



Weekly Update



February 27th - March 3rd

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

SATURDAY, February 25th:

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

SUNDAY, February 26th:

- ♥ CYO Basketball Games Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym
- ♥ QND Open House 1:00-3:00 pm
- ♥ FOUND Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration in Church; then pizza party in cafeteria

MONDAY, February 27th:

- ♥ Mardi Gras Prayer Service 2:00 pm in Church
- ♥ No Jubilation Choir rehearsal today
- ♥ Chess Club Meeting 6:30 pm - Maria Goretti Room
- ♥ IESA 7thgr girls Crusaders Volleyball Regionals begin; games at Beardstown

TUESDAY, February 28th:

- ♥ Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr 6th, 7th, 8th
- ♥ 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, March 1st:

- ♥ Children's School Ash Wednesday Mass - held at 8:30 am - 6th grade in charge of preparation
- ♥ Addition Ash Wednesday Masses: 10:00 am -QND; 12:10 pm, 6:30 pm - St. Peter Church
- ♥ 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.)
- ♥ WCU Tuition Grant Applications due to WCU today

THURSDAY, March 2nd:

- ♥ Spring Pictures - grades Kindergarten through 8th; beginning at 8:30 am
- ♥ Scholastic Bowl HOME Match vs Carthage 4:00 pm
- ♥ St. Peter School Open House 6:00-7:00 pm
- ♥ QND Freshman 2017-2018 Registration 6:30-8:30 pm at QND
- ♥ Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room
- ♥ Lenten Masses begin tonight through April 12; Monday-Friday 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, March 3rd:

- ♥ Spirit Day!! Gr 2 recipient choice: Madonna House
- ♥ Habits Assembly 8:15 am; 2nd gr presenting habit 6: "Be a Servant Leader" (Synergize)
- ♥ SmArt Kids Art Classes w/gr 1W,2N,3W
- ♥ Scholastic Bowl Team practice - 3:00-4:30 pm in the Martha Jane
- ♥ St. Peter Mens Prayer Group begins this morning

SATURDAY, March 4th:

- ♥ St. Peter Chess Club Tournament - Registration 8:00 am; games begin at 9:00 am Cafeteria

SUNDAY, March 5th:

- ♥ SAINTS ALIVE Youth Group - Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Church; All students/families invited
- ♥ CYO Basketball Games Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART/HOOPS FOR HEART

Thank you to families for participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart event. Our goal was to reach \$7,500.00 to benefit the American Heart Association. We will announce in the near future how much was raised for this very worthy cause.

QUINCY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, Feb. 26th

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.



FOUND YOUTH GROUP - EUCHARIST ADORATION - ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES INVITED!

St. Peter Parish Youth Group FOUND would like to invite all St. Peter families to join them in Church for Eucharist Adoration, this Sunday, Feb. 26th from 6:45-7:30 pm. What a beautiful way to prepare for Lent by encountering Christ is this very personal way. There will be silent prayer and reflection and times of worship music. Our FOUND group has asked if you can't join them this Sunday to please keep them in your prayers at this time frame.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The 15th Annual Bob O'Neal Junior Table Tennis (ping pong) Tournament will be held February 25th at the K of C, 700 South 36th. 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.quincytabletennis.com, email ttennisinqcy@yahoo.com or call 217-223-2536.

ST. PETER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - MARCH 2nd 6:00 - 7:00 pm

St. Peter School will be hosting an Open House for any new families interested in enrolling their child in St. Peter School Preschool through 8th 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 2nd please have them contact us at 223-1120 or c.venvertloh@cospq.org.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

We need to have parents available to give tours of the school during our Open House on Thursday, March 2nd from 5:45-7:15 pm.

We also need 2 more people to help with Spring Pictures, also, on Thursday, March 2nd. Pictures begin around 8:30 am and should be finished by noon.

If you would be willing to help us out, please call Mrs. Hutson in the school office 223-1120 to register.

SPIRIT DAY - SECOND GRADE RECIPIENT: MADONNA HOUSE

Our second grade students have chosen Quincy's Madonna House as their Spirit Day recipient. The Madonna House opened on Mother's Day in 1988. Their goal at that time was to provide shelter for women and children. However, realizing that they could do more, they encouraged women and their families to promote their strengths and to address their weaknesses in order to live successful and productive lives. They provide not only shelter, food, and hygiene products but also counseling, guidance, and encouragement. Madonna House also has a food pantry and diaper pantry available to families in need.

Their mission statement reads: "Our mission is to provide a safe nurturing home environment where homeless pregnant women and women with children can break the cycle of instability. We act as an emergency shelter and provide a prevention program, transitional housing, and a food and diaper pantry. We envision a community where through the philosophy of love and logic, individuals and families can achieve their potential of income stability and healthy lifestyles."

Our Catholic Habit for this month is to be a Servant Leader while the Covey habit is Synergize which basically means to work together. Madonna House is a great example of being a servant leader for the families they serve. They work together with these families to help them overcome obstacles and learn to be independent members of our community.

Our second grade students are showing us that we are all servants of Christ and should strive to lead by example with kindness and compassion for people in our life.

ST. PETER SCHOOL 2nd ANNUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Just a reminder...Our St. Peter Chess Club is hosting their 2nd Annual Chess Tournament on Saturday, March 4th. Students from all grades are invited - you do not have to be a member of the Chess Club to participate. For more information, contact Chris Gill 217-228-3278 or stpeterschess@gmail.com

SAINTS ALIVE - STATIONS OF THE CROSS - MARCH 5th 6:00 pm in Church

During Lent Saints Alive takes a break from normal activities. On March 5th we will meet in the church for our 2nd annual Stations of the Cross Through Mary's Eyes. The entire parish is invited to attend. We need 15 student volunteers from 4th - 6th grade...14 readers and one "Mary". This is a solemn event and we encourage families to attend. It will only last about half an hour. It is a wonderful way to make Lent a meaningful experience and prepare hearts for Easter Sunday. Even if you have never attended a Saints Alive meeting, we welcome your help or simply your attendance! A link to volunteer is below:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0B4CA5AE22A02-stations

Questions: Please contact Jen Dyer @ 440-9766 or 2jdyers@gmail.com

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION INFORMATION SESSIONS - MARCH 8th and 9th

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation will host 2017-2018 Tuition-Assistance Application Information Sessions. The QCES Foundation invites and encourages all QCES families, who wish to apply for tuition assistance for the 2017-2018 school year, to attend one of the two **Tuition-Assistance Application Information Sessions to be held on Wednesday, March 8th, and Thursday, March 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Church Gathering Area.** The Gathering Area, can be accessed from the Blessed Sacrament Church/School parking lot located off 8th St. QND families are invited and encouraged to attend one of the two information sessions, as well.

Private School Aid Service (PSAS,) the previous tuition-assistance assessment provider for QCES & QND, was purchased by **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment** this past summer. As a result, the application form and the application process have changed. The two information sessions have been arranged by the QCES Foundation to help QCES & QND families feel more comfortable and confident when filling out the new **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application.** For more information about the **Tuition-Assistance Application Information Sessions**, please contact Paul Rittorf, executive director of the QCES Foundation, at 217-779-3157 or prittorf@quincycatholicschools.org.

If you would like to begin your FACTS Assessment please go to the following link for St. Peter School families. **St Peter School:** <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/42NRL>

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP - FRIDAY, MARCH 24th

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 24th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in our school gym. 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. We have extra registration forms in the office or they may call the school office to register, 223-1120. 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.stpeterschool.com. These are due to the school office by March 6th. All potential kindergarten students must be five years old on or before September 1st, 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 24th. 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.

2017-2018 K-8th GRADE REGISTRATION

We have sent home Registration Forms for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. 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 1st to avoid a late fee penalty. FACTS will now assess all tuition assistance applications. These applications are due March 31st. Informational Meetings concerning the new FACTS tuition assistance program will take place on March 8th and 9th 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@cospq.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.

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. These were due to the school office on Friday, February 24th.

STUDENT ARRIVAL/TARDINESS

We are again asking for your help getting your child/ren to school on time. 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 4th 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. Thank you for your help with this matter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 6 Reconciliation for grades 2-5 beginning at 8:30 am
Kindergarten Round Up registration due
QND students here reading to Kindergarten - Gr 3 students this afternoon
No Jubilation Choir rehearsal today
Chess Club Meeting 6:00 pm Maria Goretti Room
IESA 8th grade girls Crusaders Volleyball regionals begin; games at North Greene
- Mar 7 Reconciliation for grades 6-8 beginning at 9:00 am
- Mar 8 7th/8th grade field trip - Jr. Achievement Fair at QU
FACTS Information Session 6:30 pm Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation for PSR students 6:30 pm
- Mar 9 2nd grade First Communion Meeting #1 - 6:15 pm in Cafeteria
Vision and Hearing Screening Retests
FACTS Information Session 6:30 pm Blessed Sacrament
- Mar 10 Quarter 3 ends; Report Cards sent home March 24th
- Mar 12 FOUND Youth Group - FOUND in Action (Service Project)
Daylight Savings Time begins - spring clocks forward one hour!
- Mar 13-17 Spring break; No School
- Mar 24 St. Peter School Kindergarten Round Up; 11:30 am dismissal Kindergarten only