

Welcome to 4th Grade

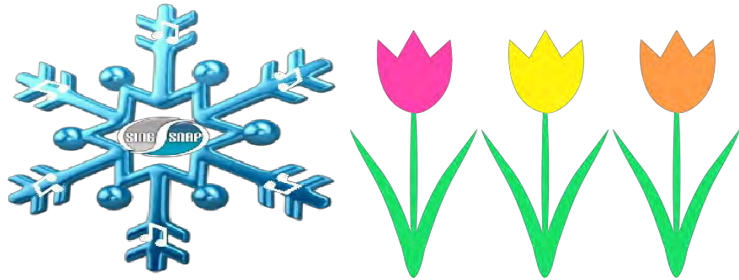


“The mind of a child is fascination, for it looks on old things with new eyes.” ~ F. Scott Fitzgerald

Hello, my name is Diana Durkin and this is the start of my 17th year teaching at St. Peter’s School. I have a BS degree in Nutrition & Dietetics from Marywood University in Scranton, PA and a MA degree in Leadership in Teaching from Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore. In 2013, I was also recognized and honored by the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus in receiving their 2012-2013 Catholic Teacher of the Year award.

March, April, May 2017

Good bye Winter & Hello Spring!!



December ~ 4th Grade Performs in the Christmas Program and collects items for the "Safe Nights" at St. Peter's as their Christmas community project.



We Sing "The First Noel"



4th Grade Helps With Safe Nights!

January ~ 4th Grade Celebrates Catholic Schools Week!



First Responders Basket



Favorite Book Characters Come To Life!

Current 4th Grade News:

Welcome to "La Professora" Rison who has been helping out in 4th grade as well as teaching Spanish!

Our very own 4th grade DI (Destination Imagination) Team, St. Peter's Brain Storm, will be competing at the Regional DI Tournament on March 11 at North Point HS. "Good Luck" to Grace, Isaiah, Grady, Dylan, and Trey. "Good Luck" to our other 4 St. Peter's DI teams who will also be competing.

Also on March 23rd, Ayla, Grace, James, and Grady will be joining four of our fifth graders to compete at the "Catholic Bee" at Archbishop Neale School in LaPlata.

GO STORM!!!

SCIENCE NEWS: 3rd and 4th grades continue to develop their technology and engineering skills in STEM. 3rd grade will soon finish creating and testing their artificial membrane that will help to keep their “frog” alive. 4th grade will soon also finish building their windmills to test wind power. After that, we move onto acoustical engineering and the story Kwame’s Sound. The students will be creating their own representations of a sound.

5th grade will be exploring Ecosystems and Biomes.

SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS: 3rd grade’s study of communities continues as we explore their regions, environments, histories, and how technology has changed them.

4th grade will focus on the Revolutionary War, life in the New State, the Civil War, and Maryland Government & Economics.

5th grade will explore the struggles encountered in founding the 13 Colonies, Colonial Life in the colonies, and the Revolutionary War.

**KEEP WORKING HARD
UNTIL JUNE THEN,
THINK SUMMER!!**



October /November 2016



The students are off to a great start in 4th grade! They have done a very nice job adjusting to their new routines & procedures as well as to all their new teachers.

We also want to give a great big SPS welcome to our seven new students - Finn, Tyvon, Jada, Ashley, Ryan, Bruce, and William. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Matt Strain is our new 4th and 5th grade instructional aide.

WELCOME ALL!



SCIENCE NEWS!

In 3rd and 4th grade STEM class, curriculum from the Engineering is Elementary project plus such stories as Leif Catches the Wind and Juan Daniel's Futbol Frog are introducing the students to engineering and technology. The students are learning how characters from around the world use science and technology to solve problems. The students will also engage in their own solutions as well through hands-on-activities.

5th grade science students are learning about the characteristics of living things in their class.

SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS!

3rd grade Social Studies - students are learning about communities here in the United States as well as in other countries.

4th grade - students will be learning about "Natural Maryland", its physical features and regions. They will also become familiar with all the Maryland State Symbols!

5th grade – students will be finishing an Overview which highlights the American people, government, land, and resources. They will then study some past cultures to help them understand the world today.

Race for Education



**Happy
Fall!**

