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January 2011 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all. May all in our school community be blessed with health and happiness in 2011.

Prayer for the New Year

Guardian of this new year,
I set aside my fears, worries, concerns,
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,
to hospitality, to questions,
to endless opportunity
of discovering you in my relationships,
and to all the silent wisps of wonder
that draw me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing Presence
And walk with hope into this new year.
- Joyce Rupp

Advent 2010

Once again our students demonstrated their giving spirit during our Advent campaign this year. We had a Giving Tree and asked for donations of toys, hats, and mitts and Canadian Tire money. We also sold Candy Cane Grams. With contributions of Canadian Tire money and money from the Candy Cane Grams we bought toys. These toys and the contributions to our Giving Tree became a trunk load of gifts that we delivered to the Kingston Community Health Centre. Our donations were much appreciated.



For our Jingle Bell Walk, we asked for canned goods donation and we continued to collect food during Advent. We donated 4 large boxes of food to the Food Bank. The generosity of our students and their families, for those less fortunate in our community, was greatly appreciated.



On December 9th, we celebrated a community Advent Mass at St. John the Apostle Church. This was a great way for the community to join together. Thank you to the School Council for providing refreshments and to all the families for contributing sweet treats for after the Mass.

Faith News

Due to problems with the heating system at the Church, our school Mass for January has been cancelled. Our next school Mass is scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2011.



First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation had been scheduled for Wednesday, January 19th. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m.

First Communion

Parent Meeting: TBA
Sacrament: Sunday, May 1st at 10:30 Mass

Confirmation

Sacrament: Sunday, June 12th at 10:30 Mass

Terrific Kids

At our December Good News Assembly we once again recognized our Terrific Kids. The medallion winners for December were: JK/SK – Alexis O'Brien, Grade 1/2 – Cody Leonardo, Grade 3/4 – Jerred Kinstler, Grade 5/6 – Martha Eves-Welch, Grade 7/8 – Matthew Kirkeby, and French – Kelly-Marie Clarkson. Congratulations to all our Terrific Kids.



Caught Caring

We encourage students to be kind to each other on a regular basis. We recognize students who are caught caring on our school bulletin board. These names are entered into a draw and one student usually wins a prize at our Good News Assembly. In December, Kelly-Marie Clarkson was recognized. Thanks for being caring, Kelly-Marie.

Grade 8 Fundraiser

In order to raise money for graduation, the Grade 8 students sold ticket for a huge raffle basket and sold guesses for a jar of jelly beans. Mrs. Ouelette, our custodian won the raffle basket and Jamarree Downer won the jar of jelly beans.

Bullying

At St. Peter Catholic School, we continue to provide students with an opportunity to learn and develop in a safe and respectful Catholic community. Our school's bullying prevention program provides:

- A connection to the Catholic virtues;
- A key message for students and parents for each month of the school year;
- A grade specific lesson for each month (K-8);
- A key message that is used throughout the school for other activities; and
- The same focus in all grades each month.

The focus for the month of January is Recognizing the Difference Between Conflict and Bullying. The key message is "Conflict is inevitable; bullying is not." Through class discussions and brainstorming, students will learn the difference between bullying and daily conflict, and will learn how to deal with conflict and bullying situations.

Pediculosis (Head lice)

This is the season that head lice is most prevalent. Please check your child(ren) regularly. We will be having a school-wide check this month.

It is Winter!

Now that we are officially in the winter season, we ask that students be sent with appropriate outdoor clothing. Hats, mitts, scarves, boots and snow pants are needed for the cold weather. Students are outside for two recesses and twenty-five minutes at lunch time. We do not have indoor supervision, so they must be prepared to be outside this whole time. You may want to send extra clothes so children have a change when things get wet.



Serious Safety Concern

The area in front of the school, on both sides of the street, is considered a Bus Loading Zone. It is a "no stopping" area from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. This is to ensure the safety of children crossing the street as they come to school or return home. Currently, we have many cars parking, to pick up or drop off students, in this area. This creates a serious safety concern. We ask that you do not park in this area. We are concerned that someone may get seriously hurt if this situation does not improve.



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New School Camera

We had to get a new camera for the school when our old one stopped working. We were given a generous donation from Mrs. Irene Scott towards the camera in memory of her husband Pat who had once attended St. Peter Catholic School. Thank you to the Scott/Downer family for this thoughtful donation.

Reminder – Indoor Shoes

Please remember that all students are to have clean, indoor shoes. This is necessary to avoid muddy messes in the classrooms and for safety reasons in the gym.

School Council News

Happy New Year to all! Thank you to all council members who attended the December meeting. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday January 17th, 2011 at 6:00 in the library. All are welcome to attend. It is a new year and we would really like to see some new faces at our meetings.

Our fall fundraisers were a great success and we are hoping that our spring fundraisers will be also. The council will be selling cheese again in February. The grade 8s will be selling chocolate bars. We are hoping to offer a fudge fundraiser in March and we will be running a BBQ at Walmart in the spring. Please keep these in mind. We really appreciate your support. We would like to sponsor a field trip for all grades in February/March. More details will follow. Thanks again.

The School Council (Sheila Kinstler-chair)

Christmas at St. Peter

Santa and his elf visited St. Peter on the last day of classes before the Christmas break. Students in JK/SK and Grade 1/2 had an opportunity to have a little chat with Santa. The Grade 1/2s also made Gingerbread Houses. The JK/SK students sang a couple of songs for their parents and then shared cake.



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