



Weekly Update



March 6th - March 10th

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

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.
- ✿ **Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby** 1:00 pm in the gym
- ✿ **CYO Basketball Games** Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym

MONDAY, March 6th:

- ✿ **Reconciliation for grades 2-5** beginning at 8:30 am
- ✿ **Kindergarten Round Up** registration due
- ✿ **QND students here reading** to Kindergarten - Gr 3 students 1:30-2:00 pm
- ✿ **QND Cheerleaders** here w/8th grade girls 2:30 pm
- ✿ **No Jubilation Choir** rehearsal today
- ✿ **Chess Club Meeting** 6:00 pm - Maria Goretti Room
- ✿ **IESA 8thgr girls Crusaders Volleyball** Regionals begin; games at North Greene

TUESDAY, March 7th

- ✿ **Reconciliation for grades 6-8** beginning at 9:00 am
- ✿ **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 8th:

- ✿ **Children's School Mass** - held at 8:30 am - 5th grade in charge of preparation
- ✿ **7th/8th grade field trip** - Jr. Achievement Fair at QU 8:45 am - 2:15 pm
- ✿ **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.)
- ✿ **FACTS Information Session** 6:30 pm Blessed Sacrament
- ✿ **Reconciliation for PSR students** 6:30 pm in Church
- ✿ **Scholastic Bowl AWAY Match** vs Pittsfield 4:00 pm

THURSDAY, March 9th:

- ✿ **2nd grade First Communion Meeting #1** - 6:15 pm in Cafeteria
- ✿ **Vision and Hearing Screening Retests**
- ✿ **Scholastic Bowl HOME Match** vs Carthage 4:00 pm
- ✿ **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** 3:00-4:15 meet in School Music Room
- ✿ **FACTS Information Session** 6:30 pm Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, March 10th:

- ✿ **Quarter 3 ends;** Report Cards sent home March 24th
- ✿ **Scholastic Bowl Team practice** - 3:00-4:30 pm in the Martha Jane
- ✿ **St. Peter Mens Prayer Group** this morning

SUNDAY, March 12th:

- ✿ **FOUND Youth Group** - FOUND in Action (Service Project)
- ✿ **Daylight Savings Time begins** - spring clocks forward one hour!
- ✿ **CYO Basketball Games** Boys Gr 1-6 St. Peter gym or St. James gym; Girls Gr 1-6 St. Dominic gym

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

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSN. SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST

We had several students perform in the IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest this past Saturday, Feb. 25th. The students have been working really hard rehearsing for these performances over the last few months. Many times these performances are very nerve-wracking and stressful —performing in front of judges. However, our PMO students were very prepared and handled the pressure beautifully. Mr. Wiemelt, Mrs. Reeder, and Mrs. Scholz are extremely proud of their students.

The following students received the following ratings (#1 being the very best):

Alexis Kamp: Clarinet duet - 1, Clarinet solo - 1

Josh VanderBol: Vocal Ensemble - 1, Vocal trio - 1, Vocal duet - 1, Snare solo - 1, Drum Set solo - 1

Drew McDonald: Snare Drum solo - 1

Alaura Moore, Molly Ringenberg and Georgia Wilson : Vocal Ensemble - 2, Vocal Ensemble - 1; These girls performed in 2 Vocal Ensembles!

Georgia Wilson: Vocal Solo - 1

Congratulations!! We are very proud of all of you!!

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The 15th Annual Bob O'Neal Junior Table Tennis (ping pong) Tournament was held February 25th at the K of C, 700 South 36th. We had several students participate in this tournament. We are very proud to announce that the following students placed in their divisions. 13 and under: Daniel Dyer-3rd place and Hunter Jones - 7th place; Lia Quintero played in two divisions and she received 2nd place in the 13 and under division and 3rd in the 15 and under division; Hunter Leindecker was in 3 events. He received 1st place in the 13 and under division, 1st place in 15 and under, and 2nd place in the 18 and under division. The organizers of this tournament wanted us to know that our students were great to work with and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Congratulations to everyone!

EVENING LENTEN MASSES

During the season of Lent, it has been tradition for many years to have evening Masses from the Thursday after Ash Wednesday to the Wednesday before Holy Thursday. These Masses are Monday through Friday at 7:00 pm. Lent is a season for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please consider attending extra Masses this Lenten season as an opportunity for prayer, to listen to God's word, and grow closer to our Lord and his Church.

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

Just a reminder, that the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation is hosting 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 this week 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 Ritttof, executive director of the QCES Foundation, at 217-779-3157 or pritttof@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.stpetersschool.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 and your children 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.

QND SPRING SHOW - FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 24th and 25th

QND Spring Show tickets now on sale! The QND music department will present its annual Spring Show, *Raider Bandstand*, on Friday, March 24 at 7 pm & Saturday March 25 at 2 pm and 7 pm in the Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium at John Wood Community College. Tickets are \$15-adults in advance, \$18.00 at the door. Student and preview performance tickets are \$5. To reserve tickets in advance, contact Roberta Hutson at rahutson@comcast.net or 217-617-6654. Tickets can also be purchased at both Quincy County Market locations now. Seating is limited and shows fill up quickly - order your tickets today! For more information, contact Monica Scholz, mscholz@quincynotredame.org

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.** Our tuition loans will once again be available through HOMEBANK. If you are going to pay PK-8th grade tuition with a loan please indicate this on your registration form. Loan information and instructions will then be mailed to approved families during the first week of June. 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 this week on Wednesday and Thursday, 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.

We also have 2 scholarships available for families - Fr. Tolton Scholarship and Newcomers Scholarship. The QCES Newcomers Scholarship is a partially need based full tuition scholarship that will be awarded to a student whose family does not currently have any children enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools. The Father Tolton Scholarship is a full tuition scholarship awarded to one family registered at each of the four Quincy Catholic parishes who have demonstrated financial need as determined by information provided by the family on the FACTS Application Form. Please contact the school office if you need an application form for either scholarship.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Mar 13-17 | Spring break; No School; School Offices will also be closed |
| Mar 20 | SmArt Art classes KN, KS, 1E, 2S, 3E
Chess Club Meeting 6:00 pm Maria Goretti Room
School Advisory Board Meeting 6:30 pm School Conference Room
Protecting God's Children Session - Blessed Sacrament Church 6:00-9:00 pm |
| Mar 21 | Kelsey Celek w/QCT here - grades Kindergarten, 4 th , 5 th
Gr 3 field trip to Dr. Miller's Orthodontic Office 10:15-11:45 am
Gr 6 field trip to JA BizTown, Chesterfield, Mo 7:40 am - 5:30 pm
Quanada & Children's Advocacy Network Speakers here w/grades PK4, 3 rd , 4 th , 8 th
Papa John's Night |
| Mar 22 | Scholastic Bowl HOME Match vs Pleasant Hill 4:00 pm |
| Mar 23 | Kelsey Celek w/QCT here - grades 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Quanada & Children's Advocacy Network Speakers here w/grades Kindergarten, 1 st , 2 nd , 5 th , 7 th
GSA Meeting 10:00 am School Conference Home |
| Mar 24 | St. Peter School Kindergarten Round Up 12:30-2:30 pm in the gym
11:30 am dismissal Kindergarten only (no lunch or after school bus service for kindergarten students)
Quarter 3 Report Cards sent home today
Gr 3-6 field trip - Young People's Concert 9:10 -11:00 am |
| Mar 26 | FOUND Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm Martha Jane Room |
| Mar 27-31 | Spring Book Fair - all week |
| Mar 28 | Kelsey Celek w/QCT here - grades 6 th , 7 th , 8 th
Quanada & Children's Advocacy Network Speakers here w/6 th grade classes |
| Mar 29 | Scholastic Bowl HOME Match vs Pittsfield 4:00 pm |
| Mar 30 | Kindergarten SmArt Arts field trip to Quincy Art Center 12:15-2:00 pm
Scholastic Bowl AWAY Match vs Unity 4:00 pm |