

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

1. Enrollment figures for the 2010-2011 school year as of March 8, 2010.

<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
K – 54	Grade 1 – 39 (2 registrations not returned, 5 current kindergarten students repeating, and 8 current students not returning)
Grade 1 – 44	Grade 2 – 48 (1 registration not returned, 1 current student not returning, 6 new students)
Grade 2 – 50	Grade 3 – 49 (1 student not returning)
Grade 3 – 43	Grade 4 – 47 (4 new students)*
Grade 4 – 47	Grade 5 – 43 (1 registration not returned, 3 current students not returning)
Grade 5 – 43	Grade 6 – 42 (1 student not returning---hoping to return as a 7 th grader on the EdChoice program for the 2011-2012 school year)

*I am waiting on documentation/verification of grades and behavior with one fourth grade student before enrollment is accepted.

Montessori and kindergarten enrollment will be given at next month's meeting. We are still in the process of finalizing numbers and completing kindergarten screening (March 19 and March 26).

2. The administration of the elementary school and Tina Siegfried as well as Kathy Morris has met to discuss ideas of ways to increase enrollment, especially in our Montessori and kindergarten programs. Kathy will share our ideas as well as what has been implemented at this month's meeting. Thank you, Kathy, for your assistance with these projects!
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 again because of the bad weather which forced school to be closed or delayed. The Montessori and elementary school will have their "Come and See Us" days the week of March 22. 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. St. Peter's Elementary School will participate in the second annual TNT Tech Fair on Tuesday, March 16 (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.) at NCOCC. Mrs. Nichole Carrier and Miss Kaysi Eighinger will demonstrate interactive lessons on the Smartboard that are used in their classrooms to engage students' learning. Mrs. Sarah Rizzo and Mr. Dave Evans will be presenting a sixth grade Reader's Theater Project students created using Movie Maker.
7. I've included in this month's report again the letter sent to parents of students in grades four through six about the Toledo Diocesan program entitled "Dignity for All." Mr. DiLallo's sessions with our students began with the discussion of leadership, including the qualities of a good leader and how to foster the leadership qualities inherent in each person (Phase I). A large part of his time with the students was then spent in providing strategies, protocols, and opportunities for students to demonstrate their own leadership in choosing to initiate or respond to discussion with other students about situations and behaviors which caused distress and hurt feeling with each other (Phase II).

The teachers plan to give the students a chance to assimilate what they have learned through Mr. DiLallo's leadership and to reflect on what has been accomplished in repairing and strengthening relationships among their peers. On March 25 (Phase III), Mr. DiLallo will return to see how the students are progressing and to help them move forward as young Christian students.

8. The teachers in the elementary school continue their training on Moodle. Moodle is a classroom management system. It does not compete with Progressbook but rather opens more options for the classroom teacher and students. Moodle has many options including giving teachers the ability to discuss topics with students online, share activities, give online assessments (auto graded), poll students,

receive homework electronically, etc. My goal is to have everyone of our elementary school teachers implement Moodle in some form for the 2010-2011 school year.

9. Upcoming dates:

- March 17 – 3rd Grade Reconciliation Service
- March 22 – Curriculum Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- March 24 – Moodle training – elementary teachers – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- March 25 – Phase III – “Dignity for All”
- March/April – Scantron testing (grades 3-6) – consult testing calendar (online or universal calendar)
- April 2 through April 9 – Spring Break
- April 12 School Reconvenes
- April 13 – School Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- April 14 – Author Visit (non-fiction), Brian Cleary – Lakewood, Ohio
- April 15 – P/T/S Conferences (teacher requested conferences)