

**Saint Peter  
School News  
December, 2021**

Dear Parents,

First of all I want to extend my most sincere gratitude for all your support and cooperation in our Middle States Evaluation. Our visiting team was so impressed with the loving family we have as a school community--that welcome and acceptance radiated among the many encounters they experienced during their time with us. We now enter the sacred season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, continuously inspires us to live in hope in spite of the challenges that surround us: "Advent, which prepares us for Christmas, is a time of expectation; it is a time of hope: expectation and hope... God is a God who comes, who continually comes. He does not disappoint our expectation. The Lord never disappoints. He will perhaps make us wait, he will make us wait a few moments in the dark to allow our expectation to ripen, but he never disappoints. The Lord always comes, He is always by our side. At times he does not make himself seen, but he always comes. He came at a precise moment in history and became man to take on our sins — the feast of the Nativity commemorates Jesus' first coming in the historical moment —; He will come at the end of times as universal judge; He also comes a third time, in a third manner: He comes every day to visit his people, to visit every man and woman who receives him in the Word, in the Sacraments, in their brothers and sisters. Jesus, the Bible tells us, is at the door and knocks. Every day. He is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord who knocks, who has come today to visit you, who knocks at your heart restlessly, with an idea, with inspiration? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks. We are well aware that life is made up of highs and lows, of lights and shadows. Each one of us experiences moments of disappointment, of failure and bewilderment. Moreover, the situation we are living in, marked by the pandemic, generates worry, fear and discouragement in many people; we run the risk of falling into pessimism, the risk of falling into closure and apathy. How should we react in the face of all this? Today's Psalm suggests: "Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and shield. Yes, our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name"... Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the "God-with-us", God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart. God walks beside us to support us. The Lord does not abandon us; He accompanies us through the

events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or suffering... May Mary Most Holy, woman of expectation, accompany our steps at the beginning of this new liturgical year, and help us to fulfil the task of Jesus' disciples, indicated by the Apostle Peter: And what is this task? To account for the hope that is in us."

**Confirmation**

We rejoice with our 8th grade students who will receive this special sacrament from Bishop Schlert on Tuesday, December 14:

Dyamar Almodovar	Jiovanni Nieves
Amayah Diaz	Cristy Orozco-Vicente
Kalob Diaz	Yoanny Payano
Anthony Gomez	Guillermo Polanco
Gabriella Gomez	Jaydrian Rivera
Alyna Guerrero	Benjamin Rodriguez
Johannie Martinez	Lucas Rodriguez
Hillary Mogro	Angalie Sierra
Chris Nava-Zavala	Sahemy Ureña
Joshua Nava-Peralta	Assyria Woods



**Berks County Spelling Bee**

We are so proud of our nine contestants in 6th, 7th, and 8th who competed at the Berks County Spelling Bee held at Saint Catharine's. We especially congratulate Milagros Solis who won 1st Place for the 6th grade competition and went on to represent Saint Peter School at the Diocesan Completion at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Leighton:

Milagros Solis (6)	Jessica Dominguez (7)
Josander Tavarez (6)	Leonel Romero (7)
Jovanna Zabala (6)	Alyna Guerrero (8)
Jarieu Bah (7)	Eryn Rivera (8)
	Assyria Woods (8)



**Mathletes**

We congratulate Mrs. Jones and her group of mathematicians who competed at the Mathletes competition at Berks Catholic High School:

Dyamar Almodovar	Jessica Dominguez
Jarieu Bah	Eryn Rivera
	Assyria Woods



**Pancake Breakfast with Santa**

We will celebrate this on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 until 1:00 in the Social Hall. It will be a day of pancakes, selling of small Christmas items, and also the raffle of theme baskets, craft-making, face painting, and opportunities to have your picture taken with Santa.



**Christmas Show**

We hope you can join us for a simple Christmas presentation in our church on Friday, December 17 after the 8:30 mass.

