



# Weekly Update



October 10<sup>th</sup> - October 14<sup>th</sup>

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

## SATURDAY, October 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **CYO Volleyball** - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls games this morning - St. Dominic gym
- 🍎 **IESA Cross Country Team** - Sectionals in Rushville, IL

## SUNDAY, October 9<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **REAP Confirmation Retreat** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students St. Francis 12:15-5:30 pm

## MONDAY, October 10<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 School is in session with no bus service
- 🍎 **QFD Fire Safety House** here at 1:15 pm with grades 3 and 5
- 🍎 **Jubilation Choir Rehearsal** 3:00-3:45 pm in the Parish Music Room
- 🍎 **School Advisory Board Meeting** 6:00 pm in School Conference Room

## TUESDAY, October 11<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **"CAP DAY"** Students ear their favorite hat to school as their reward for recycling caps!
- 🍎 **Kelsey Celek w/QCT** here w/grades Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>
- 🍎 **Papa John's Night**
- 🍎 **QCS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Crusaders Basketball** AWAY game vs Hamilton Jr. High 6:00 pm
- 🍎 **CYO Volleyball** - 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls games this evening - St. Peter School gym
- 🍎 **PMO Band Rehearsals** - QND; 6<sup>th</sup> gr. 4:30-5:30 pm, Gr 6-8 Jazz Band 5:30-6:00, Gr 7/8 Concert Band 6:00-7:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **Children's School Mass** held at 8:30 a.m. - 8<sup>th</sup> grade in charge of preparation.
- 🍎 **PMO Band Rehearsals:** 5<sup>th</sup> gr. 1:15-1:45 pm; 6<sup>th</sup> gr. 1:45-2:15 pm
- 🍎 **Early Dismissal at 2:17** for students in grades PK-8. (This will occur throughout the school year.)
- 🍎 **CYO Volleyball** - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls games this evening - St. Dominic School gym

## THURSDAY, October 13<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **Kelsey Celek w/QCT** here w/grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 🍎 **GSA Meeting** 10:00 am in School Conference Room
- 🍎 **No Handbell Choir Rehearsal today**
- 🍎 **CYO Volleyball** - 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls games this evening - St. Peter School gym

## FRIDAY, October 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **Spirit Day!! Grade 7 recipient choice: Carter Thomas**
- 🍎 **Habits Assembly 8:10 am** 7<sup>th</sup> grade presenting Habit #1 parents are welcome to attend
- 🍎 **QND students Read Day** for grades K-3 1:30-2:00 pm
- 🍎 **Set up for Pizza Making Day** after school

## SATURDAY, October 15<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **St. Peter School Pizza Making Day!** *Please pick up your orders between 8:15-11:30 am - gym*

## SUNDAY, October 16<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍎 **Gr 8 students/chaperones** leave for Washington DC 1:00 pm in front of Parish Office

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## **5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS ACES BASKETBALL TRYOUTS - OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

Coach Eric Orne from QND will have 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls Aces basketball tryouts on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 2:00 pm at QND. He will also host a meeting after the tryouts to answer any questions about the season from parents. Any questions please contact Eric Orne at [athletics@quincynotredame.org](mailto:athletics@quincynotredame.org)

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## **5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS ACES BASKETBALL TRYOUTS - OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ACES boys basketball tryouts will be held at the following times at Quincy Notre Dame: Monday and Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>; 5<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts are from 7:00-8:00 pm on both Monday and Tuesday; 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have tryouts from 8:00-9:00 pm on both nights.

Please contact Tom VanderBor at 653-8377 or [tomvanderbor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomvanderbor@sbcglobal.net) with any questions you may have.

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## **IESA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

We wish all the best to our IESA Cross Country Team as they compete in State Sectionals on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in Rushville, IL. We wish you all the best!!

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## **STUDENT LED PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Thank you to everyone who sent in their parent teacher scheduling forms. Our teachers met together and have set your conferences. We are just double checking to make sure all students are scheduled and everything is in order. Please look for your family's scheduled times to come home early next week.

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## **SPIRIT DAY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECIPIENT - CARTER THOMAS**

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is our second Spirit Day for this school year. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade have chosen Carter Thomas as their recipient for Spirit Day donations. Carter is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Blessed Sacrament School. For Carter, being back in the classroom with his friends is a victory. He has been away from school for more than 5 months battling a second bout with cancer. Carter, at age 4, was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer, Clear Cell Sarcoma of the Kidney. Carter had his right kidney removed and went through six months of chemo and radiation. After over 5 years, his family thought their battle was over. However, last year on Easter Sunday, Carter found a tell-tale sign that maybe his cancer was back...and it was. The same cancer, only this time it was in his bladder. Carter had the mass removed and because of its size, he also had 1/3 of his bladder removed. He then had to go through chemo again and have a bone marrow transplant because of the higher chances of the cancer returning. Things were going well and then complications set in. This poor young man developed pneumonia and one of the worst cases of mucositis, or mouth sores tied to chemo, that his medical team had ever seen - all while being in isolation. Carter became very sick. Nothing was normal for him - His eyes were only open when he coughed or threw up, his voice changed, his only comfort was to sleep which he did all the time, he didn't eat for 3 weeks, and lost 21 pounds. His parents and his brother and sister felt helpless and were so scared. As his white cells came back they first had to fight the pneumonia, but then suddenly his numbers all started to come up. He started feeling better and began to start eating again. After nearly a month in Children's Hospital, Carter was able to return home. He still faces weekly medical visits to St. Louis and lab work until the end of October, then continued check-ups but thankfully, is feeling better and back at school.

Carter's family is grateful for all of the prayers their family received. Carter's father says he knows they could not have done this alone. He says that faith, family, and friends helped get the family through this difficult time. Mr. Thomas had at first shared with his Teens Encounter Christ group his fear for Carter and asked for their support and prayer and the community support "exploded" from there. Carter and his family believe all of the prayers made a big difference.

Our seventh grade would like to help Carter's family. They are asking for our families' prayers for Carter and his family and our Spirit Day donations will go to Carter's fund to help with his medical expenses. What awesome, caring students we have in this school! If you would like to read more about Carter's journey,

please refer to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Quincy Herald Whig. It really outlines the battle this young man and his family went through. What a reminder to us to always pray. We may not always understand His answers but we do know that God is always there for us.

### **SPIRIT DAYS – DRESS CODE REMINDER**

With our September Spirit Day we noticed that many of our students wore shorts that are considered "too short." The length of any shorts worn to school should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. We ask that you please honor our dress code with this matter. We do not want to have students call parents to bring them proper length shorts. This is a huge inconvenience to parents and could be embarrassing for your children. Spirit Days should be fun days for our students with them having an out of dress code day and sharing their stewardship with others in need. We thank you for your support. Our next Spirit Day will be Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

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### **ST.PETER SCHOOL PIZZA SALE**

*Thank you so much to all families that sold and bought pizzas!* We are waiting to hear how many pizzas we have sold this year. Hopefully, we will meet our goal of 3000 pizza sold!

Just a reminder: If you haven't signed up to help us assemble pizzas on the **morning of October 15<sup>th</sup>** we ask that you please consider doing so. Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can volunteer to help as a "runner." We truly appreciate any and all help that we receive with this day! You can sign up to volunteer at our sign up genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4a9ea82ba46-pizza>. If you have any questions please contact Karen Sedevic at [karensedovic@gmail.com](mailto:karensedovic@gmail.com) or at 217-779-1507. Pizza Assembly Day really is a fun morning and goes by quick! It is a very busy morning!! Please come join us!!

**Each family must pick up their pizzas on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> between 8:00-11:30 am. We do not have freezer space to store orders so please make sure you have your pizzas picked up by 11:30 am.** Any pizzas sold for Horizons and Catholic Charities will be picked up by representatives from the organizations.

Also, please remember that each family that sold 10 or more pizzas will receive an out of dress code day on October 24<sup>th</sup>!!

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### **GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE TROOP 5095 – SERVICE PROJECT**

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 5095 from St. Peter School is currently working to earn their Leadership Summit Award. To earn this award, they have created a project to collect items such as bar soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, non-perishable foods and canned food goods to give to our Sister Parish in Haiti as well as local organizations such as Catholic Charities to help individuals who cannot afford to purchase these items. The Brownies are asking our school families to collect these items and bring them to school during the month of October. Troop 5095 is challenging the students of St. Peter to a friendly competition to see which grade can collect the most items. The grade that accomplishes this will receive an out of dress code day to be determined at a later date. Thank you so much to our St. Peter families for your support in helping the girls achieve this award. Sincerely, Troop 5095.

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### **8th GRADE RECYCLING SERVICE PROJECT**

St. Peter Students are amazing!! As a result of your enthusiasm and contributions, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade recycling project of plastic caps and lids is over halfway to the goal of 400 lbs. To say thank you, all St. Peter Students are allowed to wear their own cap or "lid" to school for the day on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. This day has been designated as "*Wear Your Favorite Hat Day!*" Please remember to keep collecting and bringing in caps and lids to your classrooms. The classroom that fills the most buckets until we reach our goal will earn an out of dress code day!

**Congratulations to Room 6E!** They were the classroom that met the first challenge and have earned an out of dress code day on October 11<sup>th</sup>, in addition to being able to wear their favorite "cap"!

Thank you again to Ava Monteyne, her family, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade for not only leading us in this wonderful environmental recycle project but also giving us a fun project that we can all participate in

together! We can make a difference!

**Just a reminder of our goal:** The 8th grade would like to provide a lifelong gift to St. Peter to be enjoyed by everyone—a 6ft bench to put on the school grounds. We have less than 200 more lbs of plastic caps and lids to go! Please keep sending them in!!

**Acceptable Caps:**

medicine bottle caps  
detergent caps  
hair spray caps  
toothpaste caps  
deodorant caps  
drink bottle caps  
flip-top caps  
spout caps  
Spray paint caps  
Ointment tube caps

**Acceptable Lids:**

cottage cheese container lids  
mayonnaise jar lids  
yogurt lids  
peanut butter lids  
ice cream bucket lids  
cool whip container lids  
coffee can lids  
cream cheese container lids  
butter container lids

**Never Acceptable:**

metal or trash of any kind  
drink bottles  
plastic Ziploc containers  
trigger sprayers  
fast food drink lids  
food containers  
soap pumps  
lotion pumps  
grocery bags

**We also take:** prescription bottles, pill bottles, plastic Easter eggs. If the cap or lid has a recycle # of 2, 4 or 5 we accept it. If you are not sure if it's acceptable or you don't see a recycle number - drop it in water. If it floats, WE WANT IT! Any questions call Amanda (563-349-0477) or Ava Monteyne at (617-8406.)

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FRANCISCAN LITURGY AND DINNER EVENT - OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets are available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Franciscan Liturgy & Dinner Event that will be held on **Saturday, October 29, 2016**. This year's festivities will honor **Father John Doctor, OFM and Father Joe Zimmerman, OFM**. Mass will be held at 4 p.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church, followed by Fellowship Hour at the Quality Inn and Suites, 201 S. 3rd Street in Quincy. A dessert and silent auction will be held at that time. Buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with program to follow.

Tickets are \$65 each. Reservations must be received by Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Please contact Mary Pat Vahlkamp on behalf of Br. Ed Arambasich, OFM, moderator & president of the Franciscan Firefighters and Law Enforcement Ministries and the Friars Guild, at 217-222-1645 or [bmpv5@yahoo.com](mailto:bmpv5@yahoo.com). You may also pay online at [firemen63.blogspot.com](http://firemen63.blogspot.com)

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### **GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY - November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Looking Ahead - Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for our upcoming Grandparent/Special Person's Day. This year our theme is "It's a Grand Day for All". We have moved this special day to November instead of our day in the spring as in years past. We sincerely hope that all of our students' grandparents or special persons can join us again as this is such a fun day for all of us. We have also changed our program somewhat. We will begin our day with our Musical Program at 9:30 am, followed by lunch beginning at 11:00 am, and we will end our day with Mass at approximately 1:00 pm. We will dismiss the students at the conclusion of Mass (approximately 2:00 pm). Please make arrangements for your children to leave with Grandma and Grandpa/Special persons or please be here to pick them up. We will **not** have bus service on this afternoon. St. Peter Daycare will be available. We will also **not** have 4 year old Preschool classes on this Friday. Just a reminder to parents: Dress Rehearsal/Parent Night is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm and all K-8<sup>th</sup> students are expected participate. This is part of their Music Curriculum/grade and has been on our school calendar from the beginning of the school year. We always look forward to these wonderful days and our very special guests!!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Oct 16-21      Grade 8 Washington DC trip  
Oct 17          Chess Club Meeting 6:30 pm Maria Goretti Room  
Oct 18          PK 4 Classes - field trip to Pumpkin Patch 8:45 am and 12:30 pm  
                    QCS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Crusaders Basketball home game vs Carthage Jr. High  
Oct 19          8:30 Children's School Mass prepared by 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Oct 20 QND Choral Concert 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church  
 Oct 21 Quarter One ends  
 Oct 21-22 QCS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Crusaders Basketball Tournament in Jacksonville  
 Oct 23 REAP Confirmation Retreat for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students St. Francis 12:15-5:30 pm  
 FOUND Youth Group Pizza Party 6:30-8:00 pm (meet/pick up at St. Peter-will walk to Cassanos)  
 Oct 24 Out of Dress Code Day for students whose family sold 10 or more pizzas  
 Oct 24-27 Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences after school  
 Oct 25 Yearbook Candids taken this morning  
 Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Oct 26 8:30 Children's School Mass prepared by 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 3 year old Preschool Classes Halloween Parties today  
 5<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween Party at QND 6:30-8:00 pm  
 Grades 6-8 Halloween Bash St. Peter gym  
 Oct 27 11:30 am dismissal w/full bus service  
 Halloween Parties this morning for grades K-4 in the gym/cafeteria  
 11:00 am Halloween Parade grades K-3; the rest of the school will line up to watch  
 No Handbell Choir rehearsal today  
 Student Led Parent Teacher conferences begin at 1:00 pm  
 No 3 year old Preschool classes today as they will have parent teacher conferences  
 4 year old Preschool Classes both AM and PM will be in session today  
 Oct 28 No School!!