

**Saint Peter  
School News  
April, 2026**

**Dear Parents,**

As we begin to celebrate the beautiful season of Easter, let us remember and ponder the beautiful message of hope that Jesus has given to us. This incredible hope emerged only after such intense suffering. It was only after Good Friday that we could truly celebrate Easter Sunday. This season also brings to mind the one year anniversary of the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. I share with you the final message he gave last year on Easter Sunday: "The main figures of the Easter narratives all ran! On the one hand, "running" could express the concern that the Lord's body had been taken away; but, on the other hand, the haste of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John expresses the desire, the yearning of the heart, the inner attitude of those who set out to search for Jesus. He, in fact, has risen from the dead and therefore is no longer in the tomb. We must look for him elsewhere.... We must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb. We must look for him without ceasing. Because if he has risen from the dead, then he is present everywhere, he dwells among us, he hides himself and reveals himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us. For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the risen Lord and prepares us to welcome him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of "religious reassurance." On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action, to run like Mary Magdalene and the disciples; it invites us to have eyes that can "see beyond," to perceive Jesus, the one who lives, as the God who reveals himself and makes himself present even today, who speaks to us, goes before us, surprises us. Like Mary Magdalene, every day we can experience losing the Lord, but every day we can also run to look for him again, with the certainty that he will allow himself to be found and will fill us with the light of his resurrection. Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy forever. This is the goal towards which we press on, as the Apostle Paul says, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, we hasten to meet Christ."



**Pre-Confirmation Meeting**

This meeting will be for our 7th grade parents whose children will receive Confirmation next year. It will be on Monday, April 20 at 6:30pm in Church.

**SPS CYO Girls Varsity Basketball Team**

We also congratulate our girls who played on our Varsity Basketball Team:

Samantha Martinez (6)    Kiara Navarrete (7)  
 Danna Peralta (6)      Naiyaliz Rodriguez (7)  
 Valerie Torres (6)      Yabiannia Soto (7)  
 Danilyn Munoz (7)      Abigail Tejada (7)  
 Cameron Merritt (7)     Alanna Peralta (8)  
 Naleigha Merritt (7)

**SPS CYO 5th/6th Grade Developmental Team**

Zion Cooper (6)            Marcus Fernandez (5)  
 Missael Fernandez(6)    Shan Haynes-Ali (5)  
 Dylan Garcia (6)         Michael Rodriguez (5)  
 Jesus Reyes (6)            Yabian Soto (5)  
 Elias Santiago (6)        Loyal Spradley (5)  
 Damian Solorio (6)        Jovanni Tineo (5)  
 Elijah vergeon (6)        Max Valerio (5)

**SPS CYO 3rd/4th Grade Developmental Team**

Exekyel Guerrero (4)    Angel DeSalas (3)  
 Alexander Juarez (4)    Dyland Escobar (3)  
 Jorge Perez (4)          Aaron Mata (3)  
 Daniel Santiago (4)      Joelvis Menegildo (3)  
 Maximiliano Varela (4) Arkiel Serpa (3)

**Declamation Competition**

We are in the midst of preparing our four orators for the famous Berks County Declamation Competition to be held at Berks Catholic on Friday, April 17 at 5:00pm. We wish the best to our competitors:

Janelle Abreu (8)         Maria Martinez (7)  
 Nicholas Carmona (8)    Alan Sandoval (7)

**Skating Party**

We will have a Skating Party on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30pm- 8:30pm at Skate-away on Lancaster Pike.

**Spring Bingo**

Come for an afternoon of food, fun, and Family Bingo from 11:00am to 3:00 in the Social Hall on Saturday, April 25.

