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St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School



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"Community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own. The question, therefore, is not 'How can we make community?' but, 'How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?'"

— Henri Nouwen

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

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! After our surprise ice day on Monday, each day featured special events such as literary/historical character dress up day, visits from special guests sharing about their vocations, crazy sock day, a performance by our 5th and 6th graders on the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, appreciation of our teachers, and celebration of our school families. We finished the week celebrating our parish community at the weekend's Masses – thank you to all who participated!

These events were a beautiful way to celebrate and strengthen our school community, and the quote above by Henri Nouwen struck me as particularly fitting. As we keep building, we must continually ask ourselves, "How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?" This quality of self-gift, of noticing and caring for the interests of others, is foundational to Catholic education, which has as its goal the formation of young people who use their knowledge, gifts, and talents not only for themselves but in service to others.

With Valentine's Day and Lent on the horizon come great opportunities to respond to this challenge to "develop and nurture giving hearts". Our virtue for the month of February is kindness, and students are encouraged to find ways to live this out both in and out of school. More specifically, our students will be making handmade notes for their classmates to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Lent begins a few days later, and this season encourages us to focus on almsgiving. This month's Family Faith Challenge reflects this habit, and we hope that the virtue of kindness shines forth in our school community to those both near and far as February unfolds



Joyfully in Christ,

Ms. Brintnall, Principal
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Mardi Gras Gala

Thank you to everyone who helped with the St. Peter School's 2nd Annual **Mardi Gras Gala**. For the second year in a row, the event was completely sold out. Please stay tuned to next month's newsletter for pictures, a more comprehensive report of the fundraising results, and a list of committee members, volunteers, sponsors and donors.



PARENT INFORMATION

- **Uniform Purchases**
Purchase in-store or online at www.flynnohara.com.
- **Follow us on social media!**
Follow *St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School* on Facebook at facebook.com/61574173240445 and *stpaboerneschool* on Instagram at instagram.com/stpaboerneschool.
- **Parent Information Webpage**
View our parent information webpage at stpetersboerneschool.org/parent-information for updated information and current newsletters.
- **Scouts BSA Programs**
Did you know there are several Scouts troops that meet on St. Peter's campuses? If you are interested in joining a Scouts program, please contact Regis Mackrell at rmackrell@gmail.com.

Tuition Rates & Tuition Assistance Opportunities

- Tuition rates for 2026-2027 are available on our website — stpetersboerneschool.org/tuition-financial-aid
- All families are encouraged to apply for the Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program at. Award recipients will receive \$10,474 per child per year to cover costs of private education! Applications are open February 4 – March 17. Need help with the application? Register for one of St. Peter's TEFA application workshops at forms.gle/pQjqKkrZ62uvWbH46!
- Thank you to all of our families spreading the word about St. Peter's! With our New Family Referral Program, those who refer a new family to us could receive a \$1,000 tuition credit. See additional flyer for details.
- Thanks to the Archdiocesan Hope for the Future program and St. Peter's Jim & Lea Perlitz Scholarship Fund, there are some tuition assistance opportunities available for families unable to benefit from TEFA. Families may apply for both of these programs by submitting an application through FACTS. The priority deadline for St. Peter's scholarships is April 17.

More school choices for your child.

Parents can choose what works best for their child: public, private, or home-based learning.

Freedom to learn your way.



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!



St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School Investment and Affordability

2026-2027

BASE TUITION

At St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School, students receive a Catholic classical education rooted in the liberal arts tradition and anchored in our Catholic faith.

Every tuition dollar supports not only high-quality instruction but also a vibrant community centered on faith, virtue, and service.

Our students have the privilege of attending Mass and faith formation programs including sacramental preparation.

REQUIRED FEES

COMMITMENT FEE

This fee covers costs incurred immediately upon enrollment and is required to reserve your student's spot for the upcoming year.

**\$380 new/
\$280
returning**

ADDITIONAL FEES

Fees associated with field trips and other incidentals are not included and may be assessed periodically.

PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS

Payment plans are estimated off of base tuition and do not reflect sibling rates or additional charges.

BASE TUITION **\$10,900** → **12 MONTH** **11 MONTH** **10 MONTH**
\$908 **\$990** **\$1,090**
per month **per month** **per month**

12-month tuition plans begin in June 2026, 11-month in July, and 10-month in August. Textbooks and curriculum materials are included in the price of tuition. School supplies, after-school care, extracurricular activities, and uniforms are *not* included.

SIBLING RATES

Year Tuition (PK3-7th)		12 Monthly Installments	11 Monthly Installments	10 Monthly Installments
1st Child	\$10,900	\$908	\$990	\$1,090
2nd Child	\$10,600	\$883	\$964	\$1,060
3rd Child	\$10,300	\$858	\$936	\$1,030
4th Child	\$10,000	\$833	\$909	\$1,000
5th Child	Free	\$0	\$0	\$0



APPLY NOW! [CLICK HERE.](#)

TUITION ASSISTANCE

St. Peter the Apostle recognizes that finances play a significant role in your decision to enroll your child in a Catholic school. All families interested in tuition assistance are encouraged to apply for the **Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA)** program. The Archdiocesan **Hope for the Future (HFF)** program and **Jim & Lea Perlitz Scholarship Fund** at SPTA exist to provide need-based financial aid that offsets the cost of tuition. Families may submit a TEFA application through their system and a tuition assistance application via FACTS for consideration in HFF and SPTA need-based scholarship programs. The priority deadline for St. Peter's Jim & Lea Perlitz Scholarship Fund is Friday, April 17.

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Boerne, TX 78006



St. Peter
the Apostle
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

New Family Referral Program

Help us grow our school community!

You, our current families, are our best recruiters, as many inquiring families initially hear about St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School from our current families. As we begin our application and enrollment processes for the 2026-2027 school year, we want to reward you for promoting our school among your family and friends. How does it work? Refer a family to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School. If they enroll, receive a **\$1,000 tuition credit** as our way of saying thank you for helping us spread the word about the success, excellence, and traditions of SPTA!

Program Details:

- The tuition credit will be applied to the referring family's FACTS Tuition Account in January 2027 after the newly enrolled family has completed the first half of the year and is continuing enrollment in January.
- Current families may refer multiple families and receive \$1,000 tuition credit per family who enrolls.
- The tuition credit is \$1,000 *per family* regardless of the number of students enrolled by that family.
- The referring family must have a student enrolled at SPTA at time of payment (January 2027) to be eligible to receive the tuition credit through FACTS.
- Referred families must be new to the school (children cannot have been enrolled at SPTA previously).

Process:

- The new family must include referring family's name on the FACTS enrollment form.
- The referring family will be notified of the new family's enrollment and eligibility for referral tuition credit once the new family has been accepted and completed the enrollment process.

Thank you for being a part of St. Peter the Apostle School!

February Virtue of the Month: Kindness*

Definition of Kindness: Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs.

Prayer for Kindness:

Dear Jesus, You are kindness itself. I desire to show charity toward my neighbor through my thoughts, words, and actions. When others meet me, let them meet YOU in me! Amen.

Kindness Looks Like:

- Carrying bags for someone
- Talking to someone who seems sad
- Giving a glass of water to someone who is thirsty
- Sharing your jacket with someone who is cold
- Helping someone clean up a spill

Kindness Sounds Like:

- Do you need any help?
- You seem upset, is there anything I can do for you?
- I can get you some water.
- "I have an extra coat you can borrow."
- I can clean that up for you.

*Material that follows taken from *Education in Virtue* curriculum from OpenLight Media.

Family Faith Challenge: Almsgiving

With Lent on the horizon, we are reminded that this season is a wonderful opportunity to practice almsgiving—sharing our time, prayers, and resources with those in need. We encourage each family to choose a charity this month and support it through prayer and, if possible, some kind of donation. Families might support their chosen charity by praying together for those it serves, donating gently used clothes or toys, bringing non-perishable food items to a local food pantry, volunteering together, etc. We'd love to hear how your family is living out this month's challenge! Email photos to mbrintnall@stpetersboerneschool.org.

January Virtue of the Month Awards: Courtesy



Congratulations to the following students who exemplified the virtue of courtesy throughout the month of January! They were honored during our morning assembly prior to Mass on Wednesday, February 4.

Kindergarten: Jeremiah Agüero

1st Grade: Adan Vazquez Leon

2nd Grade: Gabriel Guerrero

3rd Grade: Isaiah Gray

4th Grade: Lucas Winters

5th/6th Grade: London Taft

Important Upcoming Events & Announcements



- Monday, Feb 23 Parent Service Organization Open Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 24 Parent Service Organization Open Meeting at 9:00 am
- Friday, Feb 27 Early Release
- Wednesday, Mar 4 Spring Curriculum Night in Cana Ballroom
- March 9–13 Spring Break
- Wednesday, Mar 17 Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) Application Closes

Parent Service Organization: The next open Parent Service Organization meeting will be Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm or February 24 at 9:00 am in Rm. 151/153. Come learn about what the PSO has accomplished so far this year and how you can become a part of the exciting new traditions being planned for Spring 2026!

School Board: With the permission of Archbishop Gustavo, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School is piloting a new school governance model in the Archdiocese of San Antonio called a Board of Shared Responsibility. On November 19, the board convened for its first official meeting together. From this point forward, meetings will take place approximately monthly through May, at 7:00pm in Rm. 151/153. Our School Board members are as follows:

Ex Officio Members: Fr. Norman A. Ermis, Pastor; Melanie Brintnall, Principal; Lysa Termeer, PSO President

Voting Members: Thomas Mengler, President; Thomas Price, Vice President; Clarence Kahlig, Secretary; Mark Batis; Dusty Clayton; Mynette Drawe; Bob Elizondo; Deacon Del Eulberg; David Hoyer; Gloria Palomo; Julie Seguin; Melissa Siller



St. Peter *the* Apostle
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SPRING CURRICULUM NIGHT

INSPIRING SAINTS
& SCHOLARS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
6:00-7:30 PM

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

+ CANA BALLROOM +

202 W. KRONKOSKY ST.
BOERNE, TX 78006
830-816-5670

All current and prospective St. Peter the
Apostle Catholic School families and
children are invited to join us for our Spring
Curriculum Night.

INTRODUCTION

MELANIE BRINTNALL - PRINCIPAL

MEET & GREET

MEET TEACHERS & SCHOOL STAFF

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

DISCOVER WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING THIS YEAR.

PLEASE RSVP BY
SCANNING THE
QR CODE



APPLY TODAY!



Inspiring Saints & Scholars
from the very beginning.



PRE-K OPEN HOUSE

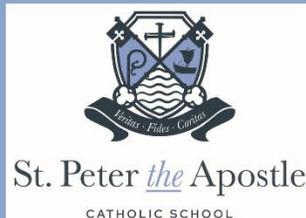
FRIDAY, FEB 27
1:00-3:00 PM

Come meet our
teachers and see
where our students
learn and grow!

830-816-5670



← RSVP here!



Apply here! →



Hot Cocoa with the Sisters

By Emma Suinaga, 3rd Grade Student

3rd Grade December Activities

Hello, St. Peter's! I'm sure you have been wondering about what jolly, holly, fun things classes have done throughout the year.

Back in December 3rd grade was very busy, and it wasn't the traffic and full flights at the airport. If you can guess what jolly thing we did, you are a genius!

The super jolly thing was visiting a monastery. A monastery is a kind of house in which sisters live. Sisters are women who dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ. We prepared some questions for the sisters about their lives in the monastery.

This monastery is no ordinary monastery. No, this is a modern monastery. Modern means new. This monastery is a monastery that not a lot of people have been to.

"How do you feel about going to the monastery?" I asked Mariana Puente Molina, a 3rd grade student. "I feel super excited. This is my second time at a modern monastery, and it was very fun last time," she said.

The sisters who live there are called the Benedictine Sisters, and they are named after Saint Benedict. Saint Benedict did many great things.

He was a hermit, which is not a crab but a person who lives alone because of Christian religion. Some monks begged him to become their abbot, which means the leader of the monastery or convent. He did not want to be the abbot and warned the monks about his strict rules, but he finally gave in and became their leaders.

The sisters today still follow the "Benedictine Rule": eight hours of sleep, eight hours of prayer, and eight hours of work.

One of the fun facts about the sisters is that they have been a community of Benedictine Sisters for about 150 years, and they have traveled to Cuba, Las Gallinas, San Antonio, and finally Boerne, Texas, to find the right monastery and keep a landmark from each of those places.

Another fun fact is that they have five rooms in their monastery: the big conference room, the offices, the church, the ancient treasure room (which includes some relics from St. Benedict and St. Scholastica) and the kitchen.

Now, the hot chocolate was great. I think it was the best hot chocolate I've tasted. But the best part was talking with Sister Antoinette, who was 98 years old. She was the teacher of Sister Sylvia when Sister Sylvia was a young girl. Another sister was called Sister Mary, and she was 100 years old.

I hope you enjoyed learning about the jolly, holly field trip with third grade. Stay tuned for more school adventures in the future and thank you for reading.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Scan QR code for upcoming events & announcements

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

NO Adoration

Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes (no communion)

6:15 am, 12:00 pm

Mass with Distribution of Ashes & Communion

8:00 am, 5:30 pm, 7:15 pm (en español)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

6:30 pm in Main Church

followed by soup supper or fish fry in gymnasium

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 (re-enactment), 2026

Friday Morning

Stations of the Cross

9:00 am in the main church

Lenten Mission

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Guest Speaker: Capuchin Brothers (in English & Spanish)

6:00 pm (5:00 pm Mass) in Main Church

Monday, March 2, 2026

Guest Speaker: Capuchin Brothers (in English in Spanish)

6:30 pm (6:00 pm Mass) in Main

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Lenten Mission & Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confession

6:30 pm in Main Church

Reflection on Reconciliation

7:00 pm

Reconciliation Service

Guest speaker in Spanish TBD in Cana Ballroom at 6:30 pm, then proceed to Main Church for individual confession

Lenten Anointing of the Sick

March 12, 2026

5:30 pm in Main Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS

— Lenten Pancake Meal —

February 15, 2026,



Join us in the Cana Ballroom for a Lenten Pancake Meal after each Mass on Sunday. Everyone is welcome. No RSVP required. Scan the QR code for more information.

— President's Day —

February 16, 2026

This year, the parish office will be closed on President's Day.

— Lenten Fish Fry —

February 27 & March 20, 2026



5:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the gymnasium. Adult plate: \$15/each. Child's plate (under 10 years old): \$7/each. Tickets on sale after weekend Masses, online at cdaboerne.org/shop and by scanning QR code.

— Cana Ballroom Open House —

March 1, 2026



Tours, refreshments, cake, catering, floral, décor, photo, video, planners, DJ, door prizes & more! Scan QR code to RSVP. canaballroom.com

— Children's Mass —

3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00 am Mass

We need readers, ushers and choir members. For more information, or if your child would like to participate, please contact:

Laura Balderrama-Contreras at laura@stpetersboerne.com

Angela Spino at goodshepherd@stpetersboerne.com

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Friendship, False and True

Sirach 6:5-17

- ⁵A pleasant voice multiplies friends,
and a gracious tongue multiplies courtesies.
- ⁶Let those that are at peace with you be many,
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.
- ⁷When you gain a friend, gain him through testing,
and do not trust him hastily.
- ⁸For there is a friend who is such at his own
convenience,
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.
- ⁹And there is a friend who changes into an enemy,
and will disclose a quarrel to your disgrace.
- ¹⁰And there is a friend who is a table companion,
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.
- ¹¹In your prosperity he will make himself your equal,
and be bold with your servants;
- ¹²but if you are brought low he will turn against you,
and will hide himself from your presence.
- ¹³Keep yourself far from your enemies,
and be on guard toward your friends.
- ¹⁴A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter:
he that has found one has found a treasure.
- ¹⁵There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend,
and no scales can measure his excellence.
- ¹⁶A faithful friend is an elixir of life;
and those who fear the Lord will find him.
- ¹⁷Whoever fears the Lord directs his friendship aright,
for as he is, so is his neighbor also.



The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. ©LPi

