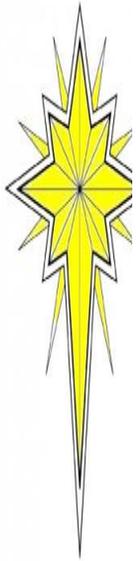


**Saint Peter  
School News  
January, 2021**

Dear Parents,

Although this Christmas will be very different from past years, we want to always keep our gaze fixed on the hope that God always manifests to us in so many ways. God's hope never disappoints. I am grateful that our school family has stayed safe as we continue forward. I am so grateful to each of you for staying with us. Living the present moment in a hope-filled manner will enable us to embrace the future with that same hope. Our lives are so inter-connected. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, highlights the importance of our interdependence and longing for hope that we all share: "As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality. It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. "Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together". Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all... True, a worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together. As I said in those days, "the storm has exposed our vulnerability and uncovered those false and superfluous certainties around which we constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities... Amid this storm, the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about appearances, has fallen away, revealing once more the ineluctable and blessed awareness that we are part of one another, that we are brothers



and sisters of one another.... I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope "speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile". Let us continue then to advance along the paths of hope."



**Honor Roll**

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

<b><u>1st Honors</u></b>	Christopher Gallo (8)
Khalaya Johnson (3)	Jaelen Toole (8)
Hadassa Perez (3)	<b><u>2nd Honors</u></b>
Tristan Santiago (3)	Nicholas Carmona (3)
Annalise Sierra (3)	Adanis Flores (3)
Viviana Cruz (4)	Edin Piña (3)
Diego Ortiz (4)	Isabella Gonzalez (4)
Jiovani Peña (4)	Olivia Rodriguez (4)
Dulcemaria Ramirez (4)	Saray Rodriguez (4)
Gianni Sanchez (4)	Gia Smith (4)
Gabriela Caloca-Ortiz (4)	David Zavala (4)
Erika Espinal (5)	Chris Yepez-Gutierrez(4)
Juan Diego Castañeda (5)	Jenelsie Espinal (5)
Mariana Jeronimo (5)	Yarissel Peralta (5)
Javier Sandoval-Cruz (5)	Tony Pesante (5)
Milagros Solis (5)	Gabriela Rosas (5)
Josander Tavarez (5)	Jovanna Zabala (5)
Jarieu Bah (6)	Zoe Alonso (6)
Jessica Dominguez (6)	Kima Anderson (6)
Rynez Otto (6)	Dyamar Almodovar (7)
Creily Pichardo (6)	Michael de Los Santos (7)
Leonel Romero (6)	Arianna Smith (7)
Andrew Lachina (7)	Jack Carmona (8)
John Lachina (7)	Aloyska Gonzalez (8)
Mark Lachina	Angelina Peñalosa (8)
Marvin Alejo (8)	Leonardo Varela (8)



**Re-Registration for 2020-2021**

We will be sending home the registration papers and tuition information for the next school year. There is a link on our school website to access FACTS and apply for financial aid. You are also welcome, as always, to have Mrs. Labrin, meet with you and guide you through the process. It looks like we will have a substantial amount of financial aid to give out so please, please apply. We also look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students. If you have a child who is 5 years old or will be 5 by September 30, 2021, please reach out to us so we can start the process.

