



# Weekly Update



**November 14<sup>th</sup> - November 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **SATURDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🍎 QCS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls Crusaders Basketball AWAY game vs Western Jr. High 10:00 am

## **MONDAY, November 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🍎 Jubilation Choir Rehearsal 3:00-3:45 Parish Music Room
- 🍎 QND Placement Test - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students 8:15 am in their classrooms
- 🍎 Quincy Art Center SmArt Art classes w/both Kindergartens, Rms 1E, 2S, 3E
- 🍎 Kroc Center Golf Professionals here w/3<sup>rd</sup> grade PE classes this week
- 🍎 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY games-Liberty Tournament
- 🍎 School Advisory Board Meeting 6:30 pm - School Conference Room

## **TUESDAY, November 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🍎 Picture Retakes taken today (including students that missed original picture day 9/29)
- 🍎 Kelsey Celek w/QCT here with grades Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>
- 🍎 Blessing Hospital Tobacco Prevention presentation w/4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 🍎 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, November 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🍎 Children's School Thanksgiving Mass - held at 8:30 a.m. - 2<sup>nd</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.)

## **THURSDAY, November 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🍎 QND Winter Sports Pep Assembly 9:00-9:30 am; students - be sure to wear your blue/gold or QND apparel. Students may wear out of dress code bottoms with their QND or blue/gold tops!
- 🍎 Kelsey Celek w/QCT here with grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 🍎 GSA Meeting 10:00 am - School Conference Room
- 🍎 Handbell Choir Rehearsal today 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room
- 🍎 QCS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls Crusaders Basketball HOME games vs Brown County

## **FRIDAY, November 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🍎 Spirit Day!! 6<sup>th</sup> grade recipient choice: Advocacy Network for Children
- 🍎 Habits Assembly 8:15 am in gym
- 🍎 Quincy Art Center SmArt Art classes w/Rms 1W, 2N, 3W
- 🍎 Quarter 2 Midterm
- 🍎 QCS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY games vs Springfield Blessed Sacrament

## **SUNDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🍎 FOUND Youth Group Bowling at Tangerine Bowl 6:30-8:00 pm (Drop off/pick up there)

## **QND PLACEMENT TEST - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE - Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the QND Placement Test on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in their classrooms. The testing will begin at 8:15 am and continue through most of their day. Mr. Sheffield, from QND has met with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and gave them any information/registration forms they will need

for this test.

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### **PICTURE RETAKES - Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Interstate Studio Photographers will be here this Tuesday to take photos of any students that were absent on our original picture day, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and also take photos of any students that may need a picture retake.

For those students that were absent on September 29<sup>th</sup>, picture order forms/envelopes were sent home with your children last week. If you did not receive an envelope please contact Mrs. Hutson and we will send home a new envelope.

If you would like to have your child have his/her picture retaken, **they must return the original picture package.** We also ask that you let your child's teacher know that he/she is to have their picture taken on this day.

We have heard from several parents that they received an envelope from Interstate Studios but pictures were not included in this package. Mrs. Hutson has been in contact with Interstate and it appears their new computer system is having issues. They are working to correct this and have assured her that the problem should be resolved soon and we will receive the pictures parents ordered. Thank you for letting us know of this program and your continued patience as Interstate strives to resolve the issue.

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### **PE CLASSES THIS WEEK - 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**

Mr. Shinn has arranged for the Kroc Center Golf Professionals to visit with our 3<sup>rd</sup> grades during their PE classes. They will be helping our students with their golf skills.

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### **SPIRIT DAY Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECIPIENT: ADVOCACY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes have chosen the Advocacy Network for Children as their Spirit Day recipient. This organization's goal is quite simple - "to protect and uphold the rights of children when wrongs have been committed against them, to help abused or neglected children have safe permanent homes where they can thrive, to act as a powerful voice in these children's best interests and to educate the public about the plight of abused children." The Advocacy Network for Children's CASA program helped 152 children through 63 volunteers last year. They do not receive any financial support from the state and rely on grants and donations. Most of the children this agency works with are the ages of our children at St. Peter School. Sadly, because of the number of cases received, they are not only in need of monetary donations, but more volunteers are needed to help these children. This agency serves Adams County and 8 surrounding Illinois counties.

The Advocacy Network also presents programs to school children concerning abuse. Their research based curriculum teaches children, in a positive way, safety strategies and is designed to decrease children's risk of being abused. Advocacy Network strives to teach children how to recognize abuse situations, have early prevention of abuse, and provide a way for kids to tell and know that they can tell someone about what is going on.

It is heartbreaking that so many children live in abuse situations. Children are gifts from God and should never have to live in fear.

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### **SPIRIT DAY COLLECTIONS**

For our first quarter, Spirit Day recipients were our sister parish in Haiti, Our Lady of the Assumption (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Carter Thomas (7<sup>th</sup> grade). We are very proud to let families know that we raised a combined total of \$662.00 for these two very worthy recipients. Thank you very much to all of our students.

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### **ALL FOR BOOKS**

Thank you to everyone who sent in their spare change last week. Our "All for Books" spare change collection brought in over \$600.00. How awesome!! We thank all of our students and families for your donations to help our library buy more books for our school. However, your donations will reach out far

beyond our school. Scholastic will match your generosity with donations of books for Kids in Distressed Situations and the Kids in Need Foundation. Mrs. Gallaher's class won the challenge and brought in the most money - over \$84.00. Congratulations Kindergarten North!!

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### **QND PEP ASSEMBLY - NOV 17<sup>th</sup>**

QND will have a pep assembly here on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in our gym. The staff/students are encouraged to wear blue/gold or QND apparel on this day. They may wear out of dress code bottoms with their QND apparel or blue/gold tops! QND Basketball tickets and Raider items will be available for purchase after the pep assembly. We are attaching QND's price list for these items.

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### **DAYCARE AND CAFETERIA STAFF OPENINGS**

Our St. Peter Daycare has a staff opening with their after school care program. The hours would be 2:45- 5:45 pm Monday - Friday.

We also need help with our school lunch program. We have a job opening to join our kitchen staff to help serve the students their lunch. The days/hours are Monday - Friday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

If you know of anyone that might be interested in either of these positions please have them contact Mrs. Venvertloh, 223-1120 or [c.venvertloh@cospg.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospg.org)

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### **DISMISSAL REQUEST**

Our dismissal policy is designed with the safety of your children in mind. We ask that you please help us by following the standards that we try to enforce. Please park in a parking stall. Within the past month we have had parents begin parking next to the park, not in stalls. While we understand the convenience of parking in this manner, we cannot allow it to continue. **Cars parked in that area are blocking our fire/emergency vehicle lanes and this area must remain open at all times.** We have also had cars parking under the canopy of the Church. Again, **this is a fire/emergency vehicle area** and we have several families that use this area to safely walk to their cars. We have seen cars pull out with children walking along the side of the car. If you have appointments and do not feel you can wait the 5-10 minutes it takes for dismissal, please park in the parking stalls on the upper part of the front parking lot. We then ask that you escort your children to your car as that area is not patrolled by students or staff.

We also ask that once we start dismissing cars that you please not walk in front of the moving cars. Please do not wave or call your children to come across the parking lot once car dismissal has begun. We have had several close calls. Again, it just takes a few minutes for all the cars to leave. We thank you so very much for your cooperation in this matter.

### **STUDENTS NOT PICKED UP BY 3:00 PM**

During this last couple of weeks of school, we seem to have several students that are not picked up by 3:00 pm. Just a reminder to check your St. Peter School Handbook - our dismissal policy concerning students not picked up at dismissal is on page 17. Students are to be picked up by 3:00 pm (2:30 pm on Wednesdays) or they will be sent to daycare and the family charged the registration fee and for the time their children are at daycare. At the beginning of the school year, we extended this an extra 10 minutes just to make sure we would have everyone dismissed by 3:00 pm. Our dismissal procedure is finishing by 3:00 so we are going to begin this week following our stated policy. We need to adhere to this policy as our faculty and staff's day does not end at 3:00 pm. Many afternoons we have meetings, need to finish what we were working on, or begin preparing for the next day. As we cannot leave children unattended we hope that you please help us by picking your children up on time. Thank you to the many parents/grandparents that are here on time and follow our dismissal procedure rules. We truly do appreciate you!

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### **LUNCH ROOM POLICY**

Just a reminder of our lunch room policy set in place by the St. Peter Advisory Board - *Parents may **NOT** bring students lunches from fast food chains (these shall include Hardees, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Subway, etc.) as these cause disruption and disturbance in the lunchroom. Soda products are not allowed in the lunchroom. Healthier drinks should accompany student lunches.* This policy is stated on page 26 of the

St. Peter Parent/Student Handbook under Hot Lunch Program. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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### **CYO VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS**

Just a reminder to our 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls that played CYO volleyball this fall - since volleyball season is over we need to have your uniforms returned to the school office. We ask that your uniform be laundered and returned to school this coming week. Thank you for participating and representing St. Peter School in this volleyball league.

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### **ST. PETER SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOWL CLUB/TEAM**

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in the Scholastic Bowl Club on Fridays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm in the Martha Jane Room. The club is designed for anyone interested in knowledge and competing in teams regardless of experience. The club will run October thru December. Scholastic Bowl Team will begin in January. Participation in the club is not required for team play. Please bring your own snack and drink. For more information, please contact Jodi McDonald ([jodi.mcdonald1@ey.com](mailto:jodi.mcdonald1@ey.com)) or Laura Dighe (706-340-4009 mobile).

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

Thank you again for helping out our 8<sup>th</sup> grade with their service project. We are continuing to collect caps and lids. Just a reminder the classroom that fills the most buckets until we reach our goal will earn an out of dress code day! Thank you so much for your support!

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### **SAVE THE DATE - DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE - January 13, 2017**

Please save the date for our annual Daddy/Daughter Dance. This fun Christmastime event has been moved out of the always busy month of December and transformed into a Winter Wonderland Ball in the much calmer month of January. What a wonderful way to get through the winter blues! Please make plans for daddies and daughters to join us on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in our St. Peter School Ball Room (Also known as "the gym"). Information and invitations will be coming in the near future. If you have and questions or would like to volunteer to help with this fun night please call Rebecca Knuffman, 217-919-7690 or Leslie Koettters, 217-653-5010

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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| Nov 21    | Living Rosary 8:30 am in Church of St. Peter<br>Beau Viehmann - presentation about Bullying Prevention - 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> grades |
| Nov 23-25 | No School - Thanksgiving vacation  |
| Nov 27    | First Sunday of Advent   |
| Nov 28    | Advent Prayer Service 2:00 pm in the gym - parents are invited   |
| Nov 30    | Children's Mass prepared by 8 <sup>th</sup> grade  |
| Dec 2     | Spirit Day! 5 <sup>th</sup> grade recipient choice<br>Habits Assembly 8:15 am in the gym   |
| Dec 4     | SAINTS ALIVE Youth Group meeting 6:00-7:30 pm in the gym<br>FOUND Youth Group Christmas Caroling 6:30-8:00 pm (meet in Martha Jane Room)         |