

St. Peter's Parish School Commission
High School and Junior High Report for Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Looking Back...

1. Junior High Scantron Testing and High School Ohio Graduation Testing are behind us now. We've also recently given the National French, Latin, and Spanish Exams. (Junior High Ohio Achievement Tests for EdChoice students and High School Advanced Placement Tests are next.)
2. Many thanks to so many people who helped with our before Easter vacation activities. Thanks to all who helped with Winter Sports Awards, with *Carnival*, with the Red Cross Bloodmobile, with the Easter Bake Sale, with our Lenten Penance Services, and with Holy Thursday Morning Prayer.
3. Congratulations to Olivia Kastelic and Katie Kowalski who earned Superior ratings at district level Science Fair competition! Thanks to Mr. Bob Neumann for organizing all levels of Science Fair.

Looking Ahead...

1. High School students lost two of their Spirit Week Days to bad weather so they are rescheduled for Tuesday and Friday of this week. While high school students have their Academic Challenge assembly, junior high students will hear about scheduling for next year. They will receive paperwork about class choices which they can take home and share with their parents.
2. Spring sports are in full swing. Junior high athletes could choose from spring soccer, track, and softball. High school spring sports include baseball, softball, tennis (boys), and track.
3. Parent-Teacher Conferences for high school and junior high families take place on Thursday, April 15, from 5:00 until 8:00 PM.
4. Sixteen high school students will travel with Mrs. Maryanne Chengelis, Theology and Child Development Instructor, to Kalamazoo, Michigan for PeaceJam this Friday, April 16. *PeaceJam is an international education program built around leading Nobel Peace Laureates who work personally with youth to pass on the spirit, skills and wisdom they embody. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, themselves and the world.* These words come from the PeaceJam Mission Statement. Every year, Mrs. Chengelis comes back with students who are on fire to help others and share what they've experienced. We wish them a safe and meaningful weekend!

5. Our juniors will attend the annual Mock Crash presentation at the Richland County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 20. Wednesday, April 21, is the rain date. Mr. Charlie Henrich is the junior class adviser.
6. Honors certificates for third quarter will be presented to junior high students after Mass on Thursday, April 22, and to high school students after Mass on Thursday, April 29.
7. After school on Thursday, April 22, at least five junior high and five high school student council members will leave for their annual Ohio Association of Student Councils State Conference. This year's conference is in Celina, Ohio. Both the high school and junior high groups are up for awards again this year. They will return from Celina on Sunday, April 25. Junior high advisers are Mrs. Jackie Kulka and Miss Angie Dillon. High school adviser is Mrs. Monica Sved.
8. The high school Academic Challenge Team competes in regionals in Tiffin on Saturday, April 24. Mrs. Maryanne Chengelis & Mr. Steve Bernath are coaches.
9. The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony for the new class will take place on Monday, April 26, from 11:40 – 12:15, on our group meeting assembly schedule. All students in grades 7 – 12 will attend. The board does plan to move future years' application processes to the fall, as predicted in a previous meeting's report. They are still discussing whether they will induct juniors and seniors only. (Principal's note: I am in favor of inducting only juniors and seniors because sophomores have had too few academic semesters in the high school if we induct in the fall.) Mrs. Carol Leaf is NHS adviser.
10. Eighth graders from Ashland St. Edward Elementary School will visit on Thursday, April 29, from 9:00 until 1:30. They will attend Mass with the high school and junior high, followed by the honors assembly, lunch, and blocks two and three. Guest students will attend classes with high school students from St. Edward. Those who will attend St. Peter's next year will meet with Ms. Kanczak to make their freshman schedules.
11. The first cap and gown event for seniors is May Crowning on Monday, May 3, at 12:00 noon. In the weeks prior to this event, seniors will elect their May Court, Queen, and Escorts during their Theology classes. Mr. Mike Mulherin conducts the election process. Mr. Charlie Henrich organizes the ceremony. Mr. Jeff Strang, senior class adviser, helps conduct rehearsal.
12. Advanced Placement Tests begin the week of May 3.
13. Seven junior high quiz bowl competitors will have their final event of the year at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center on Tuesday, May 4. This event takes place during the school day. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reith are coaches.

14. Spring Concert Schedule:

- Elementary and Junior High Bands, Wednesday, May 5, 7:00 PM
- High School Band and Choir, Monday, May 10, 7:30 PM
- Elementary and Junior High Choirs, Wednesday, May 19, 7:00 PM

In Process...

1. Registrations and EdChoice applicants continue to arrive. The new form we've added to help with new student interviews has proven extremely helpful.
2. Budget-required changes are far enough along that we can begin the 2010-2011 master scheduling process. Ms. Kanczak met with eighth graders at St. Mary's this morning (Tuesday) while Mrs. Reith met with our own seventh and eighth graders here in the V.E. Room. Ms. Kanczak will meet with high school students later in the week and next week. An evening session for parents of new students or any parent with questions is scheduled for Monday, April 26, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the library. Parents are also always welcome to phone Ms. Kanczak with scheduling questions. She will be meeting with students in small groups and also individually to discuss scheduling.
3. Seven current St. Peter's students have signed up to apply for the Pioneer Career and Technology Center Theater Program at Richland Academy.
4. End of year events calendars to include special events for seniors and eighth graders are also coming together. Senior parents will receive their calendars before the end of the week.