



ST. PETER TRI-PARISH SCHOOL

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A Feinstein Leadership School

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The Mission of St. Peter Tri-Parish School is to provide its students with a Catholic education that fosters spiritual, academic, and social growth within an atmosphere of mutual respect.



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Dear Parents,

As we near the end of our **Advent season**, it is my hope that we are all a **little closer to God** and **ready to receive Jesus on Christmas Day**. In the words of Bishop Tobin, instead of worrying about the number of shopping days until Christmas, as Christians, we should be asking ‘**How many praying days ‘till Christmas?’** Advent is a wonderful gift. Let’s unwrap it and use it well. (RI Catholic-11-30-17-Bishop Tobin’s Without a Doubt column)

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST WINNERS: It is my pleasure to announce this year’s Christmas Card Contest winners:

Category 1 (K, 1, 2)	Siera Nardoza, Grade 1
Category 2 (3, 4, 5)	Sophia Ferraro, Grade 5
Category 3 (6, 7, 8)	Massimo Papa, Grade 6

All winners received a **\$10.00 gift certificate to Newport Creamery**. **Sophia and Massimo's cards** were printed and used as the **school's Christmas card**.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's contest. **Everyone did a fantastic job!**

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE: On Friday, December 1st, our **Middle School students** attended a day long presentation by **Father Leo Patalinghug** at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium in Providence. The Diocesan Offices of Catholic Youth Ministry and Faith Formation and Family Life sponsored this event for **Middle School students in the Diocese**.

Our students loved **Father Leo's humorous stories and interaction with the audience**. Father Leo drew on his **background of martial arts, break dancing, and his appearance on "Throw Down with Bobby Flay"** to connect with the students. Our students said his use of **student volunteers to depict physical examples of hard to grasp religious concepts really made an impact on them**. Everyone had a **fun, faith-filled day!** To find out more about Father Leo and his ministry visit his website gracebeforemeals.com.

(Submitted by Lisa Der Manouelian, Middle School teacher.)

WIZARD OF OZ: **Grades 3, 4 & 5** had a wonderful morning at **Bishop Hendricken High School** watching **their classmates as Munchkins** in the **Wizard of Oz**. I even got to pet Toto in the hallway with Dorothy before the performance! Also fun to see, were the many **St. Peter alumni** in various capacities in the production: **Andrew Cavanagh ('17), Tess Manouelian ('16), Haeleigh DeFeo ('16), and Marissa Birmingham ('16)**.

We **thank Bishop Hendricken for involving our students in their production of Wizard of Oz and for inviting our students to see the production free of charge!** They even provided the transportation!!

BISHOP HENDRICKEN CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Once again, our students were invited to be a **part of the Bishop Hendricken Christmas Choral Concert which includes the Young Men's Chorus and the Arts Academy Chorus both from Bishop Hendricken**. We had **four students** join the **Christmas Youth Ensemble** this year: **Elizabeth Cavanagh (Gr. 7), Alexandra Howlett (Gr. 5),**

Zachary Young (Gr. 6) and Ashley Young (Gr. 4). It amazes me every year to see what **Mrs. Mary Jo Gambardella, Director of Choirs at Bishop Hendricken**, can do with these children with **just 4 practices**. The concert was wonderful and always puts me in the **Christmas spirit**.

LEGO ROBOTICS COMPETITION: On December 2nd, the **Lego Robotics Team** participated in the **Qualifying Tournament**. They **worked hard all trimester** and were **judged on their research project skit, robot programming and attachments**, and **three robot competition rounds**. It was an exciting day and the **team did well overall**. We continue to **meet once a week for Lego Robotics fun and preparation for next year's challenge**. (Submitted by Anne Graham, Science teacher.)

MEMORIAL WALL: The **Memorial Wall** commemorating **those who are battling cancer** and **those who have succumbed to cancer is complete!!** You can see it on the **basement floor level** near the **Science room**. On Friday, December 8th, **Dr. Candace Dyer** came to school to **accept the money we raised on Pink Day for the Breast Health Center at Kent Hospital**. **Dr. Dyer** has many titles, including **general surgeon**, presently she **only performs breast surgery**. She spoke to the students and explained to them **how the money we raised would be used**.

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY: We had another very successful **Christmas Fun Day** under the direction of **Mrs. Alicia Warren, committee chairperson**, and her **hardworking volunteers, including her mom, Mrs. Pat Lage**. All of the **months of hard work and planning** were **certainly evident on Monday**. **Students, teachers and the volunteers all had a great day**.

We **thank** all who supported this great day by **donating for the raffle, lending a helping hand at set-up and throughout the day Monday**. **Mrs. Gabe Birmingham** was back again in charge of the **meatball subs and the pizza**. Of course, the **highlight of the day was a visit from Santa!** **Katy Magee** lent her artistic talents to **pictures with Santa**. **Job well done, Alicia!**

EXTENDED DAY: We will have **Extended Day on the last day of school, Friday, December 22nd**. Please be considerate of our teachers and pick up

your children promptly so that our teachers can go home to prepare for Christmas. Thank you for your cooperation.

BASKETBALL NEWS: I am so happy to announce that our **boys' basketball team won the very **first game of the season!! Congratulations!****

Their **second game** took place on Saturday, December 16th **against St. Mary**. It was a **tough but good game**. **St. Mary** was the **victor** with a score of **47 to 37**. The **high scorers** in the game were **Domenic Brazeau with 17 points** and **Amer Fallahiya with 10 points**.

Please show your support for the team by attending their games!

FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL:

GRADE 8

FIRST HONORS: Siena Algeo, Aidan Moreira, Emily Patenaude

**SECOND HONORS: Gavin Drew, Alex Ferolito, Benjamin Fontaine, Joseph McNulty,
Kelsey Pate, Joseph Raulino**

GRADE 7

**FIRST HONORS: Elizabeth Cavanagh, Hannah DeFeo, Luke Karpowich,
Gianna Ramos, Aaron Sullivan**

**SECOND HONORS: Elizabeth Alcantara, Liam Berube, Nicholas Broccoli,
Jacob Minnis, John Pine, Jameson Young**

GRADE 6

**FIRST HONORS: Avery Adams, Lauren Birmingham, Liam Bonney,
Olivia Weidele**

SECOND HONORS: Maxwell Brooks, Aidan Ferolito, Georgia Moreira,

Massimo Papa, Tory Stamatakos, Zachary Young

THIRD HONORS: Emma Finkelstein

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY: Report cards went home on Friday, December 8th. Parent/Teacher conferences took place on Friday, December 15th.

STOP AND SHOP: Our school is participating in the Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program. Our ID # is 07435. **If you supported our school last year, you DO NOT need to register your card again.**

25 WEEK CLUB: The winners of the 6th drawing of the 25 Week Club were:
Richard & Karyn Denningham \$50.00 Jessica Weaver \$50.00
Carol McCormick \$25.00 Arthur Legault \$25.00

Winners of the 7th drawing were:

Cindy Barrington \$50.00 Nick Stamatakos \$50.00
Jerry Felix \$25.00 Alicia Curtin \$25.00

The winners of the 8th drawing were:

Tara Bogs \$50.00 Jill Haun \$50.00
Amy Carbarry \$25.00 Victor Ribeiro \$25.00

MANDATORY FUNDRAISING: Invoices were mailed out this week to those families who did not make a selection for their \$250.00 Mandatory Fundraising option or those who selected Option 1-----2 25 Week Club memberships but only sent in payments for 1 membership. All payments are due by January 19, 2018. You can still purchase 25 Week Club memberships rather than just paying the additional \$250.00 tuition. Just send a note in with your payment indicating the names that you wish for the 2 or 1 memberships, whichever applies to you. All payments must be made to the school office, not included with your usual tuition payment. Please contact Mrs. Rossi if you have any questions. Again, this fee is mandatory for all families.

TUITION: The seventh tuition payment is due on January 2, 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES:

**DECEMBER 22 FREE DRESS DOWN DAY
 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

DECEMBER 23—JANUARY 1—CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO SCHOOL

**DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**JANUARY 2 SCHOOL RESUMES
JANUARY 8 DRESS DOWN \$5.00 PER FAMILY FOR
JANUARY 9 LIFETOUCH PICTURE RETAKES--afternoon
 SCHOOL GUILD MEETING 7:00 PM (Planning for
 Catholic Schools Week)
JANUARY 10 PRINCIPAL MEETING
JANUARY 11 SCHOOL SPELLING BEE**

As you celebrate the miracle of this special season, may your heart be filled with joy and peace. May these holiday blessings linger in your home and stay with you throughout the year.

God bless and Merry Christmas!

Joan Sickinger
Principal

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