



Weekly Update



February 6th – February 10th

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

SATURDAY, February 4th:

- ♥ QCES "Friends of Catholic Schools" Banquet (honoring JoAnn Witte) 7:00 pm Quincy Quality Inn
- ♥ IESA 7th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY Tournament at West Prairie

SUNDAY, February 5th:

- ♥ CYO Basketball Games Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym

MONDAY, February 6th:

- ♥ ACRE Testing begins today through Friday for 5th and 8th grades
- ♥ Jubilation Choir Rehearsal 3:00-3:45 pm Parish Music Room
- ♥ Chess Club meets 6:30 pm in Maria Goretti Room
- ♥ IESA 7th/8th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY games vs Mendon Unity 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, February 7th:

- ♥ Mastic Art Classes w/classrooms 4W, 5W, 6W, 8-103, 8-104
- ♥ 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, February 8th:

- ♥ Children's School Mass – held at 8:30 am – Kindergarten 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.)

THURSDAY, February 9th:

- ♥ Mastic Art Classes w/classrooms 4E, 5E, 6E, 7-101, 7-102 pm
- ♥ Author Tracy Schlepfforst visiting Kindergarten and 3rd grade classes
- ♥ 2nd grade SmArt Kids Art field trip to Quincy Art Center 12:15-2:00 pm
- ♥ Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room

FRIDAY, February 10th:

- ♥ Spirit Day!! Gr 3 recipient choice: Horizons Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry
- ♥ Habits Assembly 8:15 am – gym; Gr 3 presenting Habit #5 Listen and Reflect (Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood)
- ♥ Quarter 3 Midterm grades will be posted on Renweb
- ♥ 11:30 am dismissal w/full bus service; Afternoon daycare will not be in session; Teacher in-service in the afternoon
- ♥ Scholastic Bowl Team practice – 3:00-4:30 pm in the Martha Jane

SATURDAY, February 11th:

- ♥ IESA 8th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball AWAY Tournament at Jacksonville

SUNDAY, February 12th:

- ♥ CYO Basketball Games Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym
- ♥ FOUND Youth Group "Oh Baby" Crazy games 6:30-8:00 pm in the gym
- ♥ SAINTS ALIVE Youth Group meets 6:00-7:30 pm in the cafeteria

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As we write this update we are still in the heart of Catholic Schools Week. We wish to thank everyone who has helped make this such an amazing week! We are very proud of our students that helped

start our week by participating in the Sunday Masses and our Living Rosary. The Pancake and Sausage Breakfast was again a very fun and successful day. Thank you to Mrs. Monteyne and her wonderful group of volunteers for coordinating this event. Our trips to the nursing and retirement homes were big hits for both our students and the residents of these facilities. It was so very heartwarming to have so many parents join us for our Children's Mass and family activities for the day! It looked like everyone was enjoying time with their families. We had a great time dressing mismatched, in our pajamas, and showing off our favorite sports teams. Bingo, videos and popcorn, trivia and our annual volleyball games are always fun! Our 7th and 8th grade challenged us with explosions, curiosity and fun with the addition of Family Science Night. Thank you to everyone that sent in prizes, volunteered at our events, sent in food items, and helped in any way to make this week special for our students. We truly appreciate you and we are so blessed with our awesome families in St. Peter School.

SPIRIT DAY - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10th - 3rd GRADE RECIPIENT: HORIZONS

Our 3rd 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 3rd 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.

2017-2018 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD REGISTRATION

Registration for next year's preschool classes will be sent home Feb. 8th. We plan to send this information/registration home with our current 3 year old students, with our school families, and mail to our parishioners with 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 21st, 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. 21st.

8th GRADE PLASTIC LIDS AND CAPS RECYCLING PROJECT

Thank you so very much to everyone that sent it their plastic lids and caps. It was certainly an eye-opener as to the amount of these that go into our landfills every week! Your participation was simply astounding. Once again, St. Peter families answered the call to support their community. With nearly a TON of recyclable materials, the Monteyne family will rent a U-Haul and head to Indiana in the coming weeks. We have earned 2 six foot benches and 2 trash receptacles. What an awesome addition these will make to our grounds. Thank you to the 8th grade and Mrs. Monteyne for your dedication to this project.

Please continue to collect and send to school Prairie Farms and Coca-Cola caps (including PowerAde and Minute Maid). We collect these caps year round and submit to receive points. Once we

reach the allotted number we are presented with a check for the school. This money is used to help our school for when we need added technology, literacy program items, supplies needed for students that are not in our yearly budget, etc.

FAMILY HOT LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Just a reminder concerning hot lunch accounts on RenWeb. If your account shows a negative balance, this is actually a credit and you have money in your account. If your account shows a positive balance, then that is the amount of money owed in the account. You should receive email alerts from the Hot Lunch Program informing you when money is owed on your family's lunch account.

QCES RUNNING CLUB

As many of you know, our QCES schools have a cross-country team. To help our students that may be interested in joining this team prepare, our schools have the QCES Running Club for students in grades 4-8. This organization is led by Mrs. Denise Sangoi. She will be having a planning meeting with adults/parents to organize for the "Bridge the Gap" race (May 20th) and the upcoming season. Mrs. Sangoi needs someone at each school to be her person(s)/liaison(s) in charge of the students. She tries to keep duties as simple as possible. These duties will mainly include being the adult in charge at all practices and to provide necessary communication to participants' parents. If we could have more than one volunteer, the adult in charge at practices could be split so that the same person doesn't have to be at each practice. The Running Club meets 3 times per week beginning March 6th. They will not meet the week of Spring Break, March 13-17. If you would be interested in being the liaison for the St. Peter students please contact Mrs. Sangoi at dhsangoi@gmail.com.

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.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 13	Protecting God's Children Session 6:00-9:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:30 pm School Conference Rm IESA 7 th /8 th gr girls Crusaders Volleyball HOME games vs Pittsfield 6:00 pm
Feb 14	St. Peter 8 th grade visits QND 9:15 am- 1:00 pm Papa John's Night
Feb 15	Children's School Mass - prepared by 8 th grade
Feb 16	GSA Meeting 10:00 am - School Conference Rm Camp Ondesok here w/grades 3-8 Author Tracy Schlepfforst visiting grades 1 st and 2 nd
Feb 17	Beau Viehmann w/Anti-Bullying presentation w/gr 2 nd and 5 th
Feb 19	Jubilation Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass
Feb 20	President's Day - No School Chess Club meets 6:30 pm Maria Goretti Rm

Feb 21 3 and 4 year old Preschool Registration Day beginning at 7:00 am
Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr Kindergarten, 4th, 5th
Feb 23 Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Vision and Hearing Screening
Feb 24 Vision and Hearing Screening continues
Feb 26 FOUND Youth Group Pizza Party - Martha Jane Rm/Cafeteria
Feb 27 Mardi Gras Prayer Service
Feb 28 Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/gr 6th, 7th, 8th

Upcoming events:

Mar 1 Ash Wednesday; Lent begins
Mar 13-17 Spring break; No School
Mar 24 St. Peter School Kindergarten Round Up