

**Saint Peter  
School News  
October, 2023**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your children are settling in to the school year and feeling at home in our school community. As a school, we are working on trying to be more positive and hope-filled in both our speech and written communication. We want our students (and us as well) to use words that help "build each other up" and not "tear down". Please help us with this by being aware of your child's texts and social media communication. In speaking to youth and this current World Youth Day in Portugal, our Holy Father, invoking the example of our Blessed Mother states: "It gives me much joy to see all of you! Thank you for having made the pilgrimage to be here! I think of the Virgin Mary, who also travelled, in order to visit Elizabeth: "Mary set out and went with haste". We might ask, why did Mary set out and go with haste to visit her cousin? Certainly, Mary had just learned that Elizabeth was pregnant, but so was she; so why go, if no one had asked her to? Mary does something that was not asked of her, and that she did not have to do. Mary goes because she loved, and "whoever loves flies, runs and rejoices". That is what love does to us. Mary's joy is twofold: she had just received the angel's message that she would welcome the Redeemer of the world, and she was also given the news that her cousin was pregnant. This is interesting: instead of thinking about herself, she thinks of the other. Why? Because joy is missionary, joy is not just for one person, it is for sharing something with others. Let me ask you: those of you here, who have come to meet others, to find Christ's message, to find life's beautiful meaning, will you keep all this for yourselves or will you share it with others? What do you think? Surely it is for sharing with others, because joy is missionary! Let us all repeat that together: joy is missionary! And so we share this joy with others...Joy is not to be found in a locked library, even though study is necessary! Joy lies somewhere else. It is not kept under lock and key, but must be sought, must be discovered. It has to be found in dialogue with others, where we share these roots of joy that we have received. And this, at times, is tiring. Let me ask you a question: do you sometimes get tired? Think about what happens when we become tired: we have no wish to do anything; we throw in the towel (as we say in Spanish), because we have no desire to carry on and we give up, stop walking and fall. Do you believe that those who fall in life, who have experienced failure, who even commit serious or grave mistakes, that their lives are over? No! So what are they to do? They are to get back up! Now there is something very profound that I would like you to take away with you and remember: those who come from the Alps, who like to climb mountains, have a very beautiful song that goes like this: "In the art of climbing the mountain, what matters isn't *not* to fall, but not to *remain* fallen". This is beautiful!"

**Confirmation Parent Meeting**

There will be a meeting for the parents' of our Confirmation candidates on Monday, October 2 at 6:30pm in church.

**Cross-Country Team**

We are so fortunate to have a Cross Country Team which participates in various meets. We are

so grateful for our coaches, Mr. Carl Kerchner and Mrs. Cronan. We are proud of our students:

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| Kennedy Gomez (K)       | Loyal Spradley (3)      |
| Rejeena Guerrero (K)    | Jovanni Tineo (3)       |
| Ximena Uribe (K)        | Max Valerio (3)         |
| Emely Burgos (1)        | Kayleeh Avila (4)       |
| Madison Castillo (1)    | Thomas Castro (4)       |
| Angel DeSalas (1)       | Missael Fernandez (4)   |
| Joelvis Menegildo (1)   | Genesis Gomez (4)       |
| Arkiel Serpa-Julbe (1)  | Jason Marengo (4)       |
| Myah Torres (1)         | Danna Peralta (4)       |
| Jayleen Valerio (1)     | Rita Ramirez (4)        |
| Brianna Burgos (2)      | Jesus Reyers (4)        |
| Valeria Carrillo (2)    | Felix Sheetz (4)        |
| Illiana Gonzalez (2)    | Montserrat Martinez (4) |
| Ezekeyel Guerrero (2)   | Naleigha Merritt (5)    |
| Alexandra Martinez (2)  | Cameron Merritt (5)     |
| Talia Rodriguez (2)     | Maria Peñaloza (5)      |
| Xadriel Sosa-Acosta (2) | Xitlali Uribe (5)       |
| Maximiliano Varela (2)  | Emily Frias (6)         |
| Elijah Castillo (3)     | Ethan Colon (7)         |
| Marcus Fernandez (3)    | Matthew Colon (7)       |
| Jacob Garcia-Guzman (3) | Angelis DeSalas (7)     |
| Kamila Gomez (3)        | Isabella Gonzalez (7)   |
| Gabriela Mendez (3)     | Lindsay Piña-Molina (7) |
| Joannie Menegildo (3)   | Joel Vilorio-Suarez (7) |
| Michael Rodriguez (3)   | Karina Andrade (8)      |
|                         | Jorge Tineo (8)         |

**Girls' Volleyball Team**

We also have an incredible Volleyball Team. We are grateful to our coaches, George and Vanessa Fields and Michelle Martin.

We wish the best to our team members:

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| Nicole Bueno (5)     | Valery Mendez (7)             |
| Naleigha Merritt (5) | Olivia Rodriguez (7)          |
| Cameron Merritt (5)  | Saray Rodriguez (7)           |
| Danilyn Muñoz (5)    | Crisaily Salvador-Capellan(7) |
| Edlyannie Ortiz (5)  | Gabriela Caloca-Ortiz (8)     |
| Abigail Tejada (5)   | Erika Espinal (80)            |
| Jenelle Abreu (6)    | Jenelsie Espinal (8)          |
| Hadassa Perez (6)    | Mariana Jeronimo (8)          |
| Liliana Santiago (6) | Tiffany Rodriguez (8)         |
| Annalise Sierra (6)  | Erica Rodriguez-Rosa(8)       |
| Janellys Abreu (7)   | Anabel Salvador (8)           |
| Nathalie Buenano (7) | Milagros Solis (8)            |

**Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's**

We are selling tickets for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Activity. The tickets cost \$5.00 and can be redeemed at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 18. This enables you to receive a 25% discount on your purchases. Tickets can be purchased in the school office.

**Fall Family Festival**

On Thursday evening, October 26, we will have our 2nd Annual Fall Family Festival in school where families can make fall crafts and decorate pumpkins together. Please come for this fun event.

