

**Saint Peter
School News
October, 2024**

Dear Parents,

Hopefully we have all settled into the rhythm of the school year and we feel a certain security that we can all work together to help our children grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally. Our growth as a spiritual family is what is most essential. Our Parish will be celebrating 40 Hours of Eucharistic Devotion from Oct. 13-15. It is a wonderful opportunity for all to renew their spiritual life. In his very recent visit to Papa New Guinea, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, boldly addressed a group of young people with this inspiring message: "Dear young people, I did not want to leave here without meeting you, because you are the hope for the future. How do we build a future? What meaning do we want to give to our lives? I would like to answer these questions by starting with a story found at the beginning of the Bible, the story of the Tower of Babel. There we see *two models* clashing, two opposing ways of living and of building a society: one leads to *confusion and dispersion*, the other leads to the *harmony of encounter* with God and with our brothers and sisters. Confusion on one side and harmony on the other.... I ask you now, what do you choose? The model of dispersion or the model of harmony, which one do you choose?... Without removing their differences, God granted them a way to communicate with each other and thus find unity. This means that the Lord created us in order to have good relations with others. Be careful: He did not create us for confusion but to have good relationships. This is very important. Confronted with the variety of languages that divide and disperse, we need one language to help bring us together. But I ask you: what is the language that fosters friendship, that breaks down the walls of division and opens the way for us to enter into one brotherly embrace? What is this language? Love.... And against love, what is there? Hate. But there is also something perhaps uglier than hate: indifference to others... You know that indifference is a very bad thing, because it means leaving others on the street and not caring about helping others. Indifference has its roots in selfishness. You who are young must have the restlessness of heart to care for others. You must have the restlessness of making friends with each other. You must care for the one thing that I am going to say to you now, which perhaps may seem a little strange. There is a very important relationship in the life of a young person: the closeness to the grandparents... Let us return to the biblical account of Noah's descendants. Each spoke a different language, even many dialects. I ask you: how many dialects are there here? One? Two? Three? But you, do you have a common language? Think carefully: do you have a common language? The language of the heart! The language of love! The language of closeness! And also, the language of service." Let us strive each day to inspire our children with this understanding.



Confirmation Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for the parents' of our Confirmation candidates on Monday, October 7 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 Mrs. Cronan, Mrs. Morales, and Mrs. Adame. We are proud of our students:

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| Janielis Francisco(1) | Luciana Carrillo(4) |
| Rejeena Guerrero(1) | Elijah Castillo(4) |
| Julianys Perez(1) | Marcus Fernandez(4) |
| Emerly Rodriguez(1) | Alanis Fontanez(4) |
| Yerely Rodriguez(1) | Gabriela Mendez(4) |
| Elian Santos(1) | Michael Rodriguez(4) |
| Leilani Torres(1) | Yabian Soto(4) |
| Emely Burgos(2) | Jiovanni Tineo(4) |
| Madison Castillo(2) | Max Valerio(4) |
| Angel DeSalas(2) | Kayleeh Avila(5) |
| Joelvis Menegildo(2) | Missael Fernandez(5) |
| Arkiel Serpa-Julbe(2) | Esau Pedroza(5) |
| Jayleen Valerio(2) | Jacob Pedroza(5) |
| Brianna Burgos(2) | Danna Peralta(5) |
| Valeria Carrillo(3) | Elias Santiago(5) |
| Alayah Cooper(3) | Montserrat Martinez(6) |
| Namira Correa(3) | Maria Peñaloza(6) |
| Illiana Gonzalez(3) | Nicholas Carmona(7) |
| Ezekyel Guerrero(3) | Diego Nuñez(7) |
| Alexandra Martinez(3) | Ethan Colon(8) |
| Talia Rodriguez(3) | Matthew Colon(8) |
| Maximiliano Varela(3) | Isabella Gonzalez(8) |
| Andrea Arroyo(4) | Gianni Sanchez(8) |

Girls' Volleyball Team

We also have an incredible Volleyball Team. We are grateful to our coaches, George and Vanessa Fields, Michelle Martin, and Michelle Banut. We wish the best to our team members:

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| Janellys Abreu(8) | Hadassa Perez(7) |
| Angelis DeSalas(8) | Mia Rubio (7) |
| Valery Mendez(8) | Liliana Santiago (7) |
| Jocelyn Rodriguez(8) | Jossanny Santos (7) |
| Olivia Rodriguez(8) | Annalise Sierra (7) |
| Saray Rodriguez(8) | Nicole Bueno (6) |
| Crisaily Salvador(8) | Naleigha Merritt (6) |
| Janelle Abreu(8) | Edlyannie Ortiz(6) |
| Naiyade Cedeno(7) | Naiyaliz Rodriguez(6) |
| Nyleah Connor(7) | Abigail Tejada(6) |
| Adalis De la Cruz(7) | Ninel Lina(5) |

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 16. 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 24, we will have our 3rd Annual Fall Family Festival in school where families can make fall crafts and decorate pumpkins together. Please come for this fun event.

