

# ST. PETER THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

## Newsletter



PK showcasing their drawing and writing skills

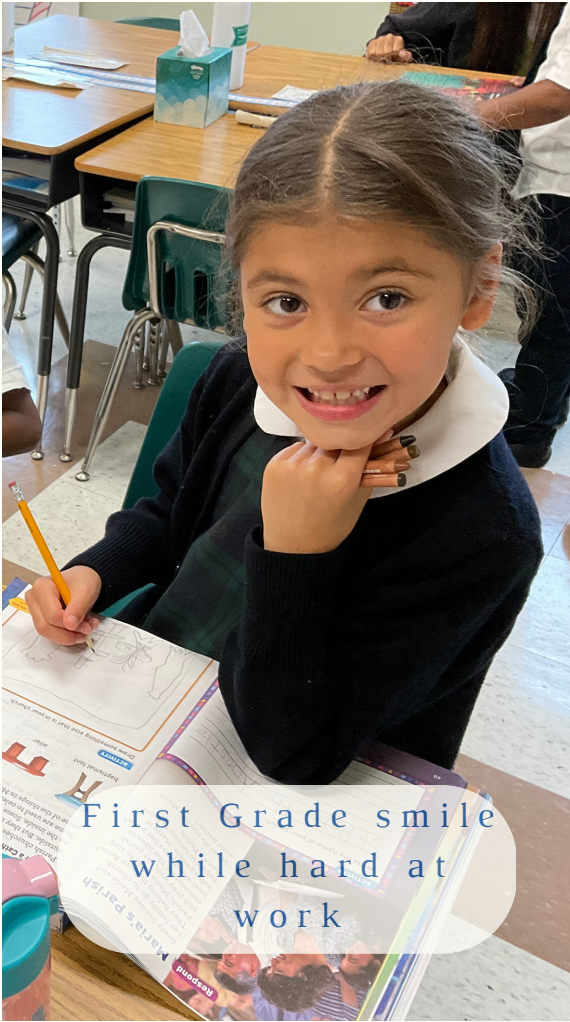
### Dear Friends of SPAS

Happy Easter! As we spend the next weeks celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, we invite you to be a part of the new life, peace, and joy present in our school community! SPAS is truly a place of *transformation through Catholic education*. Thank you for being a part of our mission and for your ongoing support for our school community.

Know of our daily prayers for you!

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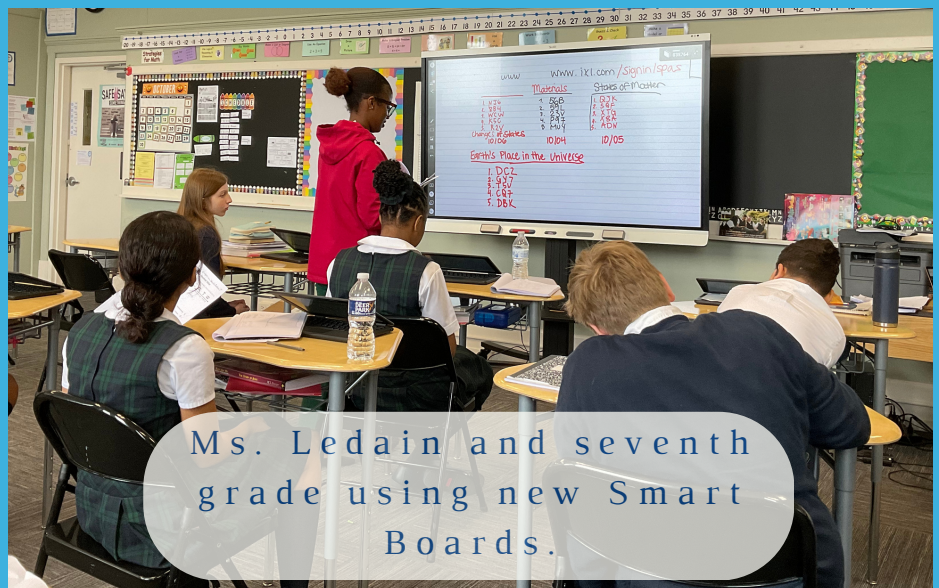


First Grade smile while hard at work

## SPAS Good News

- SPAS had their Middle States Re-accreditation visit the last week of March and was recommended for re-accreditation!
- Through \$275,000 in grants received in the last year, SPAS has:
  - Painted the hallways, stairwell, cafeteria, and most classrooms!
  - installed 4 AEDs.
  - renovated the 4th floor to create a Middle School complete with lockers and subject-specific teachers.
  - begun the process of hiring a development director for the 23-24 school year.
  - received funding for safety and security improvements including: cameras, security lighting, security signage, trauma kits, and go-kits.

Our faculty provides high-quality, creative, and innovative instruction to meet the social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and academic needs of students in 2023.



Ms. Ledain and seventh grade using new Smart Boards.



## New Student Registration

SPAS is registering new students in all grades for the 2023-2024 school year!

- New families in Kindergarten receive a Welcome Grant of \$1,000.
- New families in Grades 2-7 receive a Transfer Grant of \$1,000.
- Spanish speaking families are eligible for an additional grant provided by an outside agency.
- 75% of our school families receive tuition assistance from various other groups.

Recommend SPAS to a family you know is interested in:

- Catholic Identity
- High-quality academics
- a safe and welcoming school environment
- Parent partnerships in all areas of school life.

[Applications for new students are available here.](#)



Science and STEM  
with our youngest  
students!

**"I love the values, respect, and multicultural community that St. Peter the Apostle School models and confers upon the children in PK - Grade 8. I love the infectious enthusiasm the children bring with them to school and the contagious smiles they all wear and readily share with everyone. I love that St. Peter the Apostle School is molding the minds and building the character of a generation of disciples that will go forth and reach another, teach another generation."**

**- Nelson Malave, SPAS Parent and Alum**

## Walk-a-thon

Our annual Walk-a-thon will be on May 25. The Walk-a-thon is a long standing school tradition and our main fundraiser for the school year.

Please consider supporting SPAS by donating to our Walk-a-thon at <https://independent.pledgebrite.org/fund/bearwalk23>

Would your **business or place of employment like to sponsor** our Walk-a-thon? [Complete a sponsorship form here.](#)

Sponsoring Company logos will be featured on our main donation page, individual donation pages, in our weekly parent newsletter, and on our school website.

- \$500 or More Donation - Large Company Logo
- \$300 Donation - Medium Company Logo
- \$100 Donation - Small Company Logo



Ms. Quigley and First Graders making the most of small group instruction!

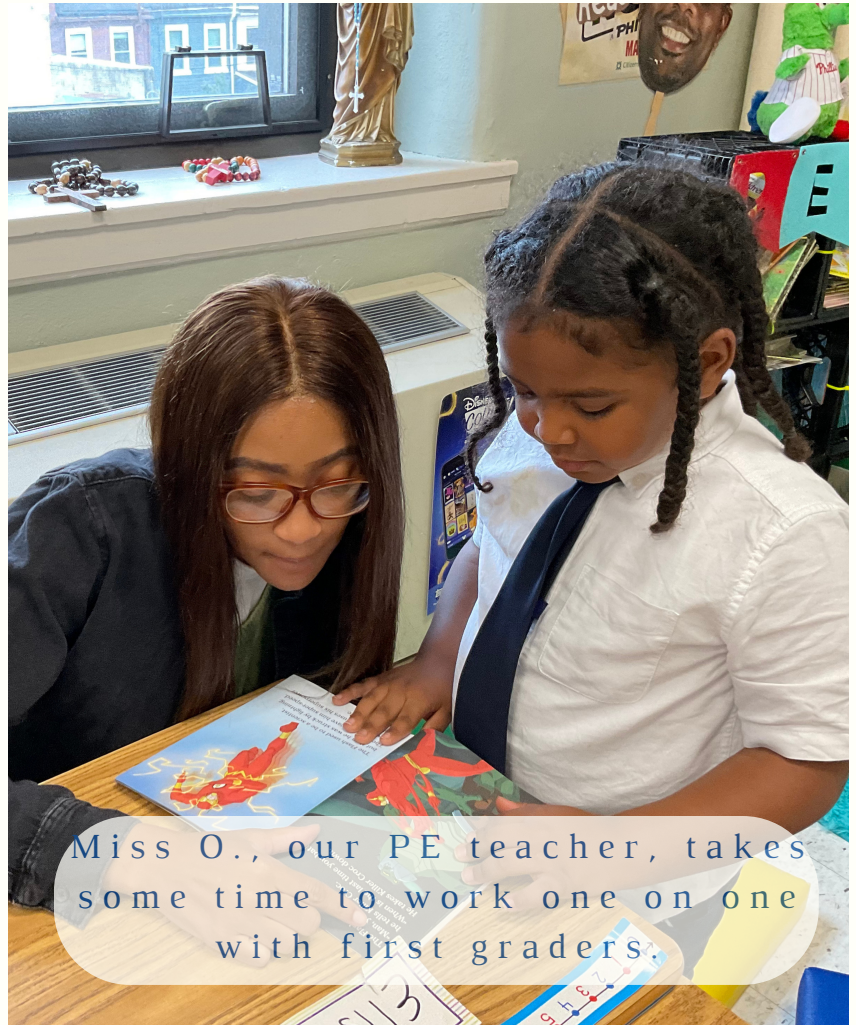


## EITC

Keeping Catholic education affordable is one of our top priorities and the EITC program is essential for providing tuition assistance for our families.

How does EITC work?

Individuals or businesses that have a PA tax liability are eligible to redirect their tax dollars to St. Peter the Apostle School and receive a 90% tax credit. These funds are used for tuition assistance for our students and enable many families to attend our school!



Miss O., our PE teacher, takes some time to work one on one with first graders.

## How can I learn more about participating in EITC?

- [Visit the Foundation for Catholic Education website here.](#)
- **Contact Kevin Kelly at [kkelly@FoundationFCE.org](mailto:kkelly@FoundationFCE.org) or 610-793-8597 to learn more about EITC.**



## Teacher Spotlight

Francesca Formica

Ms. Formica has been teaching at SPAS for the last eleven years. Ms. Formica teaches Kindergarten and loves to utilize technology, incorporate social emotional learning, and build a classroom and school culture that supports a multi-cultural community of faith. Ms. Formica also runs the school soccer club. She loves being a part of a professional school community that is eager to grow and do their best for the students!

## Student Spotlight

Isabella C., 8th Grade

Isabella, or Izzy to all of us, was just named the recipient of the Josephine C. Connelly Achievement Award! Her favorite school activities are guitar class, dance club, and Father Bennett's religion classes. She will be attending Little Flower High School next year and is looking forward to making new friends and growing in high school. After high school, Izzy wants to go to college and continue dancing and studying.





## Message from the Principal

*Sister Danielle Truex, IHM*

Everyday, our students and staff begin the day with prayer. During the intercessions, we pray specifically for all those who are friends and benefactors of our school. I am so grateful for your continued support for SPAS and for the many ways you continue to provide our students with an education that will impact their lives and the lives of our community for many years to come. Thank you so much for your generosity and care for our school community!



## Stay in touch with SPAS!

- [Facebook](#)
- [FB Alumni Group](#)
- [FB Parent Group](#)
- [School Instagram](#)
- [Sister Danielle's Instagram](#)
- [School Website](#)

