

# St. Peter's Post

## St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School



May 2025

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Dear Families and Friends of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School,

It is with great excitement that we are sharing the first issue of St. Peter's Post, our school newsletter. As you likely know, we are the first parochial school opening in the Archdiocese of San Antonio in over 30 years, and we will be the first classical school in our Archdiocese. To all who have given of their time, treasure, and talents to make this school a reality, thank you. To all who will be joining us as Founding Families for the 2025-2026 school year, we are thrilled to have you be a part of this new beginning.

Stories are central to the work of education, and this is especially true of classical education. So, as we look forward to the beginning of our story here at St. Peter's, I invite you to think back to your own childhood. What was a story that captured your imagination? Did it involve a dangerous quest in far-off lands? Did it depict the life of a great historical figure? Did it reflect your own daily experience in a particularly perceptive or beautiful way?

Regardless of what type of story comes to mind, I am confident that there is at least one you found captivating, especially in that formative time of life. There is something in our human nature that gravitates to story. The greatest stories invite us to enter into different worlds and, in doing so, transform the way we live in our own. When we witness Frodo's fortitude bearing the Ring, step through the wardrobe into Narnia with the Pevensie children, or marvel at Joan of Arc's heroic courage, we aren't merely transported to other times and places. In reading these stories, we come to view our own experience anew and live with greater purpose and virtue.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, it is a joy to fill our shelves with beautiful stories our students will treasure for years to come. And

yet, as I meet with prospective families, I'm blessed to glimpse part of their unique stories. Some families have deep roots in the Boerne community; others will be moving to Texas in the coming months. Some parents have themselves been deeply shaped by Catholic education, whereas others are part of the broader ecumenical community or new to the Catholic faith. Yet, all desire that their children receive an excellent education rooted in faith that will free them to think well and live virtuously, an education that will allow them to live the story for which they were made.

There is one story from which every other – including our own – finds its origin and destination. It is the story of God Himself working out His divine plan to bring salvation to His beloved people. Through the Triduum and Easter liturgies experienced last week, we have been invited not only to read, but to truly enter the mysteries of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection.

As we begin this Easter season, I invite you to consider how this greatest story continues to unfold in your own life. How is Christ calling you to participate in His redemptive work? What role might St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School play in your family's journey of faith and education?

Christ's Resurrection reminds us that death gives way to eternal life, the darkness of sin is conquered by the light of God's love, and what we could never achieve through our own efforts becomes possible through the transforming power of His grace. This is the story we will share with our students—not just through books on shelves, but through the living witness of our community.

I look forward to the privilege of walking alongside your family as we write the opening chapters of our school's story together. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones during this Easter season and beyond.



In Christ,

**Ms. Brintnall**, Principal

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## Join Us for Our Open House!

Saturday, May 10, 2025 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Scan to RSVP

**St. Peter the Apostle Family Life Center**  
202 W. Kronkosky St., Boerne, TX 78006

Come visit St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School and discover the joy of Catholic, classical education! Explore our curriculum, meet members of our founding faculty, and get to know other future school families. We can't wait to welcome you!

# Faculty Spotlight



## Mrs. Ana Femath

Originally from El Paso, Mrs. Femath studied Philosophy and Psychology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio before beginning her educational career as a Teach for America Corps Member. With 14 years of experience in education, she most recently served as the International Baccalaureate program coordinator at Woodlawn Academy IB World School, where she led curriculum development and integrated character formation into student-centered learning. Her expertise spans Pre-K through 5th grade, with a focus on interdisciplinary and inquiry-based instruction. A parishioner of St.

Peter the Apostle Catholic Church alongside her husband and their three children, Mrs. Femath is passionate about sharing the True, the Good, and the Beautiful found in God's creation.



## Ms. Christen Lizza

Ms. Lizza grew up in Ohio where she attended Catholic schools and developed a deep appreciation for faith-based education. She earned her degree from Purdue University before settling in Boerne, Texas with her three children. Prior to joining St. Peter's, she dedicated three years to teaching at a Christian preschool, where she discovered her passion for nurturing young learners in a Christ-centered environment. Ms. Lizza is honored to serve as a founding teacher for our parish's new school and feels blessed to contribute to building this special ministry within our church community. She looks forward to creating a foundation of faith and learning for our Pre-K students!



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Saturday, May 10** – Open House
- **BEFORE Thursday, May 15** – Enroll to lock-in tuition rate for 2 years
- **Sunday, May 18** – Pure Country BBQ on Main, 12:00–2:00 pm. Meet St. Peter the Apostle families and get to know your St. Peter's community.
- **Wednesday, August 13** – First Day of School

## Security Update

Student safety is a top priority as we plan for the upcoming school year. Building updates are underway to ensure that our campus is a safe and secure place for our students to learn.

At the moment, we are:

- partnering with Paraclete Consulting to provide an armed school security guard.
- installing access control on all external doors.
- planning for the addition of a security door at the Family Life Center.
- placing security cameras throughout the Family Life Center.



## SPECIAL OFFER!

### ENROLL BEFORE MAY 15, 2025

to lock-in your student's tuition rate for 2 years!

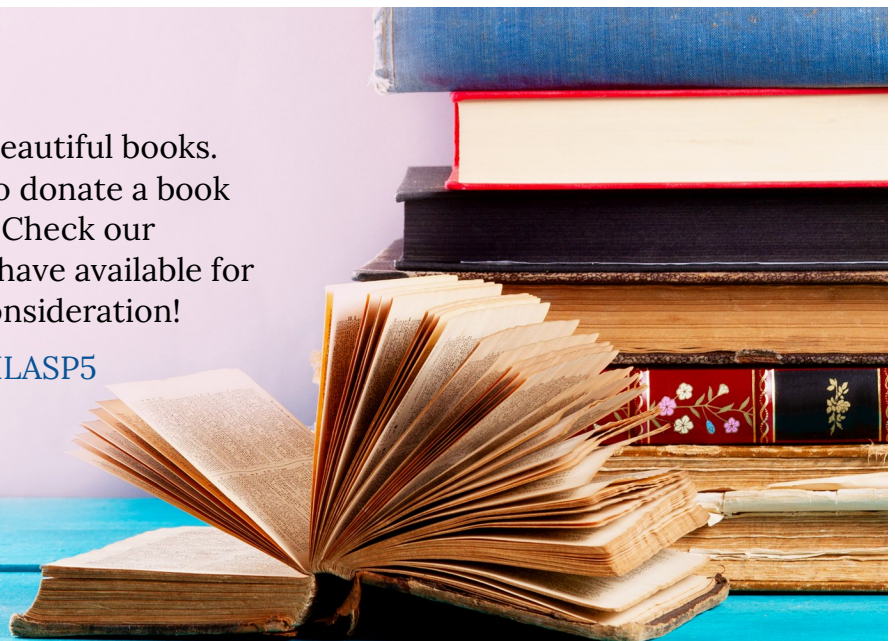


To learn more about the Tuition Lock-In Rate, scan the QR code →

## Library News

We are excited to fill our shelves with beautiful books. Would you or someone you know like to donate a book or two to help build our school library? Check our Amazon Wish List for titles we hope to have available for students to read. Thank you for your consideration!

[amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JTJZCMHLASP5](https://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JTJZCMHLASP5)





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the Apostle

# 2025-2026 Academic School Calendar

LEGEND	
	First Day of School
	No School
	Early Dismissal
	Inclement Weather Make-Up
	Teacher Work Day

**Regular Day:**

PK-K 7:40 am-3:00 pm  
1st-6th 7:40 am-3:15 pm

**Early Dismissal Day:**

PK-K 7:40 am-11:45 am  
1st-6th 7:40 am-12:00 pm noon

JULY 2025						
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28 - Teacher Retreat 29-31 - Teacher Planning Day						

AUGUST 2025						
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1-12 - Teacher Planning Days 13 - First Day of School						

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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OCTOBER 2025						
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10-Parent/Teacher Conferences 13 - Columbus Day						

NOVEMBER 2025						
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24-28 - Thanksgiving Break						

DECEMBER 2025						
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22-26 - Christmas Holiday						

JANUARY 2026						
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1-2 - New Years Holiday 19 - Martin Luther King Jr., Day						

FEBRUARY 2026						
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16 - President's Day (Inclement Weather Make-Up Day)						

MARCH 2026						
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9-13 - Spring Break						

APRIL 2026						
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3 - Good Friday 4 - Easter Sunday 6 - Easter Monday (Inclement Weather Make-Up Day)						

MAY 2026						
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25 - Memorial Day 29 - Last Day of School						

JUNE 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa

## A Psalm of Life

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,  
Is our destined end or way;  
But to act, that each tomorrow  
Find us farther than today.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,  
And our hearts, though stout and brave,  
Still, like muffled drums, are beating  
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,  
In the bivouac of Life,  
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!  
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!  
Let the dead Past bury its dead!  
Act,—act in the living Present!  
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time;—

Footprints, that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.



## In Memoriam: Pope Francis

On Easter Monday, we learned of the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As we thank God for the gift of his leadership and mourn his passing, let us respond to his call that we rejoice in the hope of Christ's resurrection.

"Sister, brother, let your heart burst with jubilation on this holy night! Together let us sing of Jesus' resurrection: "Sing to him, distant lands, rivers and plains, deserts and mountains ... Sing to the Lord of life, risen from the tomb, more brilliant than a thousand suns. All peoples beset by evil and plagued by injustice, all peoples displaced and devastated: on this holy night cast aside your songs of sadness and despair. The Man of Sorrows is no longer in prison: he has opened a breach in the wall; he is hastening to meet you. In the darkness, let an unexpected shout of joy resound: He is alive; he is risen! And you, my brothers and sisters, small and great... you who are weary of life, who feel unworthy to sing... let a new flame be kindled in your heart, let new vitality be heard in your voice. It is the Pasch of the Lord; it is the feast of the living." -from Pope Francis' 2024 Easter Vigil Homily