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ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH were recognized for sharing the qualities of St. Catherine of Siena who is known for being imaginative, outgoing, and charismatic. Honored at a ceremony following the April 27 mass were (above, from left, with Head Teacher Mirta Diaz and Fr. Joseph Thomas, CST) Lazaro D., 1/2 grades; Ameila W., 5/6 grades; Devynn L., 3/4 grade; and Amari G., kindergarten.



8th graders reflect on years as St. Peter students

Comprising our small but mighty 8th grade class are Klaribell Landaverde and Claire Peterson. What will these students miss most when they leave St. Peter Catholic School?

"I am definitely going to miss having such great people around me," Klaribell said. "So many people at St. Peter's have guided me through a lot and I will miss being able to talk to them every day."

She also said she will be leaving with many great memories and, "will miss having the opportunity to make more at this amazing school."

"I think what I will miss most is the sense of community," Claire said, noting relationships

she has built with friends, teachers, and staff have become an important part of her life. "I will also miss the traditions of the school, like attending weekly Mass and helping younger students; I love St. Peter Catholic School and am so thankful for all it has given me."

And, what did these two most appreciate about being students here?

"Being able to freely talk about my faith," Klaribell said, noting she feels closer to God. "I am grateful to have known people who were so passionate about religion."

Reflecting on her years at the school, Claire ***Please continue reading on next page***



OUR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS learned to sew this year as an extra-curricular class. Starting with embroidery, students Claire Peterson (left) and Claribel Landaverde are concluding the year cutting their own patterns and sewing on machines.

CALENDAR

- May 1 - 5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8: Dinosaur Exhibit field trip
- May 11: Book Mobile
- May 25: Academic Student Awards after 8:30 am mass; Splash Pad field trip
- May 30: Talent Show
- May 30: No afterschool
- May 31: 6th & 8th Grade Celebration: mass at 8:30am
- May 31: Last day of school and early release at 11am





BIOGRAPHIES AND BOOKS - As part of the literature and public speaking standard, students in Candice Barber's 3/4 grade class completed a book report on historical figures. For their presentations, they created a likeness of the person largely from materials they found at home. They also had a little lesson in repurposing with the bodies made from plastic creamer bottles. Students had a blast creating the likenesses of Abe Lincoln, Péle, Stan Lee, Princess Diana, Helen Keller, Dr. Seuss, and Joan of Arc.



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said, "Attending St. Peter Catholic School has given me an opportunity to grow in my faith in a supportive and nurturing environment that has fostered my spiritual growth and made me the person that I am today."

Claire also added, "I am also grateful for the rigorous academics, which I know have prepared me well for the next chapter of life."

The two students said they enjoyed their extra-curricular coursework as well: Spanish and learning to sew.

"It's been super fun," Claire said, reflecting on her sewing course in which the girls learned embroidery as well as machine sewing. "And, sewing applies to math; there's fractions and stuff as you're cutting out pieces and preparing."

Klaribell agreed on both counts. "It's been really fun. I've embroidered a few things and mended some holes in clothes the correct way; they look nice, and it does help with measurement and estimation."

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- 99% of students who attend Catholic high schools in the United States graduate; of those, 86% attend 4-year colleges.
- Catholic schools save the U.S. government more than \$24 billion annually.



OWYHEE FIELD DAY

On April 26, 5th and 6th grade students participated in the Owyhee Field Day, touring the dam, rafting, and learning about wild horses, noxious weeds, and the history of the dam. The annual event started in 2002 as a way to teach students about water management, conservation and recreation, as well as the use and protection of other natural resources.

