



# Weekly Update



February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>

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

## SUNDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>:

- ♥ Jubilation Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass
- ♥ CYO Basketball Games Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym

## MONDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup>:

- ♥ No School – President's Day
- ♥ Chess Club Meeting 6:30 pm Maria Goretti Room
- ♥ IESA 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr girls Crusaders Volleyball HOME games vs Macomb 6:00 pm

## TUESDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup>:

- ♥ 2017-2018 Preschool Registration – 3yr/4yr olds accepted today beginning at 7:00 am in the gym
- ♥ Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</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 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- ♥ Children's School Mass – held at 8:30 am – 7<sup>th</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 PK-8<sup>th</sup>. (This will occur throughout the school year.)
- ♥ IESA 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games vs Payson 6:00 pm

## THURSDAY, February 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- ♥ Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ♥ Beau Viehmann w/Anti-Bullying Presentation here w/2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades (rescheduled from last week)
- ♥ Vision and Hearing testing – School Conference Room/Library; No classroom library visits today
- ♥ Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room
- ♥ Long Range Planning Meeting – School Conference Room 6:00-8:00 pm

## FRIDAY, February 24<sup>th</sup>:

- ♥ PK4 classes field trips to Quincy Dental Center 9:30 am/1:30 pm
- ♥ Vision and Hearing Screening continues; no classroom library visits today
- ♥ Scholastic Bowl Team practice – 3:00-4:30 pm in the Martha Jane
- ♥ IESA boys and girls basketball uniforms due to school office

## SATURDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>:

- ♥ Protecting God's Children Session – St. Peter Church (Martha Jane Rm) 9:00 am-Noon

## SUNDAY, February 26<sup>th</sup>:

- ♥ FOUND Youth Group Pizza Party – Martha Jane Rm/Cafeteria
- ♥ CYO Basketball Games Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym

## ST. PETER PARISH CELEBRATION

What makes St. Peter Church to be light and salt as Jesus challenges us, are the many people who volunteer in so many ways to help our Church and school. These are the stewards—people who are willing to share their time, talents, and treasures with us. As a way of saying thank you to these many stewards, we are sponsoring an informal evening of enjoyment and togetherness on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, right after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. This thank you will be in the St. Peter School Gym and will include a light meal along with sitting back and enjoying the Quincy Notre Dame Jazz Band. They will be sharing their musical talents with

us throughout this evening as we enjoy a meal together and great fellowship. Realizing that Fr. Leo cannot multiply the loaves and fish as Jesus did, we need somewhat of a count by February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Did you volunteer at the Parish Picnic? Do you earn your 10 service hours helping at the school/parish? Are your children altar servers? Just some examples of ways YOU serve.

**Who:** Families/individuals that serve our church and school

**What:** St. Peter Parish Celebration

**When:** Feb 18, 2017 After 5pm Mass

**Where:** St. Peters School Gym

**Why:** To Celebrate our fabulous, thriving ministries; our stewardship; our church family...we are glad YOU are actively involved in a St. Peter Ministry

**PLEASE Join us to break bread, listen to the QND Jazz Band and share laughs with old and new friends. RSVP: by Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** - either the insert in the bulletin OR directly to Molly McClure at [mollio44@hotmail.com](mailto:mollio44@hotmail.com) List #adults and #kids.

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## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART/HOOPS FOR HEART**

St. Peter School is excited to announce all students grades K-8 will be participating in Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart to benefit the American Heart Association. This special event will take place during PE classes February 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will be sent home with special envelopes during PE classes. Last year students raised over \$7,400 and this year's goal is \$7,500. With hard work and dedication this goal should be reached. Thank you to all our families for participating in this worthy cause. ~Mr. Shinn

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## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

We would like to hear from families about our Catholic Schools Week. Please take a few moments and complete the survey we are attaching. A lot of planning was done by our Catholic Schools Week committee to make this a special week for our students. However, we value your feedback. Please share your thoughts and opinions with us. Thank you!!

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## **2017-2018 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD REGISTRATION**

Registration for next year's preschool classes was sent home last week with the Weekly Update, our school families, and was mailed to all parishioners that have 3 and 4 year old children. We have had a lot of interest in these classes so we will follow the procedure we had in place last year. Please read through the information letter and registration form as we have had several changes. On Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 7:00 am, we will be set up in the gym to accept registrations for these classes. It will again be on first come - first serve basis for morning or afternoon classes, in conjunction to following the enrollment policy. This day will be the first day registration will be open for both the 3 and 4 year old classes. We are not able to accept registrations at any earlier date. We look forward to seeing our preschool families on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP - FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten Round Up for those who will be attending kindergarten at St. Peter School for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in our school gym. We are sending home a Round Up registration form with all of our families, Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone that might like to come to our Kindergarten Round Up or be interested in sending their child to St. Peter School Kindergarten, please share this information with them. Some of our best advertising and promoting of our school comes from our school families! Registration forms are also available on RenWeb and our school website at [www.stpetersschool.com](http://www.stpetersschool.com). These are due to the school office by March 6<sup>th</sup>. All potential kindergarten students must be five years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Copies of both certified birth certificates and baptismal certificates will be required. We look forward to seeing you at Kindergarten Round Up!

**\*Special note for our current kindergarten classes** - Because of Kindergarten Round Up, kindergarten students will only have classes in the morning of March 24<sup>th</sup>. You will be dismissed at 11:30 am. Kindergarten students will not be staying for lunch and there will not be afternoon bus service or afternoon daycare for this special kindergarten dismissal.

## **ST. PETER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

St. Peter School will be hosting an Open House for anyone interested in enrolling their child in St. Peter School Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2017-2018 school year. We ask you to please share this information with any families you know that might be interested in attending our school. This is an opportunity for parents and their children to come and meet the teachers, check out the classrooms, tour the school and ask any questions they may have about our school. If you know of anyone that might be interested in our school please invite them to our Open House. We would love for visitors to learn more about us. Registration and financial assistance information will be available. If families are not able to attend on March 2<sup>nd</sup> please have them contact us at 223-1120 or [c.venvertloh@cospg.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospg.org).

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## **2017-2018 K-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE REGISTRATION**

We are sending home Registration Forms for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year, Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please read through the letter from the Quincy Catholic Schools Leadership Team. Several changes have been made regarding tuition and fees payments. Instructional and Technology fees can no longer be included in tuition loans and must be paid by May 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late fee penalty. FACTS will now assess all tuition assistance applications. These applications are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Informational Meetings concerning the new FACTS tuition assistance program will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament School. The leadership team will also provide assistance completing the FACTS application form. If you would like to take advantage of this assistance, please contact Mrs. Venvertloh, [c.venvertloh@cospg.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospg.org) or 223-1120 and she will set you up with a tuition mentor. This will be someone outside of St. Peter Parish and all information given will have strict confidentiality maintained. If you have any questions regarding registration for next year, please call the school office and we will do our best to find the answers for you.

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## **QUINCY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Quincy Notre Dame High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, February 26, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 1400 S. 11th Street. Parents and students interested in QND are invited to attend. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet QND students, parents and faculty, find out more about the 1:1 learning program, explore the school and discover the new things happening at QND.

The schedule for the QND Open House is as follows:

1:00 p.m. - Welcome and overview with Principal Mark McDowell and QND students (QND Cafeteria)

1:30 p.m. - "Ways to Make QND a Reality" presentation with question and answer session about financial assistance, completing the PSAS form, Gene Grawe Fund and more (QND Cafeteria)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Meet faculty and tour QND

For more information, please contact Mary Pat Vahlkamp at 217-223-2479 ext 326 or email [mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org](mailto:mvahlkamp@quincynotredame.org).



## **TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob O'Neal Junior Table Tennis (ping pong) Tournament will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> at the K of C, 700 South 36<sup>th</sup>. There are 4 age level events: 10 & under 10:00 am-12:00 pm; 13 & under 4:00 pm-6:00 pm; 15 & under 2:00 pm-4:00 pm; 18 & under 12:00 pm-2:00 pm. Trophies will be awarded in each event. The cost to enter is \$15.00. For more information or to enter please go to [www.quincyclabletennis.com](http://www.quincyclabletennis.com), email [ttennisqcy@yahoo.com](mailto:ttennisqcy@yahoo.com) or call 217-223-2536.

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## **IESA UNIFORMS**

If you were on the IESA girls or boys Crusaders Basketball teams, please turn in your uniform to the school office. We need to have these turned in and accounted for in order for us to turn them into our QCES Athletic Director. Please bring these into school by Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## **SPIRIT DAY COLLECTIONS - 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER**

For our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Spirit Day recipients were The Advocacy Network for Children (6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Toys for Tots (5<sup>th</sup> grade). We are very proud to let families know that we raised a combined total of \$526.00

for these two very worthy recipients. Thank you very much to all of our students, families, and staff!

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## **STUDENT ARRIVAL/TARDINESS**

We open our school doors in the mornings at 7:50 am for students and our Tardy Bell rings at 8:05 am. We have students that arrive tardy many mornings during the week and it is starting to affect how many of our classrooms start their day. We ask that parents make every effort to have your children to school on time. We should have addressed this concern as it states in our handbook but haven't. Currently in our handbook it states that the school will contact the parents once a student has reached 3 tardies and that time will need to be made up. We haven't enforced this policy for the last several years because we have found that it doesn't really accomplish the goal for which it was set up. Upon contacting other schools, we have decided to amend our policy to align with theirs beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. This policy will be that we will contact the parents after their child has his/her 4<sup>th</sup> tardy. 4 unexcused tardies constitute one unexcused day according to ROE guidelines. Once the tardy count reaches 10 the ROE Office will be contacted to report truancy. Their truancy officer will then contact parents concerning this issue. We do not mean to appear harsh with this new policy, but students arriving late causes a disruption for the other students in the classroom, their teachers, and teacher aides. Our school day is so short we need everyone to be prepared to start on time. It is sometimes very difficult and frustrating for children to begin their day behind and then have to try to catch up with class assignments during the day. Again, we ask that you please make every effort to have your children to school on time.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Feb 27	Mardi Gras Prayer Service IESA 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Regionals begin
Feb 28	Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>
Mar 1	Ash Wednesday - Masses 8:30 am, 12:10 pm, 6:30 pm Children's School Mass 8:30 am prepared by 6 <sup>th</sup> grade WCU Tuition Grant applications due to WCU today
Mar 2	St. Peter School Open House 6:00-7:00 pm QND Freshman Registration 6:30-8:30 pm at QND
Mar 3	Spirit Day!! Grade 2 recipient choice SmArt Kids Art Classes w/Rooms 1W, 2N, 3W St. Peter Men's Prayer Group begins
Mar 4	St. Peter Chess Tournament
Mar 5	Saints Alive Youth Group meets 6:00-7:30 pm - gym
Mar 13-17	Spring break; No School
Mar 24	St. Peter School Kindergarten Round Up; 11:30 am dismissal Kindergarten only