

August and September Birthdays

Dalton Pagan	8th	8-03	Coleman Marinin	8th	9-23
Macy Thompson	7th	8-13	Wayne Wermuth	3rd	9-23
Ty McCurry	2nd	8-15	JD Gildersleeve	5th	9-24
Harris Whiddon	4th	8-16	Andrew Cooley	8th	9-27
Davis Whiddon	4th	8-16	Parker Denmark	6th	9-27
Caroline Heidacher	2nd	8-23	Delaney Henry	2nd	9-27
Nicholas Bassi	5th	9-01	Lawrence Piper III	8th	9-28
Maria Buelterman	4th	9-01	Addison Quick	K3	9-28
Elizabeth Coppola	6th	9-01	Ariel Witry	K4	9-28
Marie Ducey	8th	9-01			
Trinity Fowler	6th	9-01			
Mary Bell	4th	9-02			
Sophia Lewis	K	9-04			
Emma Workman	K4	9-04			
Abi Fernandez	6th	9-05			
Caroline Ryan	4th	9-08			
Alex Moore	K3	9-09			
Katelyn Schaaf	K4	9-09			
Bain Thorstad	K4	9-09			
Kiley Schaaf	1st	9-13			
Michael Wood	4th	9-13			
Catherine Bassi	K4	9-15			
Matthew Gavin	K4	9-18			
Sophie Winters	7th	9-20			
Jerry Futch	K3	9-21			



The Teachers' Pets by Jenna Henderson



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Letter from the Editor

by Cici Nave

Welcome back to St. Peter the Apostle School! We are excited for the 2014-2015 school year! Already, there's so much going on! The staff of *The Rocky Times* has been working hard to publish our first issue of this year's school newspaper.

We've been interviewing, writing, taking photos, laying out, and designing. *The Rocky Times* Newspaper Staff members are as follows:

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We want to hear every single one of your ideas. Remember, this is the student's newspaper, so we want this newspaper to be as student driven as possible. Again, Welcome Back and let's have a great school year!



Ms. Katie Russell's Pre-k 3

by Meghan Mainer

This year, St. Peter the Apostle School is featuring a fully accredited, all day 3-year-old pre-k program. Mrs. Jane Madison is the director of the program and Ms. Katie Russell is the teacher.

Ms. Katie is thrilled to join the faculty at St. Peter's. She loves her students already. She said, "The children are much than I expected." Ms. Katie has 7 students in her class. She is

constantly amazed to see what they can do and can't wait to hear what is going to come out of their mouths next. Her class creates art, works on motor skills, writing their names, they play on the playground, go to gym, eat lunch, and nap every day. This is a great early learning program for St. Peter's youngest students. With whole hearts, we welcome all our new little Rams!



St. Peter the Apostle School exists to provide a quality Catholic education based on Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Following the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy, the school educates through a strong academic program, and instills in its students a spirit of mercy, justice and loving concern.

Ram Football!

by Will Ducey

O'Brien Field was packed for the Rams first game of the season. We got off to a rough start, though. Sadly, the Rams lost to Calvary at home last night. We had some good plays, but unfortunately our touchdowns were called back due to penalties. Ryan Shapard had a great run that would have given us the momentum to score, but the run was called back because of a block in the back. Rams played hard and tough as we could and have high hopes for the rest of the season. We play Savannah Christian next Thursday and have plans to win! Savannah Christian won their game 26-0 but we can still beat them. GO RAMS!!!!



Rams Cross Country

by Ben Wood

It's off to the races for St. Peter's Cross Country team, and the Rams have more people than ever before competing. Head Coach Erin Randall and her assistants could not be doing a better job with the runners. Last year, the Rams ran in four meets and did very well. They hope to improve this year with their experienced runners and all the new faces on the team. Coach Randall summed up her thoughts when she said, "I am happy to be coaching cross country again this fall. We have an excited and very talented group of runners this season. I can't wait to see them take off from the starting line at our first meet on September 11th at Country Day!"

Practices for cross country are every Monday and Wednesday after school and Saturdays at the YMCA. At practice the team stretches, does a warm-up run, and then runs two to two and a half miles.

At times runners play games that involve running, like capture the flag, just to break things up. Coach Randall also discusses diet and nutrition and other tips to help the runners.

There are four cross country meets this year: September 11, September 25, October 2, and October 8. Meets are held at the Country Day and Savannah Christian campuses and middle school students from all over southeast Georgia compete. Cross country goes beyond school, however. Last year, several members of the St. Peter's cross country team ran in different 5K's like the YMCA Heart of Savannah Run, the Jingle Bell Run for arthritis, and the Savannah Bridge Run.

Cross country is a sport anyone can do. It keeps you physically fit and helps build stamina, which is important for every sport. First year runner Michael Wood says, "I am very happy to be on the team and am having lots of fun running with my friends and classmates." Good luck to all the runners!

Equestrian Riding Club

By Bridget Mainor

Together We Ride! SPA has teamed up with Cypress Grove Stables in Bloomingdale to create the first ever SPA Riding Club. This exciting opportunity is open to Kindergarten through 8th grade. One of the many exciting things is that you can be an experienced rider or a beginner. Weekly lessons are available for SPA students for \$35.00 an hour or \$25.00 for half an hour. If you do the Equestrian Riding Club you will learn how to wash, feed, tack and groom the horses! The equestrian team will also get to go to horse shows. This goes on for the entire school year! The team has five members that have

been participating over the summer already. These members are Macy (7th) and Brooke(4th) Thomson, Meghan(5th) and Bridget (4th) Mainor and Allison (4th) Fritts. This is the SPA Equestrian Riding Club! You may contact Mrs. Erin Thompson at 507-5660 for more information.



The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

By Cici Nave

Grab your buckets and towels! The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge is sweeping the nation! The challenge consist of dumping a bucket of ice water and making a donation to the ALS Foundation. After you've taken the challenge, you nominate others to do the challenge within 24 hours.

ALS is a disease in the nerve cells of the brain and the spinal chord that control voluntary muscle movement. It is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Those affected by ALS can think but cannot talk. They have legs but they can't walk. The

ice water symbolizes the chill that you get if you have the illness.

Many celebrities are doing this challenge and so St. Peter the Apostle School the teachers! Some of the teachers that have taken this challenge include Señora Portman, Mrs. Sculati, Mrs. Whiddon, Mrs. Tvrdy, Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Ducey, Mrs. Russell, and Mrs. Daniels. Even the eighth grade volleyball team has done it! Many of our students have taken the challenge. So, who will you nominate?



Pep Squad

by Lane Richardson

The pep squad is a cheerleading squad for pre- K3 through fourth grade. The squad is so big this year that the girls are divided into two groups! Pre-K 3 through first grade are the JV Pep squad, and students in the second through fourth grade are the Varsity Pep Squad. Mrs. Erin Thompson is the head coach, but our own Lady Ram Cheerleaders assist her. Seventh grader Maggie Fogarty and SPA graduate Jameson Burke have been teaching the Varsity Squad their dance.

What is your favorite part about Pep Squad? Lucy Thorstad said, "My favorite part about pep squad is dancing."

Pep squad is ready to cheer our Rams to victory!

Junior Varsity Volleyball

by Olivia Clanton

The JV Volleyball team started this season with its first practice the second week of school. This year's JV Team includes 5th and 6th grade girls, and the head coach is Krista Ray. Krista graduated from Saint Peter the Apostle School and Saint Vincent's Academy. She played volleyball for both schools. She attended Armstrong State University for one year and played for their volleyball team. "I have always loved playing volleyball and I'm so excited that I can still be involved in the sport," said Krista. "My favorite part of coaching is teaching the new, younger players the sport. We have some new players to the team this year and they have a lot of potential. It will be a fun season," said Krista.

The players on this year's JV team are: 6th graders: Kaylyn Green, Emily Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Elizabeth Baron, Mary Brennan, Liz Daniel, Doree Herb, Olivia Knight, Catherine Moore, Chloe Sells 5th graders: Liz Brown, Caroline Burke, Olivia Clanton, Sophie Povanda, and Ashley Reynolds. Good luck this season Lady Rams!

Cheerleading

by Lane Richardson

The cheerleaders have been working very hard to prepare for last night's football game. The squad consists of fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls, and their coach is Mrs. Erin Thompson. They have been working on cheers, and most importantly, the dance! Sophie Winters said that her favorite part of cheerleading is stunts and watching the football game from an outstanding view. This year's dance is to the song "Everybody Dance Now", and is very challenging. The 2014 cheerleaders are pumped up for an awesome season!