



ST. PETER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YONKERS

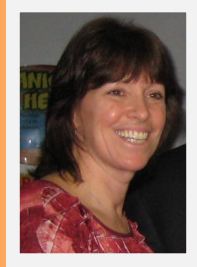
THOUGHTS OF GRATITUDE



A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends of St. Peter's School,

Thanksgiving is here and Christmas is never far behind it. We have started our 100th year of service to the children of South Yonkers, and not a day goes by when I do not recognize that much of our current success, and the ability to provide our students with a life-changing education is due to the generosity of you, our supporters and champions.



I feel blessed to be able to write and thank you for your kindness, great and small, and most especially for the prayers for, and participation at St. Peter's School. Please know that the faculty, staff, administration and students do their very best every day to earn and keep your trust in us.

This past year, your kindness to our school has had a significant impact on the lives of our students in so many ways.

St. Peter's School began a wonderful Summer Program that was open to all of the children in our community. We enjoy the blessing of new technology in every grade level. The students are reaping the benefits of this valuable resource.

St. Peter's looks toward the future with goals of continuing to increase enrollment, providing an expanded music program, and replacing aging textbooks with new ones among other projects and programs.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to thank you once again, and let you know that you are helping us to deliver great hope for a bright future for our students.

Know that during this time of reflection and gratitude, that you and your families are in our hearts and prayers.

With deep gratitude,

Mrs. Dana Lyn Spicer

P.S. A complete list of our supporters is available at www.StPetersNY.com.

Financial Aid Affords Children the Opportunity to Flourish

St. Peter's continues to place increased enrollment at the forefront of our efforts; it is the cornerstone in the viability of a school. Thanks to financial aid made available through Dr. Chuck Slivinski and friends, several private foundations, the McCarthy Scholarship Fund, Thomas J. O'Boyle Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Madrinas Scholarship by way of the University of Notre Dame's *Catholic School Advantage* initiative, SPS is able to keep and add students in our classrooms.

It is a pleasure to publically thank those who have given of their resources for our students education, and to our school Madrinas who have worked to bolster enrollment through community efforts.



A Summer to Remember for the Children of South Yonkers

St. Peter's School provided 70 children with a summer experience that was unforgettable. Through the kindness of several benefactors and community members who shared their time and talents, the children spent their summer days gaining knowledge and having fun at our inaugural Summer Program. An academic boot camp took place under the direction of Ms. Nerilis Suarez every morning. Here, the children honed their Math, Language Arts and Technology skills. Afternoons were filled with trips to the roller rink and movies, cooking classes (above), art and dance lessons, and specials visitors like a children's book author and service dog program. St. Peter's "campers" were entertained and enlightened. These young people explored their intellectual and creative sides, and enjoyed many happy days in a safe and nurturing environment.

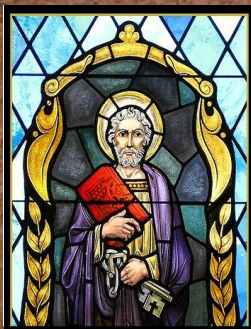
The mission of St. Peter's School is to develop the potential of each individual, both academically and spiritually, through a variety of intellectual, creative and social challenges. Our aim is to empower our students to prosper and contribute as responsible Christians in an increasingly complex society.

Our abundant gratitude goes out to the Thomas and Agnes Carvel Foundation for its continued support in providing many of our students with an outstanding After-School program, including personalized tutoring sessions.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Advisory Board and to its Committees who are doing great work for SPS.

The Sisters of Charity rock! Thank you for funding the Anti-Bullying, Acceptance and Cultural Diversity workshop to all of our students.



A grant from the Hudson Valley National Foundation gave our 7th Graders the ability to enhance their Math skills with scientific calculators. The students have been enjoying this helpful educational tool, and have put it to use calculating real life scenarios, as well as their regular work.

We appreciate all of our alumni and friends who have supported SPS by making a donation through our various efforts and the 100th Anniversary celebration in 2011.

Donors Bob and Kathy (Wallace) McLoughlin chatted with Cardinal Dolan at the Donors Breakfast prior to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Slivinski are making a difference to some of our littlest learners by providing one-on-one remediation that keeps the children on track. Thanks, ladies! We are all blessed to have you as friends and volunteers.