

St. Peter's Elementary School
October 2009 School Commission Report

1. Jim Bisenius, child and adolescent therapist, will be here at St. Peter's on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium to speak to parents about bullying. His session is designed to help you understand bullying in today's society and to help you give your child tools to deal with bullying. He will be meeting with the elementary school teachers on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the atrium area of the FAC.
2. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held in the elementary school on Thursday, November 12 and Thursday, November 19 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The end of the first quarter is Friday, October 30. The Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences held last week for grades 5 and 6 were well attended by parents. The fifth and sixth grade conferences are held at first quarter interim time to give teachers the opportunity to address student performance before the end of the quarter. This gives students a chance to improve their grades before the first quarter report card is sent home.
3. Picture retake day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11.
4. I will share with all of you information/letter I recently received from the Mansfield/Ontario/ Richland County Health Department regarding the H1N1 influenza. I spoke to our school nurse, Jenny Spires, and she believes we should send this letter home to parents in our home-school envelope on Wednesday.
5. The Catholic Conference of Ohio has issued an "Action Alert." Catholic school parents and personnel are urged to contact their State Senator and Representative as well as Governor Strickland regarding the state budget bill. The attached flyer will explain that two bills have been introduced to restore funding to our Catholic schools. Even though the bills are "long shots," statewide support from Catholic school stakeholders will send a message that we will continue to advocate for equal treatment. The effort will also let those legislators who are friendly to us know that we appreciate and support their efforts on our behalf.

Dear (Senator Bill Harris/Representative Jay Goyal),

As a parent of a child enrolled in a Catholic school within your district, I am very concerned about the impact of budgetary cuts in Auxiliary Services and Administrative Cost Reimbursement on Catholic schools. I ask you to undertake efforts to restore funding for both programs to pre-cut levels. Thank you for your consideration.

