



# T H E A E R I E

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*"St. Peter's Lutheran School exists to glorify God through Christian Nurture, Mission Outreach, Quality Academic and Religious Education."* — Mission Statement

## Notes from the Principal. . .

Welcome to another great school year. We are off to a good start, and lots of things are happening. Coming back to school for most of us is a culture shock. Getting up early (after of summer of not); dressing a certain way; needing to have all of our supplies with us; having a time schedule to maintain. Yes, the school year starts and brings a new world for most people.

This summer, while on vacation at our daughter's home in Germany, I became very aware of different cultures or worlds. We were at a church service at their church. The service was geared to welcome their German Friends. The service was in English and everything was then translated. A couple of songs were in English and a couple in German. Either way one group was "left out". Two different bulletins, and two different bibles. The Germans sat on one side of the church and the English speaking people on the other. (I don't know why). There was the common bond of worshipping the same Lord.

While there we stayed on the army base in Mannheim, which is a culture in itself. At the bank on base you have to choose whether you want American money or Euros. Now on the base you can only spend American money and off the base only Euros. So you walk around with two kinds of money, and need to think before you reach for it and spend it. Most menus, street signs, and advertisements were in a different language. It was

a very interesting experience to figure out how and where you fit in a different environment.

I sometimes think that we at St Peter's live in a different culture or world than the one we find as we drive out of the parking lot. This was shown in a conversation I had with an eighth grader about swearing. The student said, "Well, you shouldn't swear here at school." As I opened my mouth he caught himself and said, "We shouldn't swear anywhere."

We live in a world where we try teaching children to  
*Love others,*  
*To consider other peoples needs first,*  
*To choose not to be mean to others,*  
*To choose to pray for those who are mean to you.*  
*That there is a creator who is involved with His people,*  
*That we are asked to respect and take care of*  
*everything in this creation,*  
*Where the measure of your character is more*  
*important than the amount of things you have.*  
*Where eternal salvation is yours as you believe in a*  
*savior who loves you enough to die for your sins.*

1 Corthinians 3:19 reminds us,

***"For the Wisdom of this world is foolishness  
in God's sight."***

Grace and Peace,  
Ann L. Cunningham

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## Early Childhood Center News

The land of the Teddy Bears, Ducks, and Bees has been buzzing with excitement. Our three-year old children are Teddy Bears, our four-year old children are Ducks, and our kindergarten students are Busy Bees. We've had a great start to an exciting year. We've explored the world of colors, mixing and experimenting and even making ice cube paint. We learned about apples and made our own applesauce. We have explored

the heavens and found planets, stars and the sun. We made rocket ships and space suits. It's interesting to watch children as their imagination takes them to places far away.

We have also learned about God and that He created all the animals and all of the people. He made each of us with a body, arms and legs, and a head, but also created each of us as a special person with different gifts and talents.

Our building had a makeover this summer. We added a cement work area in our playground and took out the old wooden sand boxes and put in a new cinder block sand box with white, beach sand. We have room to add garden boxes later in the year. We also added a little color to our walls.

It is a joy to work in the Early Childhood Building.

– Kristin Puccinelli

## News Bytes



Greetings to all students and their families! Like the past two years I will teach grades four through eight on Tuesday and Thursday. I anticipate another busy year in the computer lab where I will challenge students to become more proficient in typing and in Microsoft Office Suite 2003. As most of you probably know the suite includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Publisher.

As the school year progresses I would like to integrate Microsoft Office 2003 with some of the curriculum that our fourth through eighth teachers use. I anticipate using these applications in various ways throughout the school year with my fellow teachers. I will continue to teach the basic skills associated with each program but will coordinate my technology classes with their classes. And of course all my students will use Mavis Beacon to learn to type and improve their overall typing skills and proficiency.

I like the idea of coordinating technology with some of the subjects our students do in their classes. Recently, Mrs. Adams and I coordinated our efforts by using MS Word. She had a writing assignment that she wanted her students to complete. I designed an exercise around her assignment where my students were asked to employ various features of Word such as indenting and aligning paragraphs, setting a font size and style, and correctly setting margins through page setup. They also had to word process and use correct spelling.

Last year Mrs. Kennicutt and I coordinated technology with her state reports. I designed a PowerPoint assignment where her students were asked to create eight slides that included animation, transitions, graphics, and backgrounds. We plan to duplicate our efforts again this year. I plan to work with all of the fourth through eighth teachers on different assignments during the year. I will keep you posted!

The lab will be open on Tuesday and Thursday until 4p.m. Many students take advantage of the lab to catch up on homework, Latin, or to practice typing or research some subject. On many occasions I will reward them for their hard work with free time during the last fifteen minutes of lab.

I plan to coach the boy's "A" and "B" basketball teams again this year. I look forward to seeing you at our games and working with your boys on the court. The "B" basketball team will begin practicing the first week in October.

If you need to reach me you can email me: [dluca@splseagles.org](mailto:dluca@splseagles.org) or call me at 689-3050. Thanks again for the opportunity to teach your children.

– Domenick Lucca



## Silly Second Grade Stories

The new school year has gotten off to a great start, and Second Graders are hard at work! We have begun our first reading theme, "Silly Stories". We will be reading great stories about a dragon's funny shopping trip, a little girl who receives a pet pig from Alaska, and a group of animals that take over Mrs. Brown's house.

As one of our first assignments, the children had to come up with a silly story of their own. They were given a story starter, and they filled in the blanks to create their stories. Here are a few for you to enjoy:

One day, a possum came into our classroom. It bounced on its head and then it rolled up into a ball. Finally, my teacher threw it out of the window. Then the principal came and told her to teach us about possums.

– Jada Burns

One day, an egg rolled and came into our classroom. It started to fly and then it danced for two hours. Finally, my teacher put it in the trash. The egg flew out of the trash. The egg did a spin. The egg went away.

– Quinlan Creighton

One day, a frog came into our classroom. It hopped everywhere and then it was so fast! Finally, my teacher was so tired from trying to catch the frog. The problem was the teacher fell asleep and didn't teach the class.

– Kyle Fedor

One day, a sleeping dinosaur came into our classroom. He bonked his head when he was coming in, and then it woke up. Finally, my teacher got some ice. Then he started learning. It was time for recess, but he was too big to play on the playground.

– Cade Abbott Jr.



One day, a rabbit eating a pickle came into our classroom. It said, "Hey, why is everyone looking at me?" And then it walked up to the teacher and sat down. Finally, my teacher picked it up and handed it to me. Then I got pencils and glue and made a cage. After that I put him in. Then I gave him a carrot and he said, "Thanks!"

– Rebecca Stender

One day, a jumping rhino came into our classroom. It jumped on our desks and then it fell on me. Finally, my teacher fired it. Soon, another jumping rhino came in. It ran out of control. Then it ran over another desk.

– Melody Yu

One day, a blue bird came into our classroom. It was singing and then it sat down and started to learn. Finally, my teacher was happy a new student came in. She introduced her. She is seven years old. Her birthday is on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

– Isabella Frazier

One day, a dinosaur came into our classroom. It was so hungry and then it was snack time. Finally, my teacher said, "Get your snack." So he got his snack and he ate his snack. He was still hungry. So he took a drink. He loves school.

– Faith Johnson

## Wonka-Wildness

The seventh graders started their year with a chocolate-explosion! This summer, each seventh grader was to read the Roald Dahl novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. When they returned to campus, the students took an A.R. test and did very well. The class then dove into the fun of Wonka! They created their very own candies, from Reptile Attractor Bars (makes every lizard your friend) to Growth Gum (you can be super big or very small!). They then met in groups to create a commercial selling their wacky candies- the trick though, was that they needed to incorporate one of the seven forms of propoganda that they had studied in class. Boy were there some crazy commercials! The culminating activity was the Cake Decorating Contest. Children met in small groups to plan and execute the decorating of a donated cake. They try to be as appealing as possible. The children were very creative in their use of frosting and candies. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders voted on the creations, and the cake created by Ben Konvalin, Karenna Pullen, and Spencer LeBleu won. What a great, and tasty, way to start the year!



## Sports Corner

Welcome back to a great year in sports at St. Peter's. We start off the year playing volleyball. Coach Nicolos heads up all 3 teams again this year with the help of Mr. Christian. Our games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays through out the months of September and October and conclude with a tournament on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Grace Lutheran School in Modesto.

Playing for St. Peter's this year are the following athlete's:

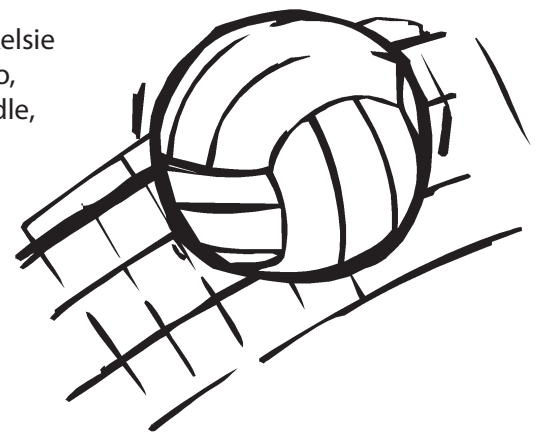
**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Coed Team:** Faith Carter, Melina Cesarini, Emily Hicks, Jared Morrow, Madison Neola, and Valerie Tucker.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Coed Players** are: Katie Andrews, Stephan Becker, Xavier Braham, Faith Diwata, Christopher Fong, Alex Hall, Reagan Healey, Steven Hellem, Jonathan Hicks, Michael Sinclair, and Jayme Stepps.

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Team:** Sarah Gonzales, Allison Wilbanks, Hope Diwata, Kelsie Kennicutt, Emmy MacAllister, Ciara Martinez, Rebecca Oliver, Amanda Puleo, and Katie Velon. The boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade team: Alfonso Barraza, Andrew Caudle, Zachary Caudle, Ryan Fong, Joshua Midthun, Brennan Reed, Thirsten Stockton, Gabe Gavia, Ryan Hedum, Joel Konvalin, and Evan Kranhold.

Please come out and cheer them on. Our Volleyball game schedule is on the calendar on the web marked *Events and Activities*. If you would like to help in our snack bar for parent hours please talk to Mrs. Bunting.

***It is always a great day to be an Eagle!***





## Welcome Back to Library News!

How wonderful it is to be back in the library with all your children! Everyone is excited about books and... **Accelerated Reader!** Our AR (Accelerated Reader) program continues to be a tremendous success! The program started strong the first week of school. Star tests were completed (to determine reading levels) and students started reading, reading, reading! Our first awards ceremony was on Wednesday, September 9th. Twenty eight students received awards! The year has just started and these children are motivated to read!

The second Wednesday of each month is our special "**Lanyard Wednesday**". On this day we recognize all who have earned their St. Peter's

lanyard. The lanyard is earned when a student receives their first 25 points. Encourage your children to wear their lanyard on this special day.

The school library is a great resource for Accelerated Reader books. Come check us out! The library is open on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30-3:00 and Wednesdays from 9:00-3:00. Your children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, visit the library on Wednesdays. Kindergarten and Preschool have story time on Fridays. Thanks so much for supporting us in our **Accelerated Reader** program!

Welcome back to books!!  
Your Librarian, Lynn Stender

### AR SCHEDULE

2009-2010	CUT OFF DATE	AWARDS CHAPEL
AUGUST	9/4 Friday	9/9
SEPTEMBER	9/30 Wed.	10/14
OCTOBER	10/28 Wed.	11/4
NOVEMBER	11/30 Monday	12/9
DECEMBER	1/5/2010 Tuesday	1/13
JANUARY	1/29 Friday	2/10
FEBRUARY	2/26 Friday	3/10
MARCH	3/31 Wed.	4/14
APRIL	4/30 Friday	5/12
MAY	5/28 Friday	6/1

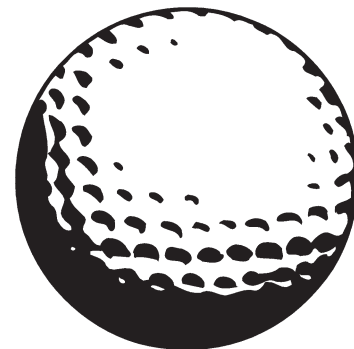
# October Calendar



# November Calendar

## Golf Tournament

The annual Golf Tournament is fast approaching. Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Valley High Country Club is where it will happen. Each year the tournament raises between \$10,000-15,000 for our Tuition Assistance Fund. Each year this fund is able to help 10-20 families who could not otherwise send their children to St. Peter's School.



**You can still help!**

**We need Players, Sponsors and Volunteers.**

**This is a great way to get exercise and support the school!**

**Sponsors**, you can sponsor a hole and have a sign with your name posted. Or if you have a business or know someone that does we can use raffle prizes, also for the classroom baskets.

**Volunteers**, earn Parent Hours for working the day of the tournament!

*Please call the office if you can help or if you need more information.*

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