

**Saint Peter
School News
January, 2026**

Dear Parents,

As we celebrate the Christmas Season and enjoy time with family and friends, we want to also be ever-mindful of Jesus' presence in our lives. He loves each of us with a most tender love and came among us in such lowly form to show us the way of love and inspire us with a constant hope to guide us in our daily life. We simply need to re-recognize this and allow His love to shine forth in our lives. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo, gave a most inspiring message to the youth of Lebanon, calling upon them to help in constructing a future of hope. This timeless message could be for each of us: "Dear young people, what expresses God's presence in the world more than anything else? Love, charity! Charity speaks a universal language, because it speaks to every human heart. It is not just a concept, but a story revealed in the lives of Jesus and the saints, who accompany us in life's trials. Consider the many young people who, like you, have not allowed themselves to be discouraged by injustices and negative examples, even those found within the Church. Instead, they have tried to forge new paths in search of the Kingdom of God and its justice. Drawing on the strength you receive from Christ, build a better world than the one you inherited! As young people, you form relationships with others more easily, even those from different cultural and religious backgrounds. The true renewal that a young heart desires begins with everyday gestures: welcoming those near and far, offering a hand to friends and refugees, and forgiving enemies.... My dear friends, Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, shines forth among all the saints as the Most Holy. Many young people carry a rosary with them at all times, either in their pocket, on their wrist or around their neck. How beautiful it is to look at Jesus through the eyes of Mary's heart!... Dear young people, I would like to leave you with a simple and beautiful prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, unity; where there is doubt, faith; where there is error, truth; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; where there is darkness, light." May this prayer keep the joy of the Gospel and Christian enthusiasm alive in your hearts. "Enthusiasm" means "having God in your soul." When the Lord dwells in us, the hope he gives us bears fruit in the world. In fact, hope is a "poor" virtue, because it presents itself empty-handed; its hands are always free to open doors that seem to be closed due to fatigue, pain or disappointment. The Lord will always be with you, and you can be assured of the support of the whole Church in the decisive

challenges in your lives and in the history of your beloved country. I entrust you to the protection of the Mother of God, Our Lady, who from the summit of this mountain looks upon this new blossoming. Young people... grow strong like the cedars and make the world blossom with hope!"

Honor Roll

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

First Honors

- Iker Buenano (3)
- Dyland Escobar (3)
- David Maya (3)
- Mayrenis Cabrera (4)
- Jayden Garcia (4)
- Dana Mago (4)
- Luciana Carrillo (5)
- Elijah Castillo (5)
- Esther Corona (5)
- Jackson Gallo (5)
- Benamy Ruiz (6)
- Kendo Varela (6)
- Alejandro Cruz (7)
- Naleigha Merritt (7)
- Janelle Abreu (8)
- Nyleah Connor (8)
- Annalise Sierra (8)
- Alexa Torres (8)

- Valeria Carrillo (4)
- Namira Correa (4)
- Emily Escalante (4)
- Ana Figueroa (4)
- Jasslyn Moronta (4)
- Earl Otto (4)
- Jorge Perez (4)
- Samuel Piñeda (4)
- Xadriel Sosa (4)
- Yianna Vargas (4)
- Andrea Arroyo (5)
- Olivia Benn (5)
- Jazlyn Covington (5)
- Jariel Echevarria (5)
- Euriel Garcia (5)
- Gabriela Mendez (5)
- Michael Rodriguez (5)
- Loyal Spradley (5)
- Jennifer Arevalo (6)
- Ninel Lina-Rossis (6)

Second Honors

- Jonayelis Gil (3)
- Adrienyely Gomez (3)
- Natalie Guzman (3)
- Lucas Hernandez (3)
- Jelsi Martinez (3)
- Joelvis Menegildo (3)
- Neymani Rosario (3)
- Arkiel Serpa (3)
- Jayleen Valerio (3)

- Jesus Ryes (6)
- Diangelys Garcia (7)
- Maria Martinez (7)
- Melianny Mata (7)
- Emilio Perez (7)
- Mariangel Polanco (7)
- Rubi Sanchez (7)
- Tais Batista (8)
- Naiyade Cedeno (8)
- Angel Vargas (8)

SPS Chess Club

We are so happy to announce that we are continuing with Chess Club. We are so grateful to Mrs. Fleig for providing us our talented instructor:

- Michael Rodriguez (5)
- Madison Castillo (3)
- Dyland Escobar (3)
- Jorge Perez (4)
- Max Varela (4)
- Olivia Benn (5)
- Elijah Castillo (5)
- Braylen Laboy (5)

- Kendo Varela (6)
- Elijah Vergeon (6)
- Malachi Brooks (7)
- Alejandro Cruz (7)
- Rocky Taveras (7)
- Jotxiel Caraballo (8)
- Diego Nuñez (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 20. The final round of the County Competition will take place at some time in February.

