



# Weekly Update



August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Mission Statement:* St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings.

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

### SATURDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup>:

- ✏ St. Peter Parish Picnic!! Mass will be at 4:00 pm with the picnic beginning at 5:00 pm until midnight. Please be sure to join in the fun!! Students—don't forget to sign in at the Raffle Booth to receive an out of dress code day on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### MONDAY, August 29<sup>th</sup>

- ✏ 1<sup>st</sup> full day for Kindergarten students

### TUESDAY, August 30<sup>th</sup>

- ✏ Mr. Gilbert w/Boy Scout Council visiting classrooms-information about Cub/Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, August 31<sup>st</sup>

- ✏ Children's School Mass held at 8:30 a.m. - 7<sup>th</sup> grade in charge of preparation.
- ✏ Early Dismissal at 2:17 for students in grades PK-8. (This will occur throughout the school year.)

### THURSDAY, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>:

- ✏ Kindergarten Parent Orientation for Kindergarten Parents - All parents will meet in the gym at 6:00 pm. Sessions should be completed by 7:00 pm.
- ✏ Out of Dress Code Day for students that signed in at the Parish Picnic.

### FRIDAY, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- ✏ Spirit Day!! 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recipient Choice: Our sister Parish in Haiti—Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.
- ✏ Covey/Seven Habits of Highly Effective Catholics Assembly: Presented by 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 8:10 am in the gym. Parents are welcome.

### FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

This past week we welcomed 452 preschool through eighth grade students as a part of our St. Peter School family. It was awesome to see all of your smiling faces again and we welcome all of our new students' and their families to St. Peter School! We are all very blessed to be together again and we look forward to an exciting school year. We are very proud of our new addition and the remodeling of our library and 2 classrooms. We feel that these upgrades will help provide a safer environment for your children and the addition of our literacy library will give your children an added opportunity to grow. Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your child(ren). Thank you to all of you who are so generous to support St. Peter School.



We are still working on the forms gather from Taking Care of Business Day so this week everyone will receive a hard copy of the Weekly Update. Next week, we will also send a hard copy home to all families just to make sure everyone received the Weekly Update along with sending it by email. If you did not receive a copy by email, please call Mrs. Bradfield in the School Office, 223-1120.

## **WELCOME NEW ST. PETER STAFF MEMBERS**

Along with welcoming many new school families, we also wish to welcome new faculty and staff members. New to St. Peter School this year are Mrs. Susie Eaton, Room KN teacher; Mrs. Angela Sloan, Room 6W teacher, and at semester break our new Room 6E teacher, Mrs. Julie Simons will join us. Mrs. Reichert is teaching her class this first semester and we appreciate her stepping in for Mrs. Simons.

We also welcome our new IT Coordinator, Mr. Jordan Beaver, Director of Before/After Childcare, Mrs. Judy Domme, and Mrs. Mayela Rosales and Ms. Karrie Groll as they have joined our cafeteria staff.

If you noticed how our school sparkled as you came through the doors, please thank Mr. Randy Martin and Mr. Lawrence Ostermueller, our new Maintenance/Custodial crew. They did an amazing job this summer through all of the construction!

We have also had a few staff members change positions. Mrs. Cindy Brown is now teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Miss Emily Viar and Mrs. Amy Halter are now teacher aides.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO MAGGIE, CARL, AND ESMÆ ERD -**

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Erd and their daughter, Esmæ welcomed baby Elias Emery Erd into their family. Baby Elias is doing well and we ask that you keep their family in your prayers.

We welcome Mrs. Carol Williams as she will be substituting in 5<sup>th</sup> grade for Mrs. Erd while she is on maternity leave.

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## **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. PETER PARISH PICNIC - Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Be sure to make plans to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter Parish Picnic from 5:00 p.m. - Midnight on Saturday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. The parish picnic is a celebration for all members of our parish, school, and the community to come together to celebrate with adult and children's games, drinks, food, fun, and entertainment. Don't miss out on Fr. Leo's famous brats. Be prepared to enjoy a variety of activities by taking a chance to win the big raffle, 50/50 drawings, basket raffle and a variety of silent auction items. **Each student that attends the picnic and signs in at the raffle booth will receive an Out of Dress Code Day on Thursday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**\*\*NEED SERVICE HOURS???** We need volunteers for the Parish Picnic on August 27<sup>th</sup>! We still have time slots available. Please take the time to help your School and Parish with this fun event. Please contact Randy Martin 217-653-3538 or Amanda Martin 217-779-8256 to sign up to help.

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## **SPIRIT DAY - SEPT. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECIPIENT: OUR SISTER PARISH - OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH IN HAITI**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes have picked for their Spirit Day recipient our sister parish in Haiti - Our Lady of the Assumption. St. Peter Church welcomed Our Lady of the Assumption as our sister parish in October of 2015. This parish is located in Passe-Reine, Haiti which is between Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haitien. It is the newest parish in Haiti. While we in Quincy have many streets, Passe-Reine only has one main street. In this area, they count 52 "habitations" or small communities. Among these communities there are roughly 350-400 families that belong to Our Lady of the Assumption or 2 other mission Churches. The people in this area all live in the mountains where they practice agriculture with very primitive means. There are no large farms or plantations, they grow what they need for day to day survival. The country of Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Many people in this region lost family members and their land during Hurricane Hanna and continue to carry scars of the terror of the hurricane, the losses they suffered and painful memories of families that did not survive.

Our own St. Peter Parish has helped with several projects for this parish including the replacement of the rotting roof of the Church and has helped build a room that will be used as both the Church Sacristy

and Rectory. Finally Fr. Michel can prepare for Mass in his new sacristy and now has a home at his parish to stay instead of having to travel back and forth.

However, many simple things that we take for granted, the people of our sister parish may not have...such as sanitary drinking water, bathrooms, electricity, etc. They do not have a good school in their area. Perhaps we could help with school supplies or Our Lady of the Assumption Parish would love to have musical instruments to praise the Lord the way the Haitian people love to do.

This past December, our school children responded to Fr. Leo's request for simple toys, school supplies, and health care products to send as Christmas presents for the children in Haiti with an overwhelming outpouring of generosity. Our goal was to fill 4 suitcases to send to them and we had 6 large suitcases packed very tightly. The gentleman from our parish that delivered these in Haiti said that he was amazed and humbled that the children chose soap and toothpaste over toys!

This summer we asked your children to donate their orange Spirit Day shirts to the children of this Parish. Again, the response was tremendous! We sent many shirts to them and have several more boxes of shirts waiting to go!

This coming week, take a few moments to think about the many ways God has blessed all of us. One of our themes within St. Peter School is "We Can Make a Difference." Haiti is one of the poorest of all countries. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the parishioners of our sister parish with your Spirit Day donation. Together, we can pray that we are able to brighten a child's day!

As we begin a new school year, we thank our school families so much for your generosity toward our Spirit Day recipients. Your children's caring and generous hearts will help, through their stewardship, brighten the lives of the many less fortunate than we are. Thank you so much!! We are truly blessed with a very caring school family!

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## **SPIRIT DAY - SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Spirit Days will usually be the first Fridays of each month with a few exceptions. They will always be announced in the Weekly Update. On these special days, we all wear our Spirit Day shirts with out of dress code pants—jeans, athletic pants, shorts, etc. and bring in 25 cents or more to donate to the designated recipient. In order for your child to wear his/her Spirit Day shirt, please remember they must bring in a donation—this is not just an out of dress code day. This is a day for your children to celebrate their stewardship for those in need.

We also remind parents that dress code rules still apply to shoes (no sandals) and shorts must still be the appropriate length (2 inches above the knee).

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## **COVEY HABITS/EIGHT HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE CATHOLICS**

This year we are again promoting the Stephen Covey Habits throughout our school but our committee has added our Catholic values to enhance our faith. These are our Seven Habits of Highly Effective Catholics

### **Eight Habits of Highly Effective Catholics:**

Habit One - What would Jesus do? (Be Proactive)

Habit Two - How do we get to heaven? (Begin with the End in Mind)

Habit Three - What are my roles and goals in being a better Catholic (or whatever faith the student is)? (Put First Things First)

Habit Four - Follow the Golden Rule (Think Win-Win)

Habit Five - Listen and Reflect (Seek First to Understand, then to Be Understood)

Habit Six - Be a Servant Leader (Synergize)

Habit Seven - Celebrate Your Faith, (Sharpen the Saw)

Habit Eight - We are Stewards for Christ! (Find for your Voice)

Our theme this year is "His Love for You is Deeper than the Ocean."

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## REMINDERS

- ✍ If you have any paperwork (*Agreement to Abide by the Handbook, Parents as Partners, Students as Partners, etc.*) that still needs to be submitted, please do so as soon as possible so that Mrs. Hutson doesn't have to send home additional copies.
  - ✍ Dress code reminders: Socks - As stated in the dress code socks are required. They are to be a matching solid color and must be visible above the shoe. **Socks may only have 1 small emblem, no stripes, marks, etc.;** Shorts/Skirts - All shorts/skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
  - ✍ Please also keep in mind that if your child has been sick they must be both fever and vomit free for 24 hours before returning back to school!
  - ✍ Please do not use the park road during our school day and do not drop off or pick up students on the park road. When dropping off students in the morning pull **all the way up to the flag pole** on our front parking lot and let your children out. We ask that anytime throughout the day, especially during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal that parents drive slowly and be aware that students may be in the parking lots.
  - ✍ We also remind parents that students not picked up by 3:10 (2:35 on Wednesdays) will be sent to our afternoon childcare and your family will be charged the registration fee and for the time your children are there.
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## JUBILATION CHOIR

Jubilation, our parish students' liturgical choir, will begin rehearsals this coming Monday, August 29, after school in the Parish Music Room below the Church. All grade 4-8 students are welcome to join us! Jubilation rehearses every Monday (unless there is no school) from 3:00-3:45 pm, and sings at school Masses and once a month at weekend Masses. For more information, contact Monica Scholz, [m.scholz@cospq.org](mailto:m.scholz@cospq.org)

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## FOUND YOUTH GROUP

FOUND is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders and older. They typically meet twice a month. The fall schedule was emailed on Wednesday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. If you did not receive this please contact the school office. If your son or daughter would like to join, or if you have any questions about FOUND, please contact Gina Bergman.

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## PMO CHOIR

Come sing with the PMO Choir! PMO Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> in the choir room at QND. The Concert Choir (grades 7-8) will rehearse from 3:00-4:00 pm and the Cadet Choir (grades 4-6) will rehearse from 4:10 -5:00 pm. Flyers/registration forms will be coming home soon. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Monica Scholz, PMO Choir Director, [mscholz@quincynotredame.org](mailto:mscholz@quincynotredame.org) or 223-2479 Ext 328.

## **CURRICULUM NIGHT AT ST. PETER SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-8 - Sept. 8**

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have a schedule in next week's Weekly Update.

Gr 8 parents will have a Washington, DC meeting at 8:00 pm in the cafeteria following their curriculum meeting.

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## **GENE GRAWE CARDS**

Just a reminder, Gene Grawe cards are available from the Gene Grawe Office in St. Peter Church Narthex Monday through Friday from 7:30 am-5:00 pm with the Fund Office staying open until 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings. Cards are also sold on Saturday mornings 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

## **BE SURE TO SIGN UP WITH THE GENE GRAWE FUND**

Make sure to sign up, if you haven't done so, with the Gene Grawe Fund. By doing so it can reduce your tuition for next year. For details, contact JoAnn Witte at [wittefam@adams.net](mailto:wittefam@adams.net). or stop by the Gene Grawe office in the Narthex.

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS ON RENWEB**

Hot Lunch News: Hot lunch balances are on the RenWeb for you to review in the Family Information section. When you view your lunch balance online you will notice that a negative balance may appear. If you see a **negative balance** it is really a **credit**. (If you click on details an explanation is given for the amount.)

Also, the RENWEB program does not allow us to separate payments for more than one child. The balance on your account is for all of your children. If you have any questions regarding lunches, please contact Mrs. Boone at 222-3155 in the parish office.

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## **WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT - Need service hours?**

Are you interested in earning any service hours? If so, we have an opportunity for someone to earn service hours simply by recording the Prairie Farms caps online. If interested, please be sure to contact Mrs. Roberta Hutson at 217-223-1120 or [r.hutson@cospq.org](mailto:r.hutson@cospq.org).

We will also need help with trimming, counting, and bagging HyVee UPC's and Box Tops.

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**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our Back to School Mass meal. Thank you very much to the following for grilling hot dogs and serving our meal: Rod and Cathy Becks, Dennis and Rachel Bergman, Ruth Koch, John and Judy Liesen, Bill and Sharon Mays, Tom McLaughlin, Al and Carol Mitten, Paul Rittof, Nick Venvertloh, Bobbie Vollrath, and Tim and Stephanie Weis. Thank you to Stephanie Weis for organizing the event. Your kindness helped welcome our school families to a new school year and we truly appreciate all of your support.

**THANK YOU** also to our fabulous GSA for treating our teachers and staff to a wonderful luncheon on August 17<sup>th</sup> at our beginning Faculty/Staff Meeting. It was a wonderful break in our day. We are very blessed to have your constant support!

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## **STATEMENT ON NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

In accordance with the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, St. Peter School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally available to students: Appropriateness of educational programs, students in good standing, and/or the availability of factors affecting admissions.