

# The Eagle News

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## SPS Presents “Beauty and the Beast, Jr.”



--photo by Anna Harter

--by Alek Gamboa

St. Peter middle school students have presented their annual musical. This year's musical was "Beauty and the Beast Jr." It was presented in four shows, from April 28 through May 1.

The production is over in one weekend, but it takes many hours of work and rehearsal. Cast members have stayed after school till 7:00 pm for several weeks, and the last week rehearsal lasted until 8:00 pm. Although it is work, it is fun too. Brody Wright said, "I love hanging out with my friends and have fun while performing." Royce Eastman said he loved playing his part. Gabe Weber said, "the hardest part is memorizing all the lines because of how many lines there are."

The tech crew also puts in long hours. The crew was made up of 27 fifth grade students, who were responsible for changing out the set backgrounds, running the lights, and

managing props.

Musical director, Mr. Charlie Wolke, said his favorite thing about directing the musical is "being able to have fun with the students and seeing their potential grow."

The musical sold 1,535 tickets, and raised \$7,675 on tickets alone. Other funds were also raised from donations. If you missed the musical this year, make sure to go next year!



(Additional musical photos on page 6)

--photo by Anna Harter

## *Fifth Grade Students Graduate from D.A.R.E.*

On Tuesday, May 3, St. Peter fifth grade students graduated from the DARE program. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. According to its website, DARE.org, the program started in 1983, and has been used in thousands of schools.

The DARE program is led by a sheriff's officer, and the officer that has taught St. Peter students the

past few years is Deputy Jamie Converse.

The fifth grade dedicated time every Tuesday afternoon to learn from Deputy Converse about how to refuse drugs and alcohol. They learned about the dangerous effects of drugs and about how to deal with peer pressure.



## *Second Graders Receive First Communion*

*--by Kimberly Johnston*

On April 24, St. Peter second graders received their First Holy Communion. Communion is an important part of the Catholic faith, because we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, which gives us Grace. Second Grade teacher Mrs. Debbie Neises said, "We begin preparing for this sacrament at the beginning of second grade year. We say the Act of Contrition as a dismissal prayer every day before we leave and we say the Memorare (prayer of penance) every day after lunch. In doing that we are assured that, as we learn about examining our conscience and preparing for confession, students understand and can recite these important prayers. So a very important part of preparing to receive the Eucharist is to prepare for confession! We work through the entire year to impress upon the children that truly the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ."

This education helps the children grow in faith. Student Owen Pfannenstiel said, "First Communion means to me that I will receive a lot of grace."

The First Communicants have grown in holiness and are discovering more of their vocation everyday.

## *Spring Means Field Trips!*

*--by Elouise Drouhard*

St. Peter students love field trips! The kindergarten classes got to go to the Sedgwick County Zoo on Monday, May 9. The first grade classes also went to the zoo, on Thursday, May 12. The second grade went to see the Wichita Thunder in action on April 6. The third grade toured The Old Cowtown Museum on May 13, and the fourth grade also went to Cowtown. The same day they also visited the Cathedral and the Lord's Diner. The fifth grade saw the Kansas Aviation Museum and then toured the Eisenhower Airport TSA fire and police department on May 4.



*SPS fifth graders pose in front of an airplane at their field trip to the Kansas Aviation Museum on Wednesday, May 4.*



*The kindergarten classes went to the Sedgwick County Zoo on Monday, May 9.*

## May Crowning Honors the Blessed Mother



*St. Peter honored the Virgin Mary on Wednesday, May 4. May is the month of Mary. The seventh grade students walked in procession before Mass, and placed flowers in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin.*

*The congregation sang hymns which honored Mary during Mass.*



## Eighth Grade Takes on the Staff



*The 8th grade took the court with a rush of enthusiasm.*

*--by Ana Sandoval*

The eighth graders once again took on the staff for the annual volleyball game, which was held on Monday, May 16. The volleyball game usually happens during Catholic Schools Week, but it got postponed this year due

to a snow day. Serving is a big part of volleyball, and some serve underhand, and others serve overhand. Student Emma Whiteker said that she was better at underhand serving. However, first grade teacher Mrs. Boswell

said she was better at overhand serving.

Before the game, eighth grade teacher Ms. Brooke Jackson was asked if she thought the staff would win or the students would win. She said, “[Staff] Absolutely! Duh! The staff have good camaraderie which will be very helpful for our win.”

After years of watching the volleyball game, it was finally this year’s eighth graders’ chance to finally play. Eighth grade student Dani Weber said, “We are the head of the school.”

Although the eighth grade played some fiercely competitive games, the staff once again came out on top, winning eleven games to the eighth grade’s four wins. More importantly, it was a fun time for all, and a great way to end the year for the graduating eighth graders.

# Field Trips are Fun and Educational

--by Campbell Denton

This year's middle school classes went on some fun and different explorations for their field trips!

The eighth grade went to two different places this spring-- Strataca, the Kansas Underground Salt Museum in Hutchinson, and the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Eighth grade teacher Ms. Brooke Jackson, said, "My favorite part was letting the kids have some freedom and seeing the kids have fun outside of school, but also the singing on the way back." She also said she thinks the Memorial visit benefited her students by exposing them to some history that "hits close to home."

The sixth grade class toured the Kansas Aviation Museum on the morning of May 5. A trip to the Old Cowtown Museum that afternoon was canceled due to weather. Sixth grade teacher, Ms. Mary Alumbaugh, said, "I was surprised that the first ever plane didn't have a back landing gear and it was covered in fabric." She said the field trip was



**The eighth grade class poses in front of the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, which educates visitors and honors the victims of the bombing of the Murrah government building.**

important, because the students worked on patience and listening skills and she thinks they liked the history. Sixth grade student Levi Sponsel agreed. He said, "I learned

that the Norden bombsights were top secret." He also said, "The flight simulation was my favorite part. It showed a real life experience of being a pilot."



**Kaden Thimesch, Joseph Martin and Owen Lubbers sit in airplane seats from the 1970s.**



**"Pilot" Aaliyah Matzek takes Addison McDaneld, Eve Eastman, Elouise Drouhard, Kate Gerstenkorn and Cecilia Riopel for a ride.**

# St. Peter Boasts State Olympians

--by Christina Dinh

Science Olympiad is an event available for middle school students, which allows them to apply their knowledge in science and technology to compete in regional and state competitions. This year, St. Peter's Science Olympiad team qualified to participate in state! (Team placings and medals can be found on the table at right.)

Although Science Olympiad is hard work, students do enjoy the satisfaction of competing in the events.

Addie Wright, seventh grader, said, "Though I don't think I'll do it again next year, I would still recommend incoming sixth graders to participate. I just wanted to try new electives!"

Clare Munn, eighth grader, agreed. She said, "I would definitely do it again in high school, if it's available. I would also encourage future sixth graders to join, because we need all the people we can get, and the more the merrier!"

Parker Frederking, sixth grader, said, "I was already interested in Science Olympiad in fifth grade, because I heard we made it to state that year. Sixth graders-to-be should try it out, since, like Clare said, we need all the people we can get!"

Parents might wonder about the benefits of being on the Science Olympiad team. However, the teachers who make everything happen know the benefits.

Ms. Jacque McLain, middle school math teacher and Science Olympiad supervisor of nine years, said that she's seen improvement in students who participated in Science Olympiad, not only in science class, but in other subjects as well. She also commented that the elective gives students a sense

of accomplishment usually seen in sports competitions, and that it allows students who aren't into sports to feel that pride as well.

Ms. Brooke Jackson, middle school science teacher and Science Olympiad supervisor of four years, explained that students who are on the Science

Olympiad team learn certain aspects of science more in-depth, and learn leadership skills as they take initiative in their events at the same time. Not only does it deepen their knowledge of science, but it also allows them to explore more into other subjects, like math.

EVENT	PARTICIPANTS			MEDAL
Bridge	Quyanh Vo (8th Grade)	Olivia Thome (8th Grade)		Third Place (Bronze)
Codebusters	Quyanh Vo (8th Grade)	Julianna McCosh (7th Grade)	Parker Frederking (6th Grade)	Third Place (Bronze)
Crave the Wave	Quyanh Vo (8th Grade)	Mary Elliott (6th Grade)		First Place (Gold)
Food Science	Clare Munn (8th Grade)	Jayden Wyss (7th Grade)		First Place (Gold)
Meteorology	Addie Wright (7th Grade)	Olivia Thome (8th Grade)		First Place (Gold)



*St. Peter Science Olympiad pose after the state competition awards assembly.*



# ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Peter Welcomes New Parishioners!

John and Laura Armour  
Joseph and Heather Blue  
Matthew and Jessica Huff  
Tina McGee  
Julia Sanders



## Faithful Departed

Kyler Bowers  
Robert Jackson  
Barbara Becker



## Weddings

Eric and Jessica (Gardiner) Nichols  
(5.14.2022)

## Baptisms



Isaac Endress  
Jameson Maus  
Nora Youngers  
Leah Youngers  
Michael Dishon  
Luke Dishon

Rachel Dishon (RCIA)  
Tonya Martinez (RCIA)  
Hays Widler  
Charlotte Sponsel  
Azil Valles

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