

**Saint Peter  
School News  
February, 2024**

**Dear Parents,**

During the week of January 29-February 2, we celebrate the great gift our Catholic School. The Catholic Schools Week (CSW) theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community. While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living. The CSW logo symbolizes the united community of Catholic schools – not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others. No Catholic school can fulfill its educational role alone. As a community, Catholic schools are nourished and stimulated by the centrality of the word of Christ expressed through knowledge, service, scripture and sacramental tradition. Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community is a theme on which to build a spirit of the gospel to benefit the human family. Please read the attached paper of our daily activities as we celebrate Saint Peter School during Catholic Schools' Week January 28 to February 2.

**Congratulations to our Newly Baptized**

We rejoice with our students who have recently received the Sacrament of Baptism. May God continue to guide them on their faith journey:  
 Angel DeSalas (1)                  Carmen Jordan (6)  
 Angelis DeSalas (7)              Jaison Jordan (7)

**Sacramental Talk--First Penance**

There will be a meeting for all parents of students who will receive the sacrament of Penance this year on Mon., Feb. 5 in church at 6:30pm. Your attendance shows your commitment to share in the sacramental life with your children.

**STEM Scouts**

We are so grateful to Mrs. Kris Kerchner who has continued this year with a group of students who meet weekly to learn specific scientific topics and do STEM experiments. Students in grades 3 through 5 were invited to participate and

the members are:

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| Elijah Castillo (3)       | Missael Fernandez (4) |
| Marcus Fernandez (3)      | Areli Perez (4)       |
| Jackson Gallo (3)         | Angelo Rubio (4)      |
| Shan Haynes-Ali (3)       | Damian Solorio (4)    |
| Joannie Menegildo (3)     | Felix Sheetz (4)      |
| Ashley Polanco (3)        | Valerie Torres (4)    |
| Monica Ramirez (3)        | Nathan Velazquez (4)  |
| Michael Rodriguez (3)     | Alejandro Cruz (5)    |
| Max Valerio (3)           | Danilyn Muñoz (5)     |
| Oliver Yepez-Gutierrez(3) | Monserrat Martinez(5) |
| Thomas Castro-Ramirez(4)  | Edlyannie Ortiz(5)    |
| Zion Cooper (4)           | Maria Peñaloza(5)     |
|                           | Carlos Sanchez (5)    |

**Creative Communications Poetry Contest**

Many of our 8th grade students have been notified that their poetry will be published in *Creative Communications: A Celebration of Poets*. We congratulate the following students:

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| Karina Andrade        | Tony Pesante            |
| Gabriela Caloca-Ortiz | Zamazarie Ramirez       |
| Alessandra Castañeda  | Erica Rodriguez-Rosa    |
| Juan Diego Castañeda  | Gabriela Rosas          |
| Jenelsie Espinal      | Anabel Salvador         |
| Robert Filpo          | Jose Sanchez            |
| Francheska Kranwinkel | Javier Sandoval-Cruz    |
| Yazmin Luna           | Edgar Solorio           |
| Britney Martinez      | Josander Tavarez        |
| Daysy Moreno          | Rosemeydi Ureña-Linares |
| Santiel Payano        | Jasmine Vargas          |

**Kitchen Kapers Competition**

Our students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are invited to share their culinary skills by preparing various types of dishes. The winners of our school's local competition will then proceed to the Berks County CYO Competition on Feb. 10 to be held at Sacred Heart School in West Reading

**Celebrate Reading**

We will participate in the Read Across America celebration on Thursday, February 29. Many people from various walks of life will be visiting school to read a book to the different classes in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. We thank Mrs. Vida for organizing this.

**Re-Registration/Financial Aid for 2024-2025**

Please remember to send back the re-registration papers for the 2024-2025 school year. We most especially look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students. If you have a child who is 5 years old or will be 5 by September 30, 2024, please call or come to the school for a registration packet. Also please follow the link on our webpage to apply for financial aid through Simple Tuition Solutions. You must re-apply every year for financial aid.



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