

May 2014

Page 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



It does not seem possible that our school year is coming to an end. Despite the many snowstorms and snow days, it has been a great year. As summer approaches, encourage your children to read during their time off from school. As they complete the summer work provided by their future teachers, review math and language skills. Take the children regularly to church. Spend time with them and have fun, too!

Providing a faith filled and strong academic education for our children takes the collaboration of many. Thank you to the faculty, staff and Father Wojciech for their work with and concern for the students. Thank you to Father Ivan for his unwavering belief in Catholic school education and his strong faith in the future of St. Peter's School. Thank you to our parents for their support and for sharing their beautiful children with us. Thank you to our students, our kids who bring both challenges and joy to the St. Peter School community.

Every child is unique. At St. Peter we respect each child's abilities and talents. Our school is truly blessed.

Butterfly in the Wind

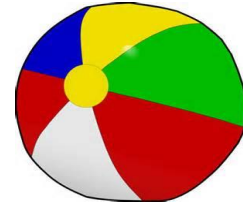
A child is a butterfly in the wind,
Some can fly higher than the others;
But each one flies the best it can.
Why compare one against the other?
Each one is different!
Each one is special!
Each one is beautiful!
Author unknown

May St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, bless you. Have a safe and happy summer.



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

PRESCHOOL - MS. STEEL



This will be our last newsletter for the school year. We will continue to have lots of fun with the upcoming events we have planned. The students are excited about our field trip to the zoo and can't wait to experience it. We are continuing to work hard on our preparations for the Stepping Up Ceremony! The student's are putting in hard work daily for it. These last few weeks of school we will be talking about friendship, ocean life, summer and things that we have learned over the school year. We will also be discussing the transition of some students moving up to Pre-k 4 and others going across the hall to Kindergarten.

I still cannot believe how fast time has gone by! I have enjoyed seeing all the children grow and mature over these past months. It is always great to see all the skills and information they learn and master along the way. I am so very proud of them all! Thank you for a great year and I wish everyone a very happy and healthy summer! Make sure to keep students involved in learning fun during the summer months! Reading to them on a regular basis along with practicing letters and numbers will help them be prepared to start a brand new and exciting school year in September!



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN - MRS. TSIKITAS



It is so hard to believe that this year is so close to the end. We have had so much fun this year, and have grown extremely fond of each other! I truly enjoyed having your children in my class this year! I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your help, understanding and dedication throughout the year. Your children have made such a difference in my life. They were always willing to take on challenges and eager to learn more than they needed to. I am so proud of all of their accomplishments and know they will continue to thrive and do well!

This month we have been finishing up and reviewing work in all academic subjects. We have been working more on writing sentences and reading with fluency. We have also been learning about money and telling time. Please continue practicing reading with your children over the summer as well as practicing basic skills they covered throughout the year. If you re-registered your child, you will be receiving a work packet to be completed over the summer; please be sure to allow the students to complete the work. Summer is a time where children will lose what they have learned, and we don't want them to fall behind. They have all the skills they need for 1st grade, please just be sure to help the children sustain them.

Another important thing we have been getting ready for is graduation. The students have been working so hard learning their songs and movements and can't wait to have you see it! We are eagerly awaiting our caps and gowns so we can try them on and see just how cute they look. I look forward to seeing you all at our celebration!

I hope you all have a relaxing, enjoyable and blessed summer!



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 1 - MISS BRUZZI

Sing a Song of Sunshine

Sing a song of sunshine,
Be happy every day.
Sing a song of sunshine,
You'd chase the clouds away.
Be happy every moment,
No matter what you do.
Just sing and sing and sing and sing,
And let the sunshine through!

By: Jean Warren



It's hard to believe the year is coming to an end. First Grade has had lots of learning and lots of fun.

We are awaiting Miss Bruzzi's return to the classroom. Just need the doctor to say "OK". The students ask about her every day. Each week I continue to take all of their work to Miss Bruzzi, to be checked and graded. Each week Miss Bruzzi gives me a new stack of lesson plans, work, and classroom fun.

First Grade is taking daily trips through reading "National Geographic Kids – Angry Birds Playground – Rainforest". They are learning about the five layers of the forest; Amazon River, Forest Floor, Understory, Canopy, and Emergent Layer. They are excited to learn about each animal or insect. We have learned about Lemurs, Spider Monkeys, Lizards, Snakes, Leopards, Jaguars, Toucans, Red-Eye Tree Frogs, and Blue Morpho Butterflies. Watch for the students to bring home their own book about the Rain Forest Adventures.



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 2– MR. MORGESE

Well, the time has finally come. Warm weather, summer vacation laziness, and the ending of second grade all have arrived. I am honored to say that I was able to teach your child for two years. Not many teachers can say this. With that said, I wish to share some words that may sound familiar to you!

Hope when you take that jump
You don't feel the fall
Hope when the water rises
You built a wall
Hope when the crowd screams out
They're screaming your name
Hope if everybody runs
You choose to stay
Hope that you fall in love
And it hurts so bad
The only way you can know
You gave it all you had
And I hope that you don't suffer
But take the pain
Hope when the moment comes,
You'll choose to say, I did it all
I owned every second that this world could give
I saw so many places, the things that I did
And with every broken bone I swear I lived

If you know me, you know that I live for what I do. I don't have a job. I have a place where I go to enjoy myself, and your child has contributed to that enjoyment. Parents, thank you for being such a big help throughout the year. It was definitely appreciated.

Please remember to register your child for next year. In order for your child to receive a summer work packet you must do so.

Remember, the last day of school is Wednesday, June 18th. The following days are half-days:

Monday, June 16th
Tuesday, June 17th
Wednesday, June 18th

I wish you and your entire family a safe and restful summer break! I will miss all of my little ones. May God bless you!

Hugs and Bulldogs, Mr. D



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 3– MS. TIGHE



Exams

We end the school year with final exams in Religion, Math, Language Arts and Reading. I am confident that the 3rd graders will do very well. They did an excellent job this year in all of their studies. They are prepared for the 4th grade and a glorious summer ahead.

Book Reports

The students handed in their final book reports for the school year which are on display in front of the third grade classroom. Please come and take a look at them. They did an amazing job producing book covers and timeline posters. Some students read books related to transportation and others focused on natural disasters throughout the 19th and 20th century.

First in Math

We have done excellent work in our *First In Math* competition. Joseph Nguyen and Marla Rosa Garcia have both placed 1st among their peers at St Peter's School. Cinthia Martinez has placed third in the school. Third grade is ranked 2nd place at St Peter's School. This is a great accomplishment for us and we are very proud.

I want to thank everyone who is a part of Saint Peter's School, including the parents and students. Together we have made this year great. I appreciate everyone's constant support and warmth during my first year in third grade.

I wish everyone a **Safe and Happy Summer!**



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS



GRADE 4 - MRS. BARTELS

What an amazing, wonderful year this has been! I have watched your children grow and mature, both academically and socially. We have had so much fun learning, singing, and growing into responsible young adults. I am very proud of them!

Happy belated Mother's Day to you all!

I know Mother's Day has passed, but I thought I would dedicate the May Newsletter to you. Your children had so many wonderful things to say and I'd love to share their thoughts about you! Here are just a few of their sentiments:

When I look into my mother's eyes, I see

her looking back at me and loving me with all her heart. - Zyrus
a nice, loving woman. - Chris
a kind and loving mother who helps me with my homework! - Jose
happiness! - Joel
a loving, beautiful woman that will do anything to make me happy. - Javier
a beautiful face! - Giovanni
joy, happiness, and beauty. - Adrian
her beautiful brown eyes. - Michael
kindness, hope, and cheer. Someone who puts up with me every single day! - Bianca
someone who cares for me. - Joseph
a beautiful woman that is kind and loving. - Cyan
love and care. Someone who will do anything for me. - Jarvin
a kind person who makes dinner for me and buys me clothes. - Matthew
a beautiful woman filled with kindness. - Sophia
her beautiful, bright green eyes that love me. - Victoria
a glowing sparkle. The most wonderful mom in the universe! - Karey

I told you your children are the best !

Have a wonderful summer vacation. Enjoy your time with your children!

Mrs. Bartels





*Your complimentary
use period has ended.
Thank you for using
PDF Complete.*

[Click Here to upgrade to
Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features](#)



IE SCHOOL NEWS



GRADE 5 - MRS. BUBENIK

It has been a very busy and exciting May for the fifth grade students. First, I would like to give a BIG round of applause to the student's behavior and singing at the 7th grade Ring Ceremony and at the Spring Concert. All of you did an outstanding job and I couldn't be more proud of you!!!!



Second, I hope all of our mothers enjoyed their Mother's Day- Happy Mother's Day to all of our special moms! Our field trip is scheduled for June 3rd and we would like to give a high five in advance to all our chaperones who accompanied us on our field trip. Your volunteered time to ensure our safety is greatly appreciated. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU!" to our class mother and parents who took the time and made the effort in making our year special. We had a great team effort and the students and I are very thankful!

Next up, Field Day was a fun and successful day. The students had a blast competing in various events and enjoyed the day despite the weather outside. Throughout our excitement in this month the students maintained a great work ethic. The students continue to produce exciting home/school journals where they are illustrating their emotions and opinions more about different topics. I encourage everyone to keep a journal throughout the summer to keep your writing skills sharp and ready for the new school year.

I am awesome because.....

"I am awesome because I am special. Being awesome doesn't mean you have to be popular or good at everything. Everyone can be awesome in their own way. "

What do you think makes a good heart?

"There are many things that make a good heart. One thing is to care for others. Another is having compassion for others. You must be able to forgive people too. To have a good heart, you must be able to love."

"A good heart is like Jesus' heart. His heart is good because he sacrificed his life for us. We have to be good to have a good heart."

Happiness is.....

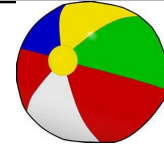
Happiness is an amazing feeling because it makes our lives bright. We need our lives to be happy because if everyone is happy then there would be no violence in the world. Our lives would be dull and full of violence without happiness. Happiness makes life colorful."

~5th Grade Student

Cont.

IE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 5 - MRS. BUBENIK

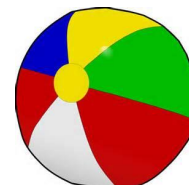
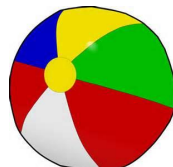
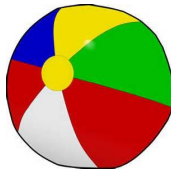


In social studies we have our last project of the school year which is our Revolutionary Scrapbook. I look forward to seeing what everyone has created on May 28th. Please stop by and see the amazing work the students do.

Exams for fifth grade will begin on May 29th through June 5rd. Watch for the schedule in your child's assignment pad and you will also find it posted on the homework blog. Please remember not to wait to the last minute to study. Even though it is crunch time you have to manage your time efficiently, especially during exam week. Remember to have a chapter book and extra pencils with you every day in class.



As I close out my last newsletter of the school year I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the support and beautiful memories that we shared throughout the school year. Remember David, Andrew, Mawutor, Esther, Brianna, Edgar, Allan, Christopher, Alex, Angelo, Aidan, Marcela, Allen, Johnny, and Renee that you are all shining stars that have a bright future ahead of you. I had a wonderful year with all of you and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.



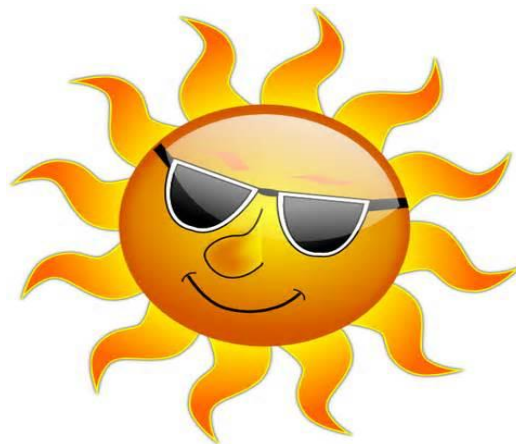
AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS



GRADE 6 - MR. SAGARESE

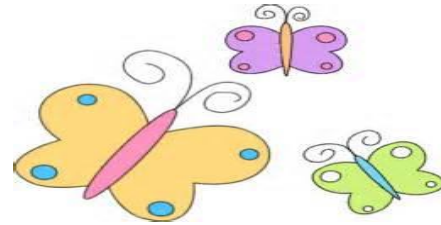
During the week of May 19th, the Student Council planned an event in honor of the brave men and women that had served and died in combat for our country. The student council helped to create the readings and researched a son of St. Peter's Church, Private Edward Crowell Jr. He was wounded during World War I and eventually succumbed from his wounds. There was a military procession bearing his remains from Washington Avenue to St. Peter's Church for his final burial. The story of Private Crowell helps to bring history alive for the students at St. Peter's School and the supreme sacrifice that all soldiers have made. I would like to thank the Student Council members for their hard work for the Memorial Day prayer service.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the class of 2014. I wish you many years of academic success.



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 7 - MRS. VARRICCHIO



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost at an end. When we started out in September June seemed so distant; but here we are almost done. First of all, I wish to thank all the wonderfully generous parents and guardians who helped make our Ring Ceremony a great success. I am sure you agree that it was a beautiful ceremony. The seventh graders went beyond their best to shine through.

Next, this week we will begin to review for final exams that lead to the end of another academic year. We will have an intense review of all our subjects: Religion, Spelling, Grammar, Reading and Science. Outlines to the exams will be provided in class. Both outline and review will also be provided for the sixth and eighth graders. Of course, for them it will be only a Science outline.

As for my sixth graders, a job well done with their CSI script, and we hope to have a production before the academic year ends.

Goodbye to my eighth graders and good luck. Congratulations to all of you.

Have a great summer.

Mrs. Mary Varricchio



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 8—MRS. REESE



It's hard to believe the 8th graders have almost completed their elementary school education. Exams are done and now we need to practice for Graduation.

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for your help and concern this past year. A big thanks goes to Mrs. Melillo, our class mother, who not only shopped for our parties, but looked ahead to get things on sale. Our party money went a long way. Thanks, Mrs. Melillo!

I wish all my students success in high school and in their futures. Remember the words of Dr. Suess, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Congratulations,
Mrs. Reese

Grades 7 and 6: We have learned much in math this year. I am very proud of my students.

Please complete all summer work to prepare you for next year. Have a wonderful summer.

Mrs. Reese



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS



After Care -

We have changed the daily schedule in After Care; here is the new schedule;

3:00-3:15 . All students meet in the Spanish Room

3:15 . 3:45 . PreK . 2nd Grade in Miss Bruzzi's Room for stories

3rd . 8th Grade in Gym

3:45 . 4:00 . All students have snack

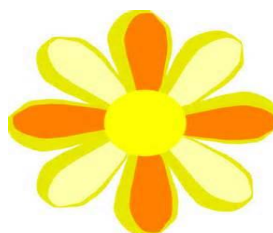
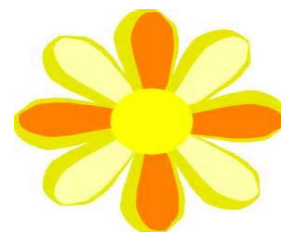
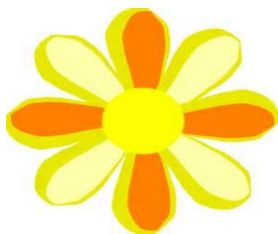
4:00 . 4:30 . PreK . 2nd Grade Homework and Table Toys

4:00 . 5:00 - 3rd . 8th Grade Homework

4:30-6:00 . PreK . 2nd in gym and Floor Toys

5:00 -6:00 . 3rd . 8th return to gym as they finish homework.

Thank you, to all parents for picking their child/children up on time. If you need to contact the After Care Program our Cell # is 973-932-2807.



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION—MR. LAUDATI

Presidential Fitness Challenge concluded. Have a Great Summer and stay fit.



MUSIC - Mr. Gehman

The students worked hard on their songs for the Spring concert which was a success. Very proud of all the children, job well done!

-Mr. Gehman



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

SPANISH/COMPUTERS—MS. O'SHEA



Spanish

The students are working hard in Miss O'Shea's Spanish classes. We're wrapping up the year and having a great time doing it!

The Kindergartners are loving our Spanish alphabet lessons! We just learned the letter *o* (for *oso*, which means bear) and we read the story, *Rubia and The Three Osos* (the book is from our book fair!)

The first graders are learning food vocabulary and will be setting up their own restaurant soon!

Second grade is learning the months of the year in Spanish and can tell you what month their birthdays fall during! Third grade is learning transportation vocabulary and is making good use of our Spanish workbooks!

Grade 4 learned all about our BFFs in the Spanish room (tu and yo ó whenever tu asks a question, yo always answers!) They will now be learning to write their own questions in Spanish! The fifth graders are learning about opposites and have enjoyed illustrating opposites in Spanish and playing our vocabulary board game! Be sure to check out Grade 6's *ciudad* posters outside the Spanish room. The students did a great job drawing and labeling their own cities! Grade 7 just completed a unit on *ar* verbs and *home* vocabulary and did their own *entrevistas* (interviews). Those are also displayed outside the Spanish room!

As we prepare to say adios to the Class of 2014, we can't do so without wrapping up our final unit on travel vocabulary! They have worked hard on this unit, as well as their weekly *fin de semana* (weekend) reports! Congratulations to all!

Thank you all for making my second year at St. Peter's another fun and memorable one! Have a great summer!

Computers

My first year in the St. Peter's Computer Lab is coming to a close, but our work is not done just yet!

Our Kindergarten and first grade students are having a great time practicing drawing and typing skills. They have done some amazing projects based on what they are learning in class ó especially first grade's rainforest drawings. Great job by everyone!

First, second and third graders are focusing on the functions on Microsoft Word. They have learned to type, change fonts, colors and sizes and the third graders have even added word art and pictures to their documents! Grade 4 is learning the finer points of Microsoft Power Point and has put together some amazing slide shows! The fifth graders recently learned to calculate formulas in Microsoft Excel!

All of these skills can be practiced easily over the summer, as long as you have a computer with the Microsoft Office suite installed. There are also similar apps on the iPad that the students can try. They also enjoy the website www.abcya.com, which has many learning games in fun formats for students in Grades K-5.

Our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students recently finished a Power Point project, during which they were asked to create a slide show that introduced a new computer app. They created a new app that would help them complete a task that wasn't previously available through Apple. Some of the ideas ranged from a *Parent Tracker* to a *Homework Helper* and everything in between! Some amazing creativity was shown! In addition, the eighth grade has been working with digital images. They have learned to edit photos and use a web resource to create pop art and motivational posters. Their next step is to take their own photos using digital cameras! We are very excited about the students' final technology project!

I've really enjoyed my first year in the St. Peter's Computer Lab. It's been lots of fun!





St. Peter's School
152 William Street, Belleville, NJ 07109
Saturday June 7, 2014
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Calling All Parents

**Looking to have a Yard or Garage sale this
summer. Well why wait...**
Tables are still Available at St. Peter's School
Rummage/Garage sale only
\$ 25.00 per table



For more information call 973-759-3143 or email office@stpeter-school.org

=====
Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Email: _____

AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS



**David Jude Arthasseril
Paige Savannah Barker
Anthony I. Benitez
Valentina Betancur
Chiarize-Crish Rubia Bulusan
Delvis Burgos
Lyonnel Alexandre Eugene III
Brendon Prince Feliciano
Natalie Nicole Feliciano
Oscar Daniel Gutierrez-Maysonet
Zion Hamilton Hughes
Jaran Y. Khan
Kimberly Nicole Martinez
Sebastian Vicente Martinez
Michael Jesus Mejia
Shawn John Melillo
Ariel Alejandro Molina
Chris Roldan
Osmalyn Urena
Dylan George Vasquez**



AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations

Fourth Grade

Jarvin Mendoza

Fifth Grade

David Betancur

Andrew Cuenca

Brianna Garcia

Christopher Melendez

Marcela Toledo

Sixth Grade

Emmalis Diaz

Matthew Perez

Seventh Grade

Natalia Coba

Amanda Klein

Joel Melendez

Mathew Munoz

Anjanie Perez

Eighth Grade

Chiarize-Crish Bulusan

Lyonnel Eugene

AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations



Grade 1

Winners of both the Box Tops and Pop Tabs Contest...

Grade 1 collected 613 Box Tops and 12,988 Pop Tabs Great Job!!!!

