

St. Peter's Montessori/Elementary School
November 2011 School Commission Report

1. First quarter report cards will be sent home this Friday, November 11. All of our students (traditional kindergarten through grade six) will be receiving computerized report cards. With this format, report cards do not need to be signed by parents and returned to school. However, this means teachers will not be collecting report cards and verifying that parents have seen and signed them. Therefore, it is important that parents look at our yearly calendar, monthly calendars, and read my weekly letters to be aware of dates that report cards are being distributed.
2. Our own resident technology experts, Mr. Dave Evans and Mr. Sam Chamberlin, will be the guests of Doug Theaker on "I Love My Job" on WMFD-TV. The show featuring technology at St. Peter's School will be aired tomorrow, Thursday, November 10 at 8:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. These are new broadcast dates from the information I sent home in last week's letter. Please mark these new dates/times on your family calendar and be sure to tune in.
3. St. Peter's Athletic Boosters Twelfth Annual Reverse Raffle will be held this Saturday, November 12 at Eastbrook Center Social Hall, 720 Fifth Ave. Tickets are now on sale in the Parish Center Office or from any Booster Club member. Your \$100 ticket includes dinner for two, plus a chance at \$10,000 (if ticket sales goal is met). There also will be a side-board, 50/50, and monte carlo games. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served until 8:30 p.m. and the raffle begins at 7:30 p.m. The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit St. Peter's School student athletes and Spartan Fields.
4. Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are scheduled for Thursday evening, November 17 (grades K-6 including specialists Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Dickerhoof, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Kulka, Mrs. Pennell and ASP tutors Ms. Boger, Mrs. Bracco, Mrs. Liddy, Mrs. Vaught) and Tuesday evening, November 22 (grades K-2).
5. The first meeting of the Safety Committee will be held on Monday, November 21 at 8:15 in the elementary school's faculty lounge.
6. St. Peter's Parents' Club is hosting their annual Christmas Classic on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. First, second, and third graders will provide entertainment at 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. respectively.
7. The elementary school choir concert will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. and the elementary/junior high school band concert will take place on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. Both concerts will be held in the high school auditorium.

8. Students in grades 3-6 were administered the diagnostic/assessment tool called the "Performance Series" by the Scantron Corporation in October. "Performance Series" is a Computer Adaptive Test that students took on-line. Students were tested in the areas of mathematics, reading, language arts, and science. Computer Adaptive Tests begin by asking students questions at their grade level and then adjusts automatically to each student's ability level, generating more difficult questions if the student is answering correctly and easier ones if the student is having difficulty. The approximate testing time per student per subject area is 45 to 90 minutes. In addition to the October testing students will be assessed again in April to measure their growth. There are many advantages to this testing format. One is that our teachers will have access to a students' performance within minutes of their having been tested. Also, student performance data will be available to teachers twenty-four hours a day at a secure password protected web site. Results of the test will be shared with parents in this week's home-school envelope.
9. St. Peter's Parents' Club is offering Save Around Coupon books again this year as a fundraiser. Each family is receiving in today's home-school envelope a promotional coupon book and an envelope on which to write orders. Please use this promotional coupon book when you are selling to family and friends so they can see the exceptional value our school is offering. The coupons are mostly "buy one get one free" from local businesses. Each coupon book is \$20.00 and all coupons are valid through 2012. Checks are to be made payable to St. Peter's Parents' Club. If you have any questions, please contact Allie Watson at 419-610-6906.
10. Once again this year, St. Peter's Elementary School has teamed up with Artsonia to showcase our students' artwork on the Internet. Artsonia is the world's largest online art museum with thousands of pieces of art created by students in over 100 countries. This project helps boost the students' pride and self-esteem, technology awareness and multi-cultural understanding. In addition, Artsonia enables parents, relatives and friends to view the child's artwork on-line. Besides showcasing our students' artwork on the Internet, Artsonia also offers parents high quality gift items imprinted with your child's own artwork. The school arts program will receive 15% of all the order revenue. You can see your child's artwork as well as other artwork by visiting <http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=277>.

