



THE Cardinal's Corner



Saint Peter's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

December 6, 2019

The mission of Saint Peter's Catholic School is to prepare students to excel in life by achieving success in a lived and taught Catholic tradition of excellence. Consistent with our motto, "Saints and Scholars," we aim to produce leaders in academics and servants in faith.

Saint Peter's Catholic School Families and Friends, I pray that you all had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving break! We are very happy to be back in school as we enter the Advent season, in which we are awaiting the birth of the Christ Child. This is the time of year in which we prepare ourselves, in a spirit of longing and hope, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to reflect upon who Jesus is and how to grow closer to Him. Day by day we are continually reminded of God's gifts of love and hope!

Each morning we are praying the Advent prayer below during our morning prayer time. As you prepare for this Christmas season, please take time to pause and reflect with your children in gratitude. Give thanks for God's gifts, even in the little things. Rejoice in the knowledge that with the love of God, possibilities are always present in our lives. Allow Christ to enter your hearts, so that come Christmas, we can experience joy in the truest sense of the word!

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Nicholas

December 6. The absence of "hard historical facts" is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists.

Advent Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread His light of love to all. As we light the candles of our Advent wreaths, may their growing brightness remind us of the approaching nearness of your Son Jesus, so that the day of His coming may find us with our hearts filled with joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please join us on Sunday for the Saint Peter's Catholic School float in the Beaufort Christmas parade!

Thank you and God bless,

Ann M. Feltner



Important Dates & Announcements!

12/8 – Christmas Parade – Line up at 2:30 PM

12/9 – School Mass – Immaculate Conception – 12:00 Noon

12/12 – No School Mass

12/17 – School Christmas Concert – 6:00 PM

12/18 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night – 5:30-7:30 PM – Students that attend will receive a SAINT card from their teacher

12/20 – School-wide Christmas Brunch! 9:00-11:00 AM

12/20 – Half Day – **NO AFTERCARE** – Christmas Break Begins

12/21-1/3 – Christmas Break – **No School**

1/6 – School Resumes

1/7 – Upper Crust Spirit Night – 5:00-8:00 PM – Students that attend will receive a SAINT card from their teacher

1/14 – End of 2nd Quarter

1/15 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night – 5:30-7:30 PM – Students that attend will receive a SAINT card from their teacher

1/20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – **No School**

1/21 – Report Cards

1/26-2/1 – Catholic Schools Week! More information to come!

1/27 – Brody's Spirit Night – 5:00-10:00 – Students that attend will receive a SAINT card from their teacher

1/28 – School Wide Rosary at 10:00 AM

2/10 – **No School** – Diocesan Professional Development for Teachers

The Atrium

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a common religious experience involving children and adults in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant. This experience is shared in a place particularly prepared for the religious life of children called the Atrium. The Atrium (or prepared environment) is one of the important elements that helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish. After a theme has been presented, the child is free to choose an activity that will make possible the inner dialogue with the “Interior Teacher.”

How does the Atrium help to nourish this relationship? ~ The Atrium can be compared to a retreat house facilitating recollection and silence.

The Atrium is a place for religious life, for community and worship—not a classroom for instruction. The Atrium is a place of meaningful work through which the child can have a conversation with God.





K-3 is learning all about the Advent wreath and how it is a reminder, that we are getting ready for Jesus' birthday.



K-4 has been learning about Advent in both Atrium and the classroom. This week students worked on their Advent wreaths and glued on their first candle.



Kindergarten students went on a "time hunt" to practice telling time to the hour. We also worked on our graphing skills!



1st Grade had lots of hands-on fun creating numbers with Play-doh.



2nd Grade has earned tags for learning their prayers. The students earn a tag for orally saying, *The Hail Mary*, *The Our Father*, *The Angel Prayer*, *The Act of Contrition*, and much more. Congratulations 2nd Grade, for learning so many important prayers!



3rd Grade is getting their "shoes" ready for the Feast of Saint Nicholas.



4th Grade had a special tour of St. Peter's Historic Church! We walked through the graveyard and learned about how this church received its historical marker.

5th and 6th grades had a special visitor come in today to teach song writing. Bonita Wreden helped the students compose their own song. She also performed some of her own selections.



5th and 6th grade students played Bingo with numbers in Spanish class.