students' contributions will purchase gifts for the remaining ornaments left on the tree in the back of the church. We ask students to bring at least 50 cents for Jeans Day and would greatly appreciate contributions of \$1.00.

STA Babysitting Event Cancelled...

The St. Teresa's Academy babysitting fundraiser scheduled for this weekend, December 19-20, at the STA gym, has been cancelled. Those parents who made reservations have been contacted individually for alternate arrangements.

St. Peter's Auction...

Your 2010 Auction Committee would like to remind you that your donation forms are due on January 22. It may seem like a long time away, yet it will catch up with you after Christmas Break. If you are thinking about purchasing an item for the Auction, take advantage of all the great Christmas and post-holiday sales (even better if you're using SCRIP cards, of course)! If you have donation questions or might know of a company that would make a good Corporate Sponsor for the SPS Auction, please contact Kristi Fuemmeler. And, don't forget to mark your new 2010 calendars for March 6. Remember...What Happens at the SPS Auction, Stays at SPS! So, please plan on being there!

**Snowflake Dance**

Volunteers are needed to donate food for the Snowflake Dance (January 15). Needed are veggie and fruit kabob trays, cookie trays, cheese and crackers, specific punch items, and brownies. Those wishing to donate may contact Mariana Gallo at maricubs@hotmail.com or at 816.926.0770.