



Weekly Update



December 12th – December 20th

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

SATURDAY, December 10th:

- ▲ Pit Crew Pizza Party - QND -12:00 -2:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 11th:

- ▲ Third Sunday in Advent
- ▲ Giving Wreath Tags - gifts should be brought to Church this weekend; these will be picked up to be delivered Monday morning

MONDAY, December 12th:

- ▲ QND/PMO Choirs Christmas Concert 7:00-8:30 pm St. Peter Church

TUESDAY, December 13th:

- ▲ Papa John's Night
- ▲ PMO Band Rehearsals - QND; 6th 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, December 14th:

- ▲ Children's School Mass - held at 8:30 am - 5th grade in charge of preparation
- ▲ PMO Band Rehearsals: 5th gr 1:15-1:45 pm; 6th gr 1:45-2:15 pm
- ▲ Early Dismissal at 2:17 for students PK-8th. (This will occur throughout the school year.)
- ▲ Reconciliation for PSR students 6:30 pm in Church
- ▲ QND/PMO Band Concert 7:00 pm - QND gym

THURSDAY, December 15th:

- ▲ Gr 5 field trip - Quincy Museum 1:00-2:30 pm
- ▲ Gr 8 Christmas Luncheon - Maria Goretti Room
- ▲ Gr 2 First Reconciliation 6:30 pm in Church
- ▲ Handbell Choir 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room
- ▲ IESA 7th/8th grade boys Crusaders Basketball HOME game vs Turner Jr. High 5:30 pm

FRIDAY, December 16th:

SUNDAY, December 18th:

- ▲ Fourth Sunday in Advent

MONDAY, December 19th:

- ▲ Grades K-2 Polar Express Day! May wear pajamas to school.
- ▲ Chess Club Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm in Maria Goretti Room

TUESDAY, December 20th:

- ▲ Quarter 2 ends; Report cards will be sent home January 6th
- ▲ Red & Green Day - Students/staff can wear red/green/Christmas attire with jeans
- ▲ Christmas parties throughout the day
- ▲ Christmas vacation begins at dismissal through January 2nd; school resumes Tuesday, Jan. 3rd
- ▲ Unclaimed lost and found items will be taken to charities

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL CHAMPION!!!

Congratulations to Fiker Rosen!! On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fiker, one of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, competed in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Cross Country Nationals in Tallahassee, Florida. In the boys 13-14 year age bracket there were 137 competitors...and Fiker won 1<sup>st</sup> place! He ran the 4000 meter course with the time of 12:43.90. He is number one in the nation! Wow!!! This was not a close race as there was quite a distance between Fiker and his closest competitor. The next 3 finishers were from Miami, Houston, and Tampa. As Fiker returned to Quincy Sunday evening, he was met at Home Depot with a parade of cars and a police escort that led him down Maine Street, around Washington Park, and back up Maine Street to St. Peter School. He was treated to families cheering for him along the route and was met by many of his classmates when his caravan arrived at school. On Monday, the Quincy Fire Department picked up Fiker from school around 1:00 and took him and his coaches on a fire truck ride past the other 3 Catholic grade schools and Quincy Notre Dame. He was met by cheering crowds of students from each of the schools. Once arriving back at school, Fiker ended his ride with a celebration assembly in our gym.

Fiker is also our State of Illinois Elementary School Association Champion as he won 1<sup>st</sup> in State earlier this fall. This qualified him to compete at the National level. He has broken and set an unbelievable amount of records while competing in IESA Cross Country this year!

What an accomplished young athlete!! Fiker, we are so very proud of you!



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## QUINCY CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We recently received the following thank you for the pizzas many families bought during our Pizza Sale and then donated to Catholic Charities:

*Dear St. Peter School,*

*Thank you for your recent donation of lots of pizzas to the food pantry of Quincy Catholic Charities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Your gift will help Quincy Catholic Charities continue its mission "To extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus," and to provide help and hope to those in need in our community. Please accept our most sincere thanks. Feel free to contact us if we can provide additional information to you about Quincy Catholic Charities. Thanks so much!!*

*Sincerely, Jackie Bruns, Area Director*

*Dennis Warren, Food Pantry Manager*

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## CHRISTMAS IS GETTING CLOSER

Don't forget, you can purchase GENE GRAWE gift cards as gifts or use them to buy Christmas gifts. The Gene Grawe Fund also has Gift Certificates available. These are great Christmas Gifts—they can pick out cards to their favorite stores! It's a win-win for everyone! Gene Grawe gift cards are always for everyday use. They are available in the Gene Grawe office located in our St. Peter Church Narthex.

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## QND PIT CREW PIZZA PARTY

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Pit Crew members, past and present, are invited to a pizza party at QND from 12:30 -2:00 pm. Please wear your Pit Crew t-shirt and come to the QND cafeteria for lunch with your favorite Raider and Lady Raider players, get autographs and/or selfies with players, and participate in a Q&A session with players. Come join in the fun!!

## **QND/PMO CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Quincy Notre Dame and Parochial Music Organization choirs will present a Christmas Concert, "Christmas With Friends VIII" on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter Church. Join us for an evening of contemporary and traditional Christmas songs from around the world, including Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus". The choirs are directed by Monica Scholz, and accompanied by Robert March. There will be an opportunity for concert-goers to make a free-will donation to our programs at the door.

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES - DEC 20<sup>th</sup>**

As Christmas approaches we want to share with parents our schedule for classroom Christmas parties. Preschool classes will have their party within their classrooms. Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a designated time for activities in the gym.

The schedule for these are:

8:15-9:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> grade      9:15-10:00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> grade      10:15-11:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

12:00-12:45 pm Kindergarten      1:00-1:45 pm 4<sup>th</sup> grade

5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will have activities throughout their day with in the classroom and have pizza for lunch.

6<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be going to the Tangerine Bowl at 1:00 pm and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades will be going to Scotties Fun Spot in the afternoon.

This is also our Red/Green/Christmas Attire out of dress day! Please wear your festive Christmas attire and join the fun of this day!

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## **CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS**

**3 yr old Preschool Classes:** Our 3 yr old classes have an Advent Calendar given to them by Fr. Leo. Each day they open one on the wooden doors and a surprise comes out every day. They are also making Advent wreaths.

**4 yr old Preschool Classes:** Will be making individual birthday cakes for Jesus. They will be having a special birthday party for Jesus.

**Grades Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Collecting baby items for their "Baby Shower for Jesus" through Advent to donate to Care Net. Care Net is a not for profit ministry that is supported solely by individuals and area churches. Care Net offers hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies by providing practical help and emotional support. They help with diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies. This agency looks forward every year to the donations our St. Peter children give as we are their biggest contributor!

**Grades 4 and 5:** Both grades have selected tags and purchased gifts for the Parish Giving Wreath.

**Grade 6:** Sixth grade students are writing letters and prayers to our Sister Parish in Haiti. They have also written an Advent Prayer and created and colored their own Advent Wreaths. Our sixth grade is also writing letters to our elf, Scout.

**Grades 7 and 8:** Operation Christmas Child; they collected items to pack into shoe boxes for children that are not as fortunate as we are; they were able to send many boxes to needy children. Prior to sending the shoeboxes our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students prayed over each box that the child receiving the gift box will feel God's love.

Many of our classrooms, including 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, created and sent Christmas cards to our Church parishioners that are homebound or in nursing homes. Hopefully, through your children's efforts, generosity, and prayers others in the community will feel the outpouring of God's love this Christmas season.

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## **DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE**

Our annual Daddy/Daughter Dance is being held this year on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent home the week of December 12-16. The committee would like to please have reservations returned to school by December 20<sup>th</sup>. This will let them know approximately how many to plan for.

## MUSIC TRIVIA FANS

Quincy Notre Dame Music Trivia will take place on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in the St. Peter School gymnasium. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the evening will begin at 7:00 pm. Bring your snacks, drinks, and music trivia knowledge for a night of fun. Start gathering your teams and spread the word. The Music Trivia registration form is attached to this update.

Thanks and I can't wait to see everyone again on January 21<sup>st</sup>!

~~Keith Wiemelt, QND Band Director

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## MAINTENANCE STAFF POSITION OPENING

Our Parish has an opening for a part time maintenance person for 12-15 hours a week for the church. Please call the parish office if interested at 222-3155.

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## DAYCARE STAFF OPENING

Our St. Peter Daycare has a staff opening with their after school care program. The hours would be 2:45- 5:45 pm, 2-3 days per week.

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

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - BINGO

One of our popular events that we always have during Catholic Schools Week is an afternoon of Bingo. This is a game the students truly enjoy! We are once again asking for any small items to use for Bingo prizes. Parent's response to this request has always been amazing! We thank you so much. Please send items to the school office whenever it is convenient for you.

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## LOST AND FOUND - LAST CALL - PLEASE CLAIM!!

These are the items we currently have. If any of these items sound like something you are missing, please have your child claim it. *When we leave for Christmas break, all unclaimed clothes will be laundered and given to Catholic Charities. We will dispose of the other items.*

**Lost and Found items- sweaters or jackets:** black Under Armour jacket size M; black Tek Gear hoodie w/blue lining inside hood size 8; white Old Navy girl's sweater size 10/12; navy blue IZOD sweater size 6/6X; 2-St. Peter School navy blue sweatshirts-size YL/size yS; blue Old Navy sweatshirt size Y 6/7; green Blessing Hospital Pink! Pass it on Hoodie size YS; red Jumping Beans hooded zip-up sweatshirt size 7X; teal colored Columbia fleece jacket size 6/6X; black Old Navy fleece jacket size M(8); black New Balance fleece jacket size M; navy blue Nike jacket size YL; red/maroon knit cap;

We also have a bronze color Corkcicle drink bottle, a teal color beaded child's bracelet with a heart; several soccer balls, basketballs, and footballs that are not school issued equipment.

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## WEEKLY UPDATE

There will not be a Weekly Update for the last week of school before Christmas break. We have included all information on activities for Dec 19 and 20 that we have at this time. Updates will resume for the week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> when we come back from Christmas break. We do not have the January lunch menu as of today, but will email this to parents as soon as we receive it.

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## WEATHER-RELATED EARLY DISMISSAL & SCHOOL CANCELLATION

During the winter months, with the possibility of inclement weather or other emergency conditions occurring, it may be necessary to dismiss students earlier in the day than usual or to cancel school for the day. If this occurs, a RenWeb message is sent to all families as well as local radio and TV stations broadcast the information. On days when such conditions exist, please listen to the local stations for early dismissal times and announcements of school closing. Listen for "Quincy Public and Catholic Schools..."

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec 21 - Jan 2 No School - Christmas vacation
- Dec 24-25 Christmas Mass times: Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm (Family Mass); 8:00 pm  
Christmas Day - 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:00 am
- Jan 3 School resumes with full bus service
- Jan 4 Children's Mass - prepared by 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Jan 6 **\*\*Please note** Spirit Day has been changed to next Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Report cards will be sent home today
- Jan 8 SAINTS ALIVE meeting 6:00-7:30 pm  
School Advisory Board Meeting 6:30 pm - School Conference Room
- Jan 10 Papa John's Night
- Jan 11 Children's Mass - prepared by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Jan 12 GSA Meeting 10:00 am - School Conference Room
- Jan 13 **Spirit Day!!** Gr 4 recipient: St. Peter Church Social Concerns Group  
Father/Daughter Winter Ball 6:30-8:30 pm St. Peter Gym
- Jan 16 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- Jan 18 Children's Mass - prepared by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Jan 19 Gr 6 field trip to QND - "We're Wild About QND"
- Jan 21 QND Music Trivia - 7:00 pm St. Peter Gym
- Jan 25 Children's Mass - prepared by 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Jan 28-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week - activities are being planned



*Merry Christmas!*  
*The teachers and staff of St. Peter School*  
*wish to extend to everyone*  
*a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!*  
*May you and your family*  
*keep Jesus in your hearts*  
*throughout this joyful season!*