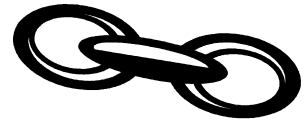


“Then you shall be radiant at what you see.” (Is. 60:5a)



THE LINK



January 5, 2012

Welcome to Ellie Black a new student to St. Peter School. Ellie is in Mrs. Warner's grade 2 class.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 5

- Continental Math grades 2-8
- All school Liturgy 1:00
- February menu is on the web-site today.
- Archery practice

January 6

- PTO popcorn sale 25¢
- School Geography Bee at 12:30

January 9

- PTO meeting 7:00 pm in cafeteria
- Students may wear Spirit Wear tops
- Archery practice

January 10

- Geography Bee make up day
- Faculty meeting
- Daisies & Brownies meet (the school calendar is incorrect)
- Archery practice

January 12

- Bookmobile
- All school Liturgy 1:00
- Archery practice
- Market Day Pick up 5:00-6:00



Geography Bee-Tomorrow

The Geography Bee will be held (tomorrow) Friday, January 6th at 12:30 in Wiegand Hall. The students have been studying very hard in preparation of the bee.

Students in grades 3-8 will attend the bee to support their classmates. Best of luck to all of the top qualifying students.

Grade 8: Kyle McGill, Max Rooney (Alternates- Daniel Sauer, Cole Heflin)

Grade 7: Alexandra Hensley, Ryan McGill (Alternates-Julie Wirtz, Aaron Day)

Grade 6: Jack Holcomb, Alex Honeycutt (Alternates- Jordan Flaig, Allie Browning, Drew Noelker)

Grade 5: Grace McCaughey, Kevin Hock (Alternates-Emma McCaughey, Lance Wetta)

Grade 4: Max Boulton, Lauren Barnhorn (Alternate- Scott Day, Ethan Cepluch)

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

From January 8-14 the church celebrates the annual Vocation Awareness Week. The church sets aside this week for the faithful to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but to also call to bring forward that we are all called by Christ to a specific, unique mission.

This year the Archdiocese is dedicating their main blog page to the stories of seminarians, priests and religious men and women from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who have answered God's call in a very special way. You may already know a few of the people we will be featuring throughout the month (since some may have come from your parish!), but it is our hope that we will remind you of the types of people God has chosen, what influenced them to seek God's will in the consecrated life and, in seeing the stories of these ordinary lives lived in extraordinary ways, you might be able to see how they aren't much different from you.



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The 34th Annual Bob Dole Spelling Bee

The Lindenwald Kiwanis of Hamilton are once again sponsoring the Bob Dole Spelling Bee for the sixth grade city-wide spelling bee finalists from public and non-public schools on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at the Highland Elementary Cafetorium at 7:00 p.m.

Allie Browning won the classroom round and will represent St. Peter in Chains School.

Griffin Hart is the runner-up.

Congratulations to both students!

Vocation Awareness (continued from page 1)

Over the next month we will be hearing from people who have a different story to tell. Theirs is a story about how God has called them to answer a particular vocation that in the world today can be very counter-cultural. We associate these religious vocations with sacrifice and hardships and many young men and women, perhaps even you, see them as impossible. However, as you will see in each of these stories, it is not anything special about these particular people, that make it possible for them to live out these supernatural vocations, in fact most of them have come from parishes and homes from right here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, rather it is the grace of God given to all those who accept God's call.



So, come back here everyday (<http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/>) and hear some great stories and as you learn about others, perhaps you will even learn a little about yourself. Enjoy!

The Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Giving Trees! The St. Peter school community exemplifies what it means to *Clothe the Naked* and *Shelter the Homeless!* The items were donated to The Haven House in Hamilton, Ohio. The Haven House Emergency Shelter first opened it's doors in 1982, providing homeless men, women & children with a clean and comfortable place to stay. The shelter is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. It supplies two hot meals a day with a snack for lunch and milk/formula for infants and children; it also provides necessary clothing and shoes as well as toiletry items. The Haven House not only provides the basic needs but also prides itself on helping those who are homeless establish a more secure future before leaving the shelter.



Open House Yard Signs

Mrs. Andrea Brennan will be in the parking lot after school tomorrow (Friday, January 6th). She will have Open House Yard Signs for anyone who would care to display one in their yard to advertise our Open House for new families. Please consider placing one in your yard. Thanks for promoting our school.

PTO NEWS

PTO stands for "paid time off," which we all enjoy! But more importantly, it stands for "Parent Teacher Organization," which can be equally enjoyed as well! The St. Peter in Chains PTO is a vital part of our school community, contributing to the education of our students and the overall bonding of the school community-student, parent, and teacher. We need involvement from everyone to make the PTO successful. Our next meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. We have many upcoming events that will be discussed - we are looking forward to our Open House, Catholic Schools Week, the Father Daughter Dance, and the Night at the Races. Please come to the meeting to be a part of the wonderful school community we have!

Save the Date

St. Peter in Chains PTO

Third Annual

"Night at the Races"

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Doors open at 6:30. First race runs at 7:15

Hamilton F.O.P. Lodge

180 Joe Nuxhall Way

Joyce Park



Cost: \$40 per couple or \$25 per person

Attention Hamilton CYO Schools

Hamilton CYO is in need of a new Volleyball Director for the Fall 2012 season. Responsibilities of the director include reserving gyms, scheduling games/tournament, scheduling scorekeepers, documenting league standings and depositing gate money. Joel Sackenheim has offered to help with the league schedules this year - he has an application that helps him do our basketball schedules. And Bill Hoffbauer will continue to schedule and organize referees for all games / tournaments - Bill is actually a big help in all areas. If we don't have a new director named by April, the fall league will be in jeopardy, so we really need your help. CYO is a great way to get involved in the Hamilton Catholic Community, and being a director can be a very rewarding experience. So, if you have an interest or have any questions, please contact Krista Schuler, Hamilton CYO President at kschuler@fuse.net or 330-4923.

