

St. Peter's Elementary School
February 2010 School Commission Report

1. I've attached a letter sent recently to parents of students in grades four through six about a program entitled "Dignity for All." Please read the attachment for further information about this program.
2. I hope to have information about next year's enrollment for all of you at our meeting on Tuesday. The secretaries are processing student registration forms (returning and new students) and will give me an update on numbers hopefully by tomorrow.
3. Ohio leads the nation in offering meaningful options for parents who want to provide a better education for their children, through three stellar school choice initiatives—the EdChoice Scholarship Program, the Autism Scholarship Program, and the Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program. School Choice Ohio, located in Columbus, is a nonprofit organization that provides outreach to Ohio's parents and children, as well as to their legislative and community leaders, and encourages them to engage in the discussion about school choice, as well as dialogue about school improvement initiatives. School Choice (www.schoio.org) has been instrumental in advocating the EdChoice Scholarship Program across the state of Ohio these last four years. This year's application/enrollment period for the EdChoice Scholarship Program began on Monday, February 1 and continues through April 1 **for eligible students now attending or who would be attending Malabar (grades 7-8), Springmill (grades 4-6), Hedges (grades 4-6), and Prospect (K-3) Schools for the 2010-11 school year.**
4. "Come and See Us" days will be held in the Montessori and elementary school from Tuesday, February 16 through Friday, February 19. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to tour the buildings, visit classes in session, talk with administration and staff, and learn more about the academic and extracurricular programs. If you know of a family who is considering St. Peter's for the 2010-11 school year, please encourage them to call the office (419-524-3351) to schedule a visit.
5. Families who need assistance with paying tuition are encouraged to use the Private School Assistance Service (PSAS) form which can be picked up in the school office or in the tuition office. It is a confidential way for you to apply for tuition assistance and for St. Peter's School to determine how our assistance monies will be dispersed. Using your federal tax information, complete the PSAS form and mail it to Private School Aid Service, P.O. Box 770728, Lakewood, Ohio 44107-0034 by **April 19, 2010.**
6. Ash Wednesday (February 17) begins the season of Lent for Christians. Lent is a special time of prayer, reflection, penitence and good works which encompasses the forty days leading up to the great feast of Easter, the Lord's Resurrection.

During Lent, we encourage our students to live out their Christian faith in meaningful ways. This year's Lenten observance at St. Peter's Elementary School will emphasize prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The school entryway will reflect the colors of the Lenten season and will remind students each day of our Lenten focus. Parents are welcome to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass with our elementary students next Wednesday, February 17 at 8:15 a.m.