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# Holy Week

*& Easter Break 2026*

Holy Week is the most sacred time in the life of the Church. During these days we accompany Our Lord Jesus Christ through the final moments of His earthly life: His entry into Jerusalem, His Passion, His death on the Cross, and the glory of His Resurrection.

Through prayer and reflection, we show gratitude for Christ's sacrifice and in hoping in the new life offered through the Resurrection.





As Easter Break begins, we invite our families to participate in the liturgies of the Church:

- Palm Sunday
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- The Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday

May this time of rest also be a moment of spiritual renewal for you and your family. May the light of the Risen Christ fill your homes with peace, faith, and joy. Christ is Risen — Truly He is Risen!



# Semana Santa y Vacaciones de Pascua



La Semana Santa es el tiempo más sagrado en la vida de la Iglesia. Durante estos días acompañamos a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en su entrada en Jerusalén, su Pasión, su muerte en la Cruz y la gloria de su Resurrección. A través de la oración y la reflexión, mostramos gratitud por el sacrificio de Cristo y esperanza en la nueva vida que nos ofrece su Resurrección.



Al comenzar las vacaciones de Pascua, invitamos a las familias a participar en las liturgias de la Iglesia:



- Domingo de Ramos
- Jueves Santo
- Viernes Santo
- Vigilia Pascual
- Domingo de Pascua

Que este tiempo de descanso sea también una renovación espiritual para usted y su familia.  
¡Cristo ha resucitado — verdaderamente ha resucitado!

# PSIA State COMPETITION

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

APRIL 18



We are very proud of the students who will represent our school at the state PSIA (Private Schools Interscholastic Association) competition in San Marcos. Reaching the state level reflects dedication, discipline, curiosity, and a pursuit of excellence.

As they travel to Texas State University, our students represent not only their school, but also the academic values and faith in God that guide our community.

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

For the greater glory of God!

ABRIL 18



# COMPETENCIA ESTATAL

# PSIA

*San Marcos,  
Texas*

Estamos muy orgullosos de los estudiantes que representarán a nuestra escuela en la competencia estatal PSIA en San Marcos, Texas.

Llegar al nivel estatal refleja dedicación, disciplina y curiosidad intelectual, y búsqueda de la excelencia.

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Al viajar a Texas State University, nuestros estudiantes representan a su escuela y los valores académicos y de fe en Dios.

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

*Para la Mayor Gloria de Dios*

# ACRE Testing

## *Grades 5 & 8*

APRIL 20–21

Students in Grades 5 and 8 will participate in the ACRE (Assessment of Catholic Religious Education).

This assessment is not a graded exam; it helps Catholic schools evaluate how effectively students are learning the teachings of the Church and growing in their understanding of the faith.

The results allow educators to:

- Assess knowledge of Catholic doctrine and tradition
- Evaluate the religious education curriculum
- Identify areas for continued growth in faith formation
- Strengthen the mission of forming students in faith and virtue

# EXAMEN ACRE

*5° y 8° grado*

20-21 DE ABRIL

Los estudiantes de 5° y 8° grado presentarán la evaluación ACRE, que ayuda a las escuelas católicas a evaluar cómo los estudiantes comprenden las enseñanzas de la fe.


Los resultados permiten:

- Evaluar el conocimiento de la doctrina y tradición católica
- Analizar la efectividad del programa de educación religiosa
- Identificar áreas para fortalecer la formación en la fe

# NWEA MAP Testing

## *Grades K–8*

APRIL 23–29



Students in Grades K–8 will take the NWEA MAP Growth Assessment, which measures academic progress in reading and mathematics.

Parents can support their children by ensuring they:

- Get a good night's rest
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Arrive at school focused and ready to do their best

Thank you for partnering with us in forming students who strive for excellence and develop a love of learning.

# NWEA MAP

*K a 8º grado*



ABRIL 23–29

Los estudiantes de Kínder a 8º grado presentarán la evaluación NWEA MAP Growth, que mide el progreso académico en lectura y matemáticas.

Pedimos el apoyo de los padres para que los estudiantes puedan rendir mejor:

- Dormir bien
- Desayunar saludablemente
- Llegar a la escuela con confianza y disposición

Su apoyo constante fortalece el crecimiento académico y el amor por el aprendizaje.



# Oratory News

## **VISION**

Every Oratory student believes the Gospel message and lives it by making a difference in the world, as each student journeys to his/her ultimate end, heaven.

## **MISSION**

The mission of the Pharr Oratory of St. Philip Neri School System is to promote the formation of Christian character, Catholic lay leadership, Christian fellowship and community service by integrating the Gospel message with a liberal arts educational program in the spirit of joy of St. Philip Neri.

## **MOTTO**

EX UMBRIS ET IMAGINIBUS AD LUCEM

From the Shadows and Darkness Into the Light

## **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH : OBEDIENCE**

Saying “yes” to the loving will of God and those He has set over us.

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