

**Saint Peter
School News
May, 2022**

Dear Parents,

We wish you an Easter Season filled with blessings and a beautiful spirit of joy and hope. Even though we live in a society of much turmoil, we look to Jesus and the hope of the Resurrection as we grow in our desire to create and sustain peace within ourselves and within our families and society. I share with you an excerpt from Pope Francis message for the World Day of Peace: *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace” (Is 52:7).* The words of the prophet Isaiah speak of consolation; they voice the sigh of relief of a people in exile, weary of violence and oppression, exposed to indignity and death... In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an “architecture” of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an “art” of peace that directly involves each one of us. All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations. Here I wish to propose *three paths* for building a lasting peace. First, *dialogue between generations* as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, *education* as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, *labor* as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for “making possible the creation of a social covenant”, without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial... Dialogue entails listening to one another, sharing different views, coming to agreement and walking together. Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace. Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young. Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future... It is my hope that investment in education will also be accompanied by greater efforts to promote the culture of care, which, in the face of social divisions and unresponsive institutions, could become a common language working to break down barriers and build bridges. “A country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many rich cultural components: popular culture, university culture, youth culture, artistic culture, technological culture, economic culture, family culture and media culture”... Labor, in fact, is the foundation on which to build justice and solidarity in every community. For this reason, our aim should not be “that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to

humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment”. We need to combine our ideas and efforts in order to create the solutions and conditions

that can provide everyone of working age with the opportunity, through their work, to contribute to the lives of their families and of society as a whole... to all men and women of good will, I make this appeal: let us walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work. May more and more men and women strive daily, with humility and courage, to be artisans of peace.”

First Communion

Our children will receive this special sacrament Saturday, May 7 with mass at 10:00 am.

We are grateful to our choir members who will enhance our liturgical celebration.

Mathletes Competition

In last month's newsletter, two names were omitted from the team members who competed in the Mathletes Competition. We also congratulate: Madison Carrillo (7) and Nathalie Ortiz (7)

Declamation

We are so proud of our 7th and 8th graders who competed in the Berks County Declamation Competition Berks Catholic:

- Alyna Guerrero (8)
- Anthony Gomez (8)--3rd Place
- Madison Carrillo (7)--3rd Place
- John Oleas (7)--2nd Place

Honor Roll

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

First Honors

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| Maria Martinez (3) | Abigail Tejada (3) |
| Edlyannie Ortiz (3) | Xitali Uribe (3) |
| Maria Peñaloza (3) | Nicholas Carmona (4) |
| Emilio Perez (3) | Emily Frias (4) |
| Rocky Taveras (3) | Amir Juarez (4) |
| Annalise Sierra (4) | Hadassa Perez (4) |
| Janellys Abreu (5) | Lisbeth Perez-Savinon (4) |
| Viviana Cruz (5) | Liliana Santiago (4) |
| Ana Frias (5) | Tristan Santiago (4) |
| Diego Ortiz (5) | Alexa Torres (4) |
| Jiovani Peña (5) | Nayri Vega (4) |
| Dulcemaria Ramirez (5) | Ethan Colon (5) |
| Saray Rodriguez (5) | Olivia Rodriguez (5) |
| Gianni Sanchez (5) | David Zavala (5) |
| Chris Yepez-Gutierrez (5) | Jenelsie Espinal (6) |
| Gabriela Caloca-Ortiz (5) | Mariana Jeronimo (6) |
| Juan Diego Castañeda (6) | Yazmin Luna (6) |
| Britnay Martinez (6) | Tiffany Rodriguez (6) |
| Milagros Solis (6) | Gabriela Rosas (6) |
| Josander Tavaraz (6) | Javier Sandoval (6) |
| Jarieu Bah (7) | Jovanna Zabala (6) |
| Jessica Dominguez (7) | Allison Diaz (7) |
| Moises Perez-Barajas (7) | Arlyn Hernandez (7) |
| | Maxine Mayo (7) |

Second Honors

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| Montserrat Martinez (3) | Ennybel Mejia (7) |
| Naleigha Merritt (3) | Rynez Otto (7) |
| Alondra Muñoz-Gonzalez(3) | Leonel Romero (7) |
| Naiyaliz Rodriguez (3) | Amavah Diaz (8) |
| Rubi Sanchez (3) | Gabriella Gomez (8) |
| Legend Spradley (3) | Eryn Rivera (8) |
| Alan Sandoval (3) | Arianna Smith (8) |
| | Assyria Woods (8) |

