

St. Peter's Montessori/Elementary School  
November 2010 School Commission Report

1. I've attached the elementary agenda/minutes/updates given to members of the Curriculum Committee that met on October 25.
2. The Montessori Luncheon held at Westbrook Country Club was well received by those in attendance. In fact, two of the families who attended the event have enrolled their children (three) in the program. The current enrollment stands at 93, an increase of six students from the fifth-day enrollment count provided to the diocese. Thanks to Dianne Amalfitano, Elizabeth Daniels, and Maura Siegenthaler for hosting the luncheon, and to Kathy Morris for all the work behind the scenes in preparing for this event.
3. **"MONTESSORI KIDS AT WORK"** night is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 6:00- 7:00 p.m. Parents who are looking for a unique and highly respected program for their preschool age children are invited to the Montessori House that evening to learn about the Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten program. Montessori staff will be there to answer any questions prospective parents may have about the program and its philosophy. Visiting parents that evening also will be able to observe current students doing their "works."
4. St. Peter's Parents' Club is hosting their annual Christmas Classic on Saturday, December 4 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.
5. The elementary school choir concert will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 2:30 p.m. and the elementary/junior high school band concert will take place on Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Both concerts will be held in the high school auditorium.
6. 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 the near future.

7. 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>.