



Weekly Update



January 23rd - January 27th

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

SATURDAY, January 21st:

- * QND Music Trivia 7:00 pm - St. Peter School gym
- * IESA 8th gr boys Crusaders Basketball AWAY games-Peoria Catholic Tournament
- * IESA 7th/8th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games - Bloomington Tournament

SUNDAY, January 22nd:

- * FOUND Youth Group - Dodgeball w/special guests 6:30-8:00 pm Gym
- * FOUND Youth Group -collecting "Pennies for Life" after Masses this weekend; proceeds go to Right To Life of Adams County.

MONDAY, January 23rd:

- * Jubilation Choir Rehearsal 3:00-3:45 pm Parish Music Room
- * Chess Club - 6:30 pm in Maria Goretti Room
- * IESA 7th gr boys Crusaders Basketball Regional Tournament begins
- * Protecting God's Children session - Blessed Sacrament School 6:00-9:00 pm; please call 222-2759 to register

TUESDAY, January 24th:

- * 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

WEDNESDAY, January 25th:

- * Children's School Mass - held at 8:30 am - 1st 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 26th:

- * Bullying Prevention speaker Beau Viehmann here w/Kindergarten/1st grades
- * Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room
- * IESA 7th/8th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball HOME games vs West Prairie 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, January 27th:

- * Scholastic Bowl Team practice - 3:00-4:30 pm in the Martha Jane Room

SATURDAY, January 28th:

- * Catholic Schools Week begins w/5:30 pm Mass; students participating in all Masses this weekend

SUNDAY, January 29th:

- * Catholic Schools Week - Students participating in all Masses this weekend
- * 6th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8:30 am-12:30 pm St. Peter gym

RIGHT TO LIFE - SAY YES TO ALL HUMAN LIFE

Grades 4-8 participated in the Quincy Area Right to Life Poster/Essay Contest. This year's theme is "Say Yes To All Human Life". We are very proud of our students for participating in this contest. The twelve semi-finalists' posters were sent for final judging in the Quincy city-wide contest.

The semi-finalists in each category are:

Category A (includes 4th grade): 1st place: Abby Bunch, 2nd place: Annie Eaton, 3rd place: Kaitlyn Stegeman,
4th place: Alexa Bruney

Category B (includes grades 5-6): 1st place: Ada Kurk, 2nd place: Nifemi Odumosu, 3rd place: Gabi Cook,
4th: Enrico Raad

Category C (includes grades 7-8): 1st place: Ellie Peters, 2nd place: Emily Strieker, 3rd place: Delaney Mason,
4th place: Alaura Moore

Grades 7 and 8 also participated in the Right to Life Essay Contest. The following five finalists will be entered in the city wide final judging: Ben Becker, Philip Dyer, Alexis Kamp, Drew McDonald, and Payton Willer.

And we just received our list of winners from the city-wide judging...

Category A	1 st place: Abby Bunch 2 nd place: Kaitlyn Stegeman Honorable Mention: Alexa Bruney
Category B	3 rd place: Ada Kurk Honorable Mention: Nifemi Odumosu
Category C	1 st place: Ellie Peters 3 rd place: Emily Strieker Honorable Mention: Delaney Mason

Students that placed in the city-wide contest will be presented with awards this Sunday, January 22nd. The Right to Life Council will have their Memorial Walk beginning at the Rock Church, 307 North 36th Street at 1:30 pm. Following the walk there will be a short prayer service, refreshments, and presentation of awards. If weather conditions are not favorable for the walk, the program will still be held in the Rock Church at 1:30 pm. The winning posters will then be displayed at the Quincy Mall.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the contest. We have some very talented artists and writers!!

WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION GRADE SCHOOL GRANT

The Western Catholic Union offers twenty \$500.00 grants for grade school tuitions. Eligibility requirements are the student must be going into grades Kindergarten through 8th. Student must attend a Catholic grade school. The student must be a WCU life or annuity member. At least one parent of the student must be a WCU life or annuity member. We have the Grant entry forms in the school office. If your family is interested please contact Mrs. Hutson. The entry deadline is March 1st.

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! - Please consider choosing a Sunday to teach!

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 on Sundays. 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-liturg>

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 - SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

During Catholic Schools Week, St. Peter School will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will be collecting canned food and non-perishable food items for Quincy Catholic Charities. Please help us fight hunger in our area by bringing in food items. Last year Quincy Catholic Charities, Quanada, and Madonna House served a collective total of 51,657 people. We are very fortunate that we have these agencies helping people that are in these situations. What a simple yet perfect way for our school family to Follow the Golden Rule.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - BINGO

Thank you to everyone that has sent in prizes for Bingo. This is one of our most popular events during Catholic Schools Week and is a game the students truly enjoy! We are **still in need** for small items to use for Bingo prizes. If you are able, please consider donating prizes for this event. Bingo prizes should be sent to the school office by Thursday, January 26th. Again, thank you so much!

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. 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...*"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Jan 30 | IESA 8 th gr boys Crusaders Basketball Regional Tournament |
| Feb 2 | 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 |
| Feb 6 | ACRE testing begins with grades 5 th and 8 th
Chess Club - 6:30 pm Maria Goretti Room
IESA 7 th /8 th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY game vs Mendon Unity 6:00 pm |
| Feb 7 | Mastic Art Classes w/classrooms 4W,5W,6W,8-103,8-104 |
| Feb 9 | Mastic Art Classes w/classrooms 4E,5E,6E, 7-101,7-102
2 nd grade SmArt Kids Art field trip to Quincy Art Center 12:15-2:00 pm |
| Feb 10 | Spirit Day! Gr 3 has recipient choice; Habits Assembly 8:15 am
Quarter 3 midterms posted
$\frac{1}{2}$ day school w/11:30 dismissal - full bus service; teacher inservice in the afternoon |