

THE Cardinal's Saint Peter's CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear Saint Peter's Catholic School Families,

I apologize for the delay in sending this letter to you, and I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends! Thank you for preparing food and attending our delightful Thanksgiving Feast last week; we plan to make that event a yearly tradition. We have already completed our first quarter of the 2018-2019 school year, parents have met with their children's teachers during parent conferences, and we are well into our second quarter. Time flies so very quickly.

I would like to share some of the many things for which we are so thankful. First, we are thankful for our loving Creator who blesses us so abundantly each day. We are thankful for Jesus and His love and mercy, as He is the reason we are here at Saint Peter's Catholic School. We are thankful for your support in creating a partnership with us for your students. We are thankful that you are willing to share your precious children with us each day; through them we are reminded daily of what is truly important.

We are thankful for Fr. Andrew, Mrs. Jessica Green, our teachers, assistants, support staff, and our generous parishioners who care so much about St. Peter's Catholic School and its students. We are thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school. So many have the best interests of our students at heart.

As we enter into the Advent Season, we continue do our work with hearts filled with gratitude and pray that God may continue to richly bless you and your families.

In Christ. Ann M Feltner, Principal

"O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Ps. 95:1-3



December's Character Trait

Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:11 "You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God"

Congratulations to the students we recognize for exceptional Self Control in October! Pictured above: Estrella B., Kara D., Quinlan L., Jimena G., Riley P., Joseline B., Francisco A., Laura S., Kaylee R., Atziry B., Dylan A., Briana J., Dylan K., Alexander D.



This month we are focusing on Advent prayers and preparing for the birth of Jesus.

IMPORTANT DATES

11/27 - Progress Reports

12/6 - Feast of St. Nicholas

12/7 - School Flu Shots

12/8 - Breakfast with St. Nick

12/9 - Christmas Parade

12/18 - Christmas Pageant

12/19 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

12/21 - Half Day - Christmas Break **Begins**

12/24-1/4 - Christmas Break -No School



November Corporal Works of Mercy



We are so excited to participate in the Box of Joy program again this year. Thank you to our wonderful families for helping us to provide for the poor.

For one of our many service projects, our PTO donated money and each classroom made a card for Holy Trinity Catholic School in Longs, South Carolina. This school was damaged badly by flood waters of Hurricane Florence and are operating out of religious education classrooms in their Parish.

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To pick our yearbook cover this year, we had a change challenge. Students put change in the container of the cover that they wanted to win. We raised \$165.00 to donate to CAPA.



Student Council had a canned food drive to donate cans to the Franciscan Center. We donated a total of 198 cans!



December is filled with Many Wonderful Saints and Their Feast Days



Saint Andrew

November 30. Saint Andrew was Saint Peter's brother and was called by Jesus along with Peter. We know very little about Andrew except that he too was a fisherman, and a disciple of Saint John the Baptist.



Saint Francis Xavier

December 3. Saint Francis Xavier was won over to Christ by the gentle persuasion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He then joined the Jesuits and soon after set off for the East, where he labored the rest of his life. Xavier was on his way to China when he died in 1552.





Saint Nicholas

December 6. The absence of "hard historical facts" is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists.



Saint Ambrose

December 7. One of Ambrose's historical claims to fame is that he was instrumental in the conversion of Saint Augustine, and also baptized him. Known for his lively preaching and writing, Saint Ambrose must have been a force to be reckoned with. Maybe those qualities were what attracted Saint Augustine. But Saint Ambrose stands on his own merits-independent of his protégé.



The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary December 8. Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, the Blessed Virgin is the patron of the United States. Thus this is a major feast--in fact a Holy Day of Obligation--for the Church in the United States of America.





Saint Juan Diego

December 9. The fact that Our Lady appeared to a simple peasant has been viewed as a sure sign of Mary's care for the "little people" of society. Saint Juan Diego played a major role in the recognition of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Without his courageous witness few people would have known of her love for the indigenous peoples of Mexico—and elsewhere.



Our Lady Of Guadalupe

December 12. The Blessed Virgin's appearance at Tepeyac to Saint Juan Diego in 1531, was the beginning of a beautiful story of God's and Mary's love and care for the peoples of Mexico. As Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin was named patroness of all of the Americas in 2003.



Saint Lucy

December 13. Little is known about Saint Lucy except that she had taken a vow of virginity, and that she was martyred in 304. Yet devotion to her sprung up in the early Church, and she is mentioned among the martyrs in the First Eucharistic Prayer.



Saint John Of The Cross

December 14. Saint John of the Cross was a 16th century reformer of the Carmelite way of life. Together with Saint Teresa of Avila, he lived the primitive Rule of their Order, and paid a dear price for his commitment to reform and authentic living. Saint John of the Cross died in 1591.

