



# Weekly Update



January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

**Catholic Schools - Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service**

## Saturday & Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>: IN OUR PARISH

- ✚ Students participate in Mass planning and serve specific roles. (Be sure to wear your Spirit Day shirts.)
- ✚ 6<sup>th</sup> Annual SPS Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-12:30 on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the gym.

## Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>: 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 31<sup>st</sup>: 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
- ✚ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be volunteering within the school.
- ✚ Dress Code: Spirit Day shirts with dress code bottoms
- ✚ What Am I??

## Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: 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- 9:30-11:00 Students should return to their classrooms after Mass. We will then announce by families the order that they will participate in the following activities.
  - ✚ Valentine's for Veterans
  - ✚ Science Fair in the Gym
  - ✚ Doughnuts in the Cafeteria
- ✚ What Am I??
- ✚ Family Science Night 6:30-8:30 pm in the gym; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade displaying science projects

## Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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 3<sup>rd</sup>: 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
- ✚ 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Competition at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys versus 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. All school activities will take place between games. (for example - Hokey Pokey, Chicken Dance)
- ✚ What Am I??

**SATURDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- ✚ QCES "Friends of Catholic Schools" Banquet (honoring JoAnn Witte) 7:00 pm Quincy Quality Inn

**MONDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- ✚ Jubilation Choir Rehearsal 3:00-3:45 pm Parish Music Room
- ✚ IESA 8<sup>th</sup> gr boys Crusaders Basketball Regional Tournament begins

**TUESDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup>:**

- ✚ PMO Band Rehearsals – QND; 6<sup>th</sup> 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, February 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- ✚ Children's School Mass – held at 8:30 am – Gr. K-8<sup>th</sup> grades 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 PK-8<sup>th</sup>. (This will occur throughout the school year.)
- ✚ Family Science Night 6:30-8:30 pm in the gym
- ✚ IESA 7<sup>th</sup> gr. boys Crusaders basketball team-State Tournament Sectional game in Williamsville, IL

**THURSDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- ✚ Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room
- ✚ IESA 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games vs Liberty 6:00 pm

**FRIDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- ✚ Quarter 3 Midterm; grades will be posted on Renweb by Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Scholastic Bowl Team practice – 3:00-4:30 pm in the Martha Jane Room
- ✚ IESA 7<sup>th</sup> gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games(2 game cluster) vs Pleasant Plains- 5:30/6:30 pm

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**SUNDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- ✚ SAINTS ALIVE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 pm in the gym

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Please feel free to join us this week to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Parents are welcome to join us in Church on Monday for our Living Rosary.

On Wednesday, we would love to have you here for our Parents Day activities. You may sit with your children during our school Mass and then we have 3 special activities planned for your family. We are making Valentines to send to our veterans, touring our science fair, and having doughnuts in the cafeteria. We ask that your children return to their classrooms after Mass. We will then let families know the order that they will be participating in these activities.

We also invite parents to join us for our annual volleyball games on Friday, at 1:00 pm in the gym. We will have our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, boys vs girls, competing against each other in friendly competition.

On Tuesday morning, our K-6 grade students will hop on busses and visit residents at our local nursing/retirement homes. The students sing and play games with the residents and from what we have heard, they are a big hit! Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will stay at school and help out our teachers/staff with different projects. We surely appreciate their help with all the projects or items that we never can seem to get to or finish!

Thursday morning we will slow it down a bit. To show our students how much we appreciate them they can wear their pjs to school, bring in a comfy pillow, watch a video, and just take it easy.

We also have the following special events taking place during Catholic Schools Week:

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT- Please join us!**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of St. Peter School would like to invite you to a night of explosions, curiosity, and fun! On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Peter gym, join us while our St. Peter Junior High students show off their science projects. These students have thought critically about an experiment, conducted an experiment, and made a conclusion about data they collected. Please help support our budding scientists by joining us for this special event!

### **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."

### **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. PETER PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

Please make plans to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> by joining us at our 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – BINGO**

Thank you, once again, to everyone that sent in prizes for Bingo. Your generosity is truly amazing! This is one of our most popular events during Catholic Schools Week and is a game the students truly enjoy!

### **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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Quincy Quality Inn & Suites at 201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 preferred deadline for individual dinner reservations is Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:prittorf@quincycatholicschools.org)**. The mailing address for the QCES Foundation office is: 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy, IL 62305.

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### **SPIRIT DAY – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE RECIPIENT: HORIZONS**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have chosen Horizons Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry as their Spirit Day recipient. The Mission of Horizons is: *"Motivated by the love of Jesus Christ, our mission is to feed the poor and hungry in our community. We accomplish this mission through our daily soup kitchen and our free*

*choice food pantry, all of which are offered in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. We meet the immediate needs of individuals and families who lack access to enough food to sustain an active, healthy life."*

Horizons organized in 2008 as a response to a need. It began with individuals literally knocking on their door, asking for something to eat. God moved the organizers hearts and they responded to the hungry people in our area. Throughout the years Horizons has grown from serving 10,000 meals in a single year to 27,500 meals a year. Only a handful of the staff of Horizons are paid workers. Their mission is accomplished as a direct result of over 300 different volunteers each month. Horizons is supported by 11 different area churches, including our own St. Peter Church.

Horizons truly follows our Catholic Habits #5: Listen and Reflect (Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood). People with very little hope to be fed, with a hope to find a healthy and safe place to share a meal knocked on their door and the organizers of Horizons heard them. They searched their hearts and came up with a solution to give them hope and share in Jesus' love for all of us. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes have also listened and understand this unfortunate, yet tremendous need, in our community. They also have opened their hearts to the knock on the door of the hungry. We hope that our Spirit Day donations will make a difference in the lives of the families that depend on Horizons for their daily meals.

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### **ST. PETER SCHOOL CAFETERIA STAFF OPENING**

We currently have a staff opening in our cafeteria. The hours would be Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Duties would include helping prepare food for the lunch program, helping serve lunch to our students, and clean up in the kitchen area and cleaning off cafeteria tables after our last lunch period. We have a wonderful group of ladies that serve our students and staff every day. Please consider joining us! If you would be interested, please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at 217-223-1120 or [c.venvertloh@cospg.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospg.org)

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### **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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### **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](mailto:cedougs@gmail.com) or 217-779-1123. These hours will count as service hours!

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### **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-liturgy>

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

## ST. PETER SCHOOL 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Calling all chess players! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>! St. Peter Chess Club is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stpeterschess@gmail.com)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Feb 6  | ACRE testing begins with grades 5 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Chess Club - 6:30 pm Maria Goretti Room<br>IESA 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> 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<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> grade SmArt Kids Art field trip to Quincy Art Center 12:15-2:00 pm   |
| Feb 10 | Spirit Day! Gr 3 has recipient choice: Horizons; Habits Assembly 8:15 am<br>Quarter 3 midterms posted<br>$\frac{1}{2}$ day school w/11:30 dismissal - full bus service; teacher inservice in the afternoon              |