



Weekly Update



January 16th - January 20th

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

MONDAY, January 16th:

- * **Martin Luther King, Jr Day - No School**

TUESDAY, January 17th:

- * **Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/grades Kindergarten, 4th, and 5th**
- * **PMO Band Rehearsals - QND; 6th gr. 4:30-5:30 pm, Gr 6-8 Jazz Band 5:30-6:00 pm, Gr 7/8 Concert Band 6:00-7:30 pm**
- * **IESA 7th/8th grade boys Crusaders Basketball HOME games vs Liberty 6:00 pm**

WEDNESDAY, January 18th:

- * **Children's School Mass - held at 8:30 am - 2nd 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.)**
- * **IESA 7th/8th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games vs Payson 6:00 pm**

THURSDAY, January 19th:

- * **Gr 6 field trip to QND - "We're Wild About QND" 9:00-11:30 am**
- * **Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room**
- * **Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr 6th, 7th, 8th**

FRIDAY, January 20th:

- * **Scholastic Bowl Team practice - 3:00-4:30 pm in the Martha Jane Room**
- * **IESA 8th gr boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY games-Peoria Catholic Tournament**

SATURDAY, January 21st:

- * **QND Music Trivia - 7:00 pm St. Peter Gym**
- * **IESA 8th gr boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY games-Peoria Catholic Tournament**
- * **IESA 7th/8th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games - Payson Tournament**
- * **IESA 7th/8th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games - Normal Metcalf Tournament**
(both Volleyball tournaments scheduled for Jan 21)

SUNDAY, January 22nd:

- * **FOUND Youth Group - Dodgeball w/special guests 6:30-8:00 pm Gym**

MUSIC TRIVIA FANS

Don't forget...Quincy Notre Dame Music Trivia will take place on Saturday, January 21st, 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. Thanks and I can't wait to see everyone again on January 21st! ~~Keith Wiemelt, QND Band Director

PAPA JOHN'S NIGHT

Congratulations to Mrs. Eaton's Kindergarten North classroom! They are the winners of December's Papa John's Night. Their classroom will be able to enjoy a Papa John's pizza in the near future. Thank you to everyone for participating in our Papa John's nights. We appreciate your support. Our school received a check for \$80.00 for the December night!

PRAIRIE FARMS CAPS

Thank you to everyone for saving and sending to school Prairie Farms caps! We just received the news that we have entered and received credit for over 1000 caps! Wow!! We will be receiving a check from Prairie Farms in the near future. Thank you so much!! Thank you also to Mrs. Katie Stegner for entering all of our caps into the Prairie Farms system. We appreciate all of your time and effort devoted to this program!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND HY-VEE UPCS

Thank you also to everyone that saves and sends in Box Tops and Hy-Vee upcs. We recently received a check from General Mills for the box tops that we sent in this fall. In March, we will receive another check from them. We have also turned in several bundles of Hy Vee labels this fall and received money from our local Hy-Vee stores. We thank you so much! The money received from these programs help us with technology additions/updates and many extras needed throughout the school year. All the proceeds from the box tops/upcs/Prairie Farms caps directly benefit your children. Thank you so much for your time and effort. Thank you also to the families that volunteer to trim, count, and bundle all of these labels. We appreciate all that you do!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROGRAM

St. Peter Church Sunday School and Childcare program is looking for volunteers! Every Sunday morning during the 9:30 Mass, our parish offers childcare for our youngest parish members ages 1 to 5 years old. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Erica Douglas at cedougs@gmail.com or 217-779-1123. These hours will count as service hours!

LITURGY OF THE WORD - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of more volunteers to sign-up to teach the children the Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30a.m. Mass each Sunday. There is a book in the Martha Jane Room that outlines the lesson to teach each week, including a gospel reading, prayer suggestions, hands-on activities, and special talking points. You do not need to be a teacher in order to do this. All that is needed is a love for Jesus and spreading His word to the children of our parish! We need to have at least one adult signed up to teach each Sunday, but there is also a spot if you would like to be a "helper" for the lesson. We welcome junior high or high school students to assist, too! This is a great opportunity to earn service hours, so please visit the link below to sign up. I encourage you to sign up for multiple dates, if possible. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945afa728a64-liturgy>

Thank you! ~Kristen Walker (708) 227-5721

VOLUNTEERS - SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Thank you to all parents that answered our call and volunteered to help with our lunch program! We are still in need of several more parents/grandparents to help supervise and help with our students during the 1st and 2nd lunch periods. Please consider helping us out if you can.

Here again is the information: First lunch period is with students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade and second period is with grades 3rd through 5th. These lunch periods run from 11:05 am - 12:05 pm. There is always a teacher on duty but we need a little extra help. With the 1st period lunch, help is needed with opening milk containers, fruit cups, yogurt tubes, chip bags, even containers sent from home in cold lunches. With the cold weather, help with hanging up coats is also needed. In between the 2 lunch periods, we really appreciate help with cleaning off the tables so the 2nd period students will have clean tables. There is only 10 minutes between the 2 lunch shifts so while members of our kitchen staff come out to help with cleaning off the tables, not all of the ladies can, because of having to get the food ready to serve for the incoming shift. After the 2nd period lunch is done, once again the tables must be wiped clean for our last lunch period. With the 2nd period lunch, the students are older so it is just a matter of helping watch the students. Please consider volunteering for this hour. If we get enough volunteers, you may only have to help once every 6 weeks or so. That is our goal! The hour goes by fast and you get to see your children! If you can't commit to

a full hour, we will accept help on either lunch period. Please contact April O'Brien at aprilobrien2002@gmail.com to sign up. These hours will also count as service hours!!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 28th - FEBRUARY 4th

Catholic Schools Week begins this year the weekend of Jan 28th/29th with our Masses and will conclude on Feb 4th with the QCES Foundation Dinner honoring our 2017 "Friend of Catholic Education Award" recipient JoAnn Witte w/the Gene Grawe Fund. Here are our activities for this very special week:

Catholic Schools Week 2017

Saturday & Sunday, January 28th & 29th: IN OUR PARISH

- ✚ Students participate in Mass planning and serve specific roles. (Be sure to wear your Spirit Day shirts.) If possible, please sign up your child to take on a specific role for one of our Masses by going to www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49a4a82aa6f49-catholic
- ✚ 6th Annual SPS Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-12:30 on Sunday, January 29th in the gym.

Monday, January 30th: IN OUR VOCATIONS

- ✚ Dress Code - Mismatch Day (no colored hair, etc.)
- ✚ What Am I?? - Listen closely over the p.a. system to see if you can identify the clue!
- ✚ Living Rosary - 9:00 a.m.
- ✚ BINGO 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31st: IN OUR COMMUNITY

- ✚ Community Service Project: Grades K-6 students visit nursing homes in the community for crafts, songs, visiting, etc. 9:00-10:15
- ✚ 7th and 8th grade students will be volunteering within the school.
- ✚ Dress Code: Spirit Day shirts with dress code bottoms
- ✚ What Am I??

Wednesday, February 1st: IN OUR NATION

- ✚ Dress Your Best; students dress up to impress our visiting parents! (No jeans.)
- ✚ Children's Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Parents may sit with their child.)
- ✚ Parent/Special Person Visitation- 8:30-11:00
 - ✚ Valentine's for Veterans
 - ✚ Science Fair in the Gym
 - ✚ Cookies in the Cafeteria
- ✚ What Am I??

Thursday, February 2nd: IN OUR STUDENTS

- ✚ Pajama Day - students wear their pj's to school. Students will need to wear some type of pajama pants (flannel, etc.) Students may wear slippers but regular shoes are to be worn outdoors, during P.E. & at recess.
- ✚ Student Appreciation Day - students may bring in a comfy pillow to use to enjoy the day.
- ✚ Trivia in the Gym at 1:15 in the gym.
- ✚ What Am I??

Friday, February 3rd: IN OUR FACULTY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

- ✚ Dress Code - Sports Day - dress wearing your favorite sports' shirt with out of dress code bottoms.
- ✚ Read with a Buddy
- ✚ 8th grade Volleyball Competition at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. 8th grade boys versus 8th grade girls. All school activities will take place between games. (for example - Hokey Pokey, Chicken Dance)
- ✚ What Am I??

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 **truly in need** for 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.

6th ANNUAL ST. PETER PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Please make plans to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29th by joining us at our 6th annual St. Peter Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. We will once again have Chris Cakes Flying Pancakes serving (or throwing) pancakes to your families! Come join us in the St. Peter School Gym from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per plate - all you can eat!

A prepay order form was sent home with students this past week. We are attaching this form to this week's update and it also can be found on Renweb and our school website.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event please go to the following link and sign up:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090945AFA728A64-pancake1> Count these hours for service hours!

QCES FOUNDATION TO HONOR JOANN WITTE - FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE GENE GRAWE FUND - 2017 "FRIEND OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD" DINNER

JoAnn Witte has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation's Friend of Catholic Education Award for her years of dedication to help Quincy families better afford the cost of both a Catholic elementary and secondary education. She will be honored at the Ninth Annual "Friend of Catholic Education Award" Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, at the Quincy Quality Inn & Suites at 201 S. 3rd St. Dinner will be catered by "Drake's Steak & Ale." A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards program at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person. Corporate table sponsorships are available for \$1,000 and include 8 dinner tickets. **The deadline for corporate table sponsorships is Tuesday, January 17th.** **The preferred deadline for individual dinner reservations is Friday, January 27th.** Revenue from the dinner is designated for the QCES Foundation's Tuition-Assistance Fund for students enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools. Since 2009, the QCES Foundation has awarded more than **\$670,000** in tuition assistance to families with students enrolled at Blessed Sacrament, St. Dominic, St. Francis, and St. Peter schools.

Those interested in purchasing dinner tickets or wishing to sponsor a corporate table for the dinner honoring JoAnn Witte, as well as those wishing to donate to the QCES Foundation's Tuition-Assistance Fund in honor of JoAnn, may contact **Paul Rittorf, executive director of the QCES Foundation, at 217-779-3157 or prittorf@quincycatholicschools.org.** **The mailing address for the QCES Foundation office is: 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy, IL 62305.**

ST. PETER SCHOOL 2nd ANNUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Calling all chess players! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4th! St. Peter Chess Club is hosting their 2nd Annual Chess Tournament. All grades are invited and you do not have to be members of the chess club to participate. Informational flyers and Registration forms were sent home this past week. We are also attaching the forms to this update. For more information, contact Chris Gill 217-228-3278 or stpeterschess@gmail.com

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...*"

QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With the announcement of the QPS pending strike, January 17th, we want you to be aware and prepared as to how this will affect St. Peter School. **We will still be in session.** We will not have bus service - morning or afternoon. Parents will now be responsible for getting their children to and from school. Please be prepared by having an alternate plan for your children to get to and from school should you rely on the bus service provided through the Quincy Public Schools. We will not have Crossing Guards for our students that walk to school and back home at dismissal. Mr. James Stella, a St. Peter Church parishioner, has volunteered to be a crossing guard for us at 24th and Maine during this time. We are extremely grateful for his assistance with keeping our students safe and thank him so very much! Traffic will be tremendously heavier with all of our bus students coming to school in cars. We ask that you please remind your children to be very careful while walking to and from school. We will also not have any Title 1 services if your child receives these throughout the school day.

Please keep our public school friends in your prayers that they continue to negotiate and find a resolution agreeable to all. We hope that this will happen before the actual strike begins and schools will continue as usual.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Jan 23 | Chess Club Meeting 6:30pm Maria Goretti Rm
IESA 7 th gr boys Crusaders Basketball Regional Tournament |
| Jan 25 | Children's Mass - prepared by 1 st grade |
| Jan 26 | Bullying Prevention speaker Beau Viehmann here w/Kindergarten/1 st grades
IESA 7 th /8 th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball HOME games vs West Prairie 6:00 pm |
| Jan 28-Feb 3 | Catholic Schools Week |
| Jan 30 | IESA 8 th gr boys Crusaders Basketball Regional Tournament |
| Feb 2 | Kindergarten SmArt Kids field trip Quincy Art Center 12:15-2:00 pm
IESA 7 th /8 th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games vs Liberty 6:00 pm |
| Feb 3 | Quarter 3 Midterm; grades will be posted on Renweb by Friday, Feb. 10 th
IESA 7 th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games(2 game cluster) vs Pleasant Plains- 5:30/6:30 pm |
| Feb 4 | QCES "Friends of Catholic Schools" Banquet (honoring JoAnn Witte)
IESA 7 th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY Tournament vs West Prairie |
| Feb 5 | SAINTS ALIVE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 pm in the gym |