Saint Peter School News November, 2022

Dear Parents,

May God continue to bless each of you during this season of Thanksgiving and time of remembering the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. It is the perfect time to recognize and affirm the many blessings we have received from God. God has blessed Saint Peter School with many generous benefactors, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students. It is also a time to remember our beloved deceased and the many saints that we have known. When we cultivate an attitude of gratitude in our daily interactions, we grow closer to God and become more hope-filled. In the masterpiece of Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel,* Pope Francis invites us all to grow in holiness and once we develop this personal relationship and encounter with God, it cannot help but spillover in all our daily interactions and decisions: "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ... I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace". How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another "seventy times seven" (*Mt* 18:22) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!"

Student Council

We congratulate our newly elected leadership team and class representatives for 2022-2023:

President: Madison Carrillo
Vice President: Jessica Dominguez
Secretary: Jarieu Bah
Treasurer: Ennybel Mejia
Grade 8 Representative: Rynez Otto
Gr. 7 Representative: Isai Rivera& GabrielaRosas
Grade 6 Representative: Dulcemaria Ramirez
Grade 5 Representative: Janelle Abreu
Grade 4 Representative: Xitlali Uribe
We are most grateful to Mrs. Searfoss and Mrs. Cronan who will oversee the Student Council Activities. We look forward to a very promising and spirit-filled year in the midst of our challenges.

Mission Representatives

In addition to installing our Student Council, we will also install our Mission Reps at that same mass. These representatives, under the leadership of Sister Margaret, will help promote awareness and response to local and global missionary needs. We were proud to install these representatives:

4th Grade: Abigail Tejada
5th Grade: Amir Juarez
6th Grade: Janellys Abreu
7th Grade: Karina Andrade
8th Grade: Delayla Colon
The formal installation took place on Friday, October 14th at the 8:30 mass.

Berks County Spelling Bee

Nine of our students will soon compete in the Berks County Spelling Bee to be held at Saint Catharine's We wish them and their coach, Mrs. Jackson the best of luck:

Jarieu Bah (8) Josander Tavarez (7)
Madison Carrillo (8) Jasmine Vargas (7)
Jessica Dominguez (8) Camilla Colon-Afanador(6)
Milagros Solis (7) Armany Julbe (6)
Mael Vargas-Paula (6)

Fideli Corde Award (Faithful Heart)

We rejoice with Mrs. Jackson as she receives this special award from the IHM Sisters for her more than fifty years of faithful service to Saint Peter School. Mrs. Jackson will receive this award in a special ceremony on November 10 at our IHM Motherhouse in Immaculata.

Father/Daughter Dance

This 8th Annual event will take place on Friday, November 11. It is a fun and memorable evening of dancing and games for fathers and daughters.

Thanksgiving Vacation

We pray that you enjoy time with family and celebrate together the gift of family during this nice vacation time from Nov. 23 through Nov. 28. We will return to school on Tuesday, November 29.