

**Saint Peter
School News
May, 2024**

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter Season! The joy and celebration of the Easter Season continues. We also have so much cause for rejoicing with the incredible accomplishments of our students. Pope Francis beautifully reminds us that, at times, with so many challenges, it is easy to lose hope, but if we look to Jesus, hope is ever-present: "Dear brothers and sisters, let us stop and reflect on these two moments, which bring us to the unexpected joy of Easter. At first, the women anxiously wonder: *Who will roll away the stone from the tomb?* Then, at a second moment, *looking up*, they see that it *had already been rolled back*. First, there is the question that troubles their grieving hearts: *Who will roll away the stone from the tomb?* That stone marked the end of Jesus' story, now buried in the night of death.... It represented the end of their hopes, now dashed by the obscure and sorrowful mystery that put an end to their dreams. Brothers and sisters, it can also be that way with us. There are times when we may feel that a great stone blocks the door of our hearts, stifling life, extinguishing hope, imprisoning us in the tomb of our fears and regrets, and standing in the way of joy and hope. We encounter such "tombstones" on our journey through life in all the experiences and situations that rob us of enthusiasm and of the strength to persevere. We encounter them at times of sorrow: in the emptiness left by the death of our loved ones; we encounter them in the failures and fears that hold us back from accomplishing the good we mean to do. We encounter them in all the forms of self-absorption that stifle our impulses to generosity and sincere love, in the rubber walls, the real rubber walls, of selfishness and indifference that hold us back in the effort to build more just and humane cities and societies; we encounter them in all our aspirations for peace that are shattered by cruel hatred and the brutality of war. When we experience these disappointments, do we also have the sensation that all these dreams are doomed to failure, and that we too should ask ourselves in anguish: "Who will roll away the stone from the tomb?" Yet the same women who bore this darkness in their hearts tell us something quite extraordinary. *When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back*. This is the Pasch of Christ, the revelation of God's power: the victory of life over death, the triumph of light over darkness, the rebirth of hope amid the ruins of failure. It is the Lord, the God of the impossible, who rolled away the stone forever. Even now, he opens our hearts, so that hope may be born ever anew. We too, then, should "look up" to him."

Honor Roll

We congratulate our students who received 1st or 2nd Honors on their 2nd Trimester Report Card:

First Honors

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| Luciana Carrillo (3) | Braylon Laboy (3) |
| Elijah Castillo (3) | Clamondie Pierre (3) |
| Esther Corona (3) | Joniel Sierra-Iona (3) |
| Jariel Echevarria (3) | Samantha Martinez (4) |
| Jackson Gallo (3) | Iker Moreno (4) |
| Joannie Menegildo (3) | Rita Ramirez (4) |
| | Jesus Reyes (4) |
| Michael Rodriguez (3) | Kendo Varela (4) |
| Oliver Yopez (3) | Nicole Bueno (5) |
| Missael Fernandez (4) | Alejandro Cruz (5) |

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| Emilio Perez (5) | Montserrat Martinez (5) |
| Xitlali Uribe (5) | Naleigha Merritt (5) |
| Naiyade Cedeno (6) | Yolenny Moronta (5) |
| Liliana Santiago (6) | Maria Peñaloza (5) |
| Annalise Sierra (6) | Mariangel Polanco (5) |
| Alexa Torres (6) | Jorge Rodriguez (5) |
| Janellys Abreu (7) | Naiyaliz Rodriguez (5) |
| Nathalie Buenano (7) | Rubi Sanchez (5) |
| Ana Frias (7) | Rocky Taveras (5) |
| Isabella Gonzalez (7) | Janelle Abreu (6) |
| Dulcemaria Ramirez (7) | Nyleah Connor (6) |
| Olivia Rodriguez (7) | Ashley Duran (6) |
| Saray Rodriguez (7) | Missael Moreno (6) |
| Crisaily Salvador (7) | Alanna Peralta (6) |
| Gabriela Caloca (8) | Lisbeth Perez (6) |
| Juan Castañeda (8) | Manuel Ramirez (6) |
| Erika Espinal (8) | Jeryah Talford (6) |
| Jenelsie Espinal (8) | Walleska Zorrilla (6) |
| Mariana Jeronimo (8) | Viviana Cruz (6) |
| Britney Martinez (8) | Genesis Gonzalez (7) |
| Tiffany Rodriguez (8) | Lindsay Piña (7) |
| Anabel Salvador (8) | Alvin Sanchez (7) |
| Milagros Solis (8) | Chris Yopez (7) |
| Josander Tavarez (8) | David Zavala (7) |
| Jovanna Zabala (8) | Alessandra Castañeda (8) |
| <u>Second Honors</u> | Yazmin Luna (8) |
| Jazlyn Covington (3) | Zamazarie Ramirez (8) |
| Yeylin De La Rosa (3) | Isai Rivera (8) |
| Euriel Garcia (3) | Javier Sandoval (8) |
| Shan Haynes-Ali (3) | Jasmine Vargas (8) |

Bishop's Scholar Society Winners

We joyfully congratulate our eighth graders who received the honor and \$1000 in the Bishop's Scholarship to attend Berks Catholic High School. We are so proud of:

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| Erika Espinal | Tiffany Rodriguez |
| Jenelsie Espinal | Milagros Solis |
| Marian Jeronuimo | Josander Tavarez |
| Britney Martinez | Jasmine Vargas |

Declamation

We are so proud of our 7th and 8th graders who competed in the Berks County Declamation Competition at Berks Catholic:

Isai Rivera (8)--2nd Place
 Gabriela Rosas (8)--3rd Place
 Janellys Abreu (7)--3rd Place
 David Zavala (7)--2nd Place

Academic Bowl Competition at Berks Catholic

In this inaugural year of the Annual Academic Bowl, we are proud to announce our 8th Grade participants and we wish them the best on May 16:

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| Britney Martinez | Milagros Solis |
| Isai Rivera | Josander Tavarez |
| Juan Diego Castañeda | |

PTO/ Student Council End of School Activity

Our Student Council and PTO will plan a day of games and a ice cream treats for each grade on Thursday, May 16.

