

**Saint Peter  
School News  
January, 2025**

Dear Parents,

As we enter fully into the beautiful Christmas season and Feast of the Epiphany, let us ponder the significance of the 3 Kings who journeyed in faith following the light of Christ. They had their eyes raised to heaven; their feet journeying on the earth, and their hearts bowed down in adoration. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis speaks so beautifully of this journey: "The Magi have their eyes raised to the heavens, yet their feet are journeying on the earth, and their hearts are bowed in adoration. Let me repeat this: their eyes are raised to the heavens, their feet are journeying on the earth and their hearts are bowed in adoration. First, their eyes are raised to the heavens. The Magi are filled with longing for the infinite, and so they gaze at the stars of the evening sky. They do not pass their lives staring at their feet, self-absorbed, confined by earthly horizons, plodding ahead in resignation or lamentation. They lift their heads high and await the light that can illumine the meaning of their lives, the salvation that dawns from on high.... let us raise our eyes to the heavens! We need to lift our gaze on high, in order to be able view reality from on high. We need this on our journey through life, we need to let ourselves walk in friendship with the Lord, we need his love to sustain us, and the light of his word to guide us, like a star in the night. We need to set out on this journey, so that our faith will not be reduced to an assemblage of religious devotions or mere outward appearance, but will instead become a fire burning within us, making us passionate seekers of the Lord's face and witnesses to his Gospel....The Magi not only gazed at the stars, the things on high; they also had feet journeying on the earth.... The star shining in the heavens sends them forth to travel the roads of the world. Lifting their eyes on high, they are directed to lower them to this world.... let us keep our feet journeying on this earth! The gift of faith was given to us not to keep gazing at the heavens, but to journey along the roads of the world as witnesses to the Gospel. The light that illumines our life, the Lord Jesus, was given to us not to warm our nights, but to let rays of light break through the dark shadows that envelop so many situations in our societies. We find the God who comes down to visit us, not by basking in some elegant religious theory, but by setting out on a journey, seeking the signs of his presence in everyday life, and above all in encountering and touching the flesh of our brothers and sisters....Finally, let us also consider that the Magi have hearts bowed in adoration.... Before this mystery, we are called to bow our heart and bend our knee in worship: to worship the God who comes in littleness, who dwells in our homes, who dies for love. The God who, "though manifested by the immensity of the heavens and the signs of the stars, chose to be found... beneath a lowly roof...Like the Magi, let us raise our eyes to the heavens, let us set out to seek the Lord, let us bow our hearts in adoration. Looking to the heavens, setting out on a journey and adoring. And let us ask for the grace never to lose courage: the courage to be seekers of God, men and women of hope, intrepid dreamers gazing at the heavens, the courage of perseverance in journeying along the roads of this

world with the fatigue of a real journey, and the courage to adore, the courage to gaze upon the Lord who enlightens every man and woman. May the Lord grant us this grace, above all the grace to know how to adore."

**IHM Junior Companions**

We look forward to another year of our 5th through 8th grade students learning about our IHM charism and growing in their spiritual journey. Sister Margaret will meet monthly with:  
Samantha Martinez (5) Isabella Gozalez (8)  
Maria Peñaloza (6) Valentina Ortiz (8)  
Khalaya Johnson (7) Sarai Paniagua (8)  
Alanna Peralta (7) Lindsay Piña (8)

**Honor Roll**

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

<b><u>First Honors</u></b>	Alexander Juarez (3)
Briana Burgos (3)	Jasslyn Moronta (3)
Mayrenis Cabrera (3)	Gabeilys Murillo (3)
Namira Correa (3)	Samuel Piñeda (3)
Emily Escalante (3)	Amahia Plasencia (3)
Jorge Perez (3)	Talia Rodriguez (3)
Luciana Carrillo (4)	Maximiliano Varela (3)
Elijah Castillo (4)	Zul Vargas (3)
Esther Corona (4)	Clamondie Pierre (4)
Jackson Gallo (4)	Michael Rodriguez (4)
Eliana Gomez (5)	Joniel Sierra (4)
Rita Ramirez (5)	Loyal Spradley (4)
Valerie Torres (5)	Oliver Yepez (4)
Kendo Varela (5)	Dylan Garcia (5)
Maria Martinez (6)	Ninel Lina-Rossis(5)
Naleigha Merritt (6)	Samantha Martinez (5)
Yolenny Moronta (6)	Daury Reyes-Diaz (5)
Kiara Navarrete (6)	Benamy Ruiz (5)
Maria Peñaloza (6)	Alejandro Cruz (6)
Emilio Perez (6)	Luz Gonzalez (6)
Rubi Sanchez (6)	Montserrat Martinez (6)
Rocky Taveras (6)	Edlyannie Ortiz (6)
Janelle Abreu (7)	Mariangel Polanco (6)
Naiyade Ceden(7)	Jorge Rodriguez (6)
Adalis De La Cruz (7)	Naiyaliz Rodriguez (6)
Alanna Peralta (7)	Carlos Sanchez (6)
Manuel Ramirez (7)	Alan Sandoval (6)
Janellys Abreu (8)	Nyleah Connor (7)
Isabella Gonzalez (8)	Adanis Flores (7)
Jiovani Peña (8)	Annalise Sierra (7)
Lindsay Piña (8)	Angel Vargas (7)
Saray Rodriguez (8)	Nathalie Buenano (8)
Crisaily Salvador (8)	Viviana Cruz (8)
<b><u>Second Honors</u></b>	Genesis Gonzalez (8)
Valeria Carrillo (3)	Dulcemaria Ramirez (8)
Ana Figueroa (3)	Olivia Rodriguez (8)
Jayden Garcia (3)	Gianni Sanchez (8)
Iliana Gonzalez (3)	Alvin Sanchez (8)
Ezekyel Guerrero (3)	Chris Yepez (8)

**Kitchen Kapers at Saint Peter School**

We look forward to the delicious treats which will come our way from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

future chefs during the week of January 21. The final round of the County Competition will take place on Saturday, February at Immaculate Conception School.



Sisters, Servants of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary

