



Weekly Update



August 28th – September 1st

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

SATURDAY, August 26th:

- ✏ St. Peter Parish Picnic!! Mass will be at 4:00 pm with the picnic beginning at 5:00 pm until midnight. Please be sure to join in the fun!! Students—don't forget to sign in at the Raffle Booth to receive an out of dress code day on Thursday, Aug. 31st.

MONDAY, August 28th:

- ✏ Jubilation Choir Rehearsals begin 3:00-3:45 pm in the Parish Music Room

TUESDAY, August 29th:

WEDNESDAY, August 30th:

- ✏ Children's School Mass held at 8:30 a.m. - 7th grade in charge of preparation.
- ✏ Ms. Heather Huebner w/Boy Scout Council visiting classrooms-information about Cub Scouts
- ✏ Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm in the gym
- ✏ Early Dismissal at 2:17 for students in grades PK-8. (This will occur throughout the school year.)

THURSDAY, August 31st:

- ✏ Out of Dress Code Day for students that signed in at the Parish Picnic.
- ✏ Curriculum Night 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm (information in this update)

FRIDAY, Sept. 1st:

- ✏ No School - Teachers attending Fall Regionals w/Inservice following

FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

During the past 2 weeks we welcomed 431 preschool through eighth grade students as a part of our St. Peter School family. It was awesome to see all of your smiling faces again and we welcome all of our new students' and their families to St. Peter School! We are all very blessed to be together again and we look forward to an exciting school year. We are very proud of the remodeling and upgrades that Fr. Leo arranged for our buildings during the summer. Since the new floor installed in the cafeteria has worked out so well and looks so nice, Fr. Leo had this flooring put into the first floor of our main school building. We also have had new tile installed in 2 of our first floor classrooms; our cafeteria bathrooms have been upgraded with new flooring, countertops, and partitions; and our 3 year old Preschool Room has been renovated with the classroom being painted along with new shelving, and all new cabinets. We feel that these upgrades will help provide a safer environment for your children. We thank Fr. Leo so much for his support and commitment to continually providing upgrades to our school. Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your child(ren). Thank you to all of you who are so generous to support St. Peter Church and School.



THANK YOU GSA

We wish to thank our fabulous GSA for treating our teachers and staff to a wonderful luncheon on August 16th at our beginning Faculty/Staff Meeting. It was a wonderful break in our day. We are very blessed to have your constant support!

WELCOME MR. SHELTON

Along with welcoming many new school families, we also wish to welcome our new faculty member, Mr. Rodney Shelton. Mr. Shelton will teach Computer and Technology classes to our Kindergarten through 8th as well as several of the Electives Classes for the 7th and 8th grade.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CRUZ, EMILY, and BENJAMIN MELLON

On July 31st, Mr. and Mrs. Mellon and their son, Benjamin welcomed new baby son, Daniel Finn, into their family. All are doing well and we ask that you keep their family in your prayers. We welcome Mrs. Marcia Wort as she will be substituting in 2nd grade for Mrs. Mellon while she is on maternity leave. Mrs. Mellon will return to her classroom on September 18th.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 7th ANNUAL ST. PETER PARISH PICNIC - Aug. 26th

Be sure to make plans to attend the 7th Annual St. Peter Parish Picnic from 5:00 p.m. - Midnight on Saturday, Aug. 26th. The parish picnic is a celebration for all members of our parish, school, and the community to come together to celebrate with adult and children's games, drinks, food, fun, and entertainment. Don't miss out on Fr. Leo's famous brats. Be prepared to enjoy a variety of activities by taking a chance to win the big raffle, 50/50 drawings, basket raffle and a variety of silent auction items. **Each student that attends the picnic and signs in at the raffle booth will receive an Out of Dress Code Day on Thursday, Aug. 31st.**

****NEED SERVICE HOURS???** We need volunteers for the Parish Picnic on August 27th! We still have time slots available. Please take the time to help your School and Parish with this fun event. Please contact Randy Martin 217-653-3538 or Amanda Martin 217-779-8256 to sign up to help.

CURRICULUM NIGHT AT ST. PETER SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-8 - Aug. 31

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 31st. This is a chance for teachers to explain what a typical school day is for your children, share with you goals and expectations for the school year. This will hopefully answer any questions concerning our curriculum that you may have about your child's classroom/grade level. **Curriculum Night is for parents only** - Please do not bring your children as our teachers want your complete attention and we do not have childcare available for this night.

The schedule is as follows:

Session 1 - 5:30-6:00 pm Grades 1-6 (held in classrooms)

Both 2nd grade classrooms will meet in Rm 25

Session 2 - 6:15-6:45 pm Grades 1-6 (held in classrooms)

Both 2nd grade classrooms will meet in Rm 25

Session 3 - 7:00-7:45 pm

Grades 7/8 only (held in cafeteria)

8th grade - Parent's Washington, DC meeting 8:00 pm in the cafeteria following the curriculum meeting.

ST. PETER SCHOOL CAFETERIA POSITION OPENING

We have a part-time cafeteria staff position open. This would mainly be to help with the final preparations for the serving line, to help serve the students as they come for their hot lunch, and help with

clean up after the lunch shifts. The hours would be Monday through Friday from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at 217-223-1120 or c.venvertloh@cospq.org.





REMINDER - Morning/Afternoon Drop-off:

We want to remind everyone that the Madison Park Road is blocked off during our school day to keep our students safe when they are outside. **We ask that parents please do not use the park road** during our school day to drop off or pick up students. In the mornings, our busses begin coming in around 7:45 am and they are pretty much within minutes of each other for bringing in students. This past week we had several times where parents had parked on the park road and were trying to turn around causing the bus to have to wait. We are a very fortunate community to have our Public School System provide bussing for our school. Please be mindful and courteous to them as they have schedules to keep for all schools.

When dropping off students in the morning, please use the front parking lot. Pull **all the way up to the flag pole** and let your children out. We ask that anytime throughout the day, especially during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal that parents drive slowly and be aware that students may be in the parking lots. If you are coming into the school with your children, please pull into one of the marked parking stalls.

We strive to have a safe environment for your children as they are coming and going to and from school. Thank you for helping us with this effort.

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

-  We are still working on the forms gathered from Taking Care of Business Day. If you have any paperwork (*Agreement to Abide by the Handbook, Parents as Partners, Students as Partners, etc.*) that still needs to be submitted, please do so as soon as possible so that Mrs. Hutson doesn't have to send home additional copies. We would like to have everything collected and filed by this coming Thursday, Aug. 31st.
 -  Dress code reminders: Socks - As stated in the dress code socks are required. They are to be a matching solid color and must be visible above the shoe. **Socks may only have 1 small emblem, no stripes, marks, etc.;** Shorts/Skirts - All shorts/skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
 -  Please also keep in mind that if your child has been sick they must be **both fever and vomit free for 24 hours** before returning back to school!
 -  We also remind parents that students not picked up by 3:10 (2:35 on Wednesdays) will be sent to our afternoon childcare and your family will be charged the registration fee and for the time your children are there.
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JUBILATION CHOIR

Jubilation, our parish students' liturgical choir, will begin rehearsals this coming Monday, August 28th, after school in the Parish Music Room below the Church. All grade 4-8 students are welcome to join us! Jubilation rehearses every Monday (unless there is no school) from 3:00-3:45 pm, and sings at school Masses and once a month at weekend Masses. For more information, contact Monica Scholz, m.scholz@cospq.org

FOUND YOUTH GROUP

FOUND is open to all 7th - 9th grade students. They typically meet twice a month. The fall schedule was emailed on Thursday, Aug. 24th to our 7th and 8th grade families. If you did not receive this please contact the school office. If your son or daughter would like to join, or if you have any questions about FOUND, please contact Gina Bergman.

GENE GRAWE CARDS

Just a reminder, *Gene Grawe* cards are available from the *Gene Grawe* Office in St. Peter Church Narthex Monday through Friday from 7:30 am-5:00 pm with the Fund Office staying open until 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings. Cards are also sold on Saturday mornings 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

BE SURE TO SIGN UP WITH THE GENE GRAWE FUND

Make sure to sign up, if you haven't done so, with the *Gene Grawe* Fund. By doing so it can reduce your tuition for next year. For details, contact JoAnn Witte at wittefam@adams.net. or stop by the *Gene Grawe* office in the Narthex.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS ON RENWEB

Hot Lunch News: Hot lunch balances are on the RenWeb for you to review in the Family Information section. When you view your lunch balance online, you will notice that a negative balance may appear. If you see a **negative balance**, it is really a **credit**. (If you click on details, an explanation is given for the amount.)

Also, the RENWEB program does not allow us to separate payments for more than one child. The balance on your account is for all of your children. If you have any questions regarding lunches, please contact Mrs. Boone at 222-3155 in the parish office.

This year we also have **Pay Now** for our lunch accounts. This is online payment with your checking account. Information will be coming home soon explaining this program.

WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT - Need service hours?

Are you interested in earning any service hours? If so, we have the following opportunities for families to earn service hours:

1. Cafeteria: We are looking for volunteers to fill in for our cafeteria staff when they are ill or have outside appointments. This would be to help serve food to students and the hours would be 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.
2. Prairie Farms caps: simply record the Prairie Farms caps online.
3. HyVee UPCs and/or General Mills Box Tops for Education: These need to be separated, trimmed, counted, and bagged.
4. We need help with the packing of boxes of donated used toners cartridges that we ship to Funding Factory. We have the boxes and packing materials. We just need help with packing these to send.

If interested in any of these opportunities, please be sure to contact Mrs. Roberta Hutson at 217-223-1120 or r.hutson@cospg.org.

STATEMENT ON NON-DISCRIMINATION:

In accordance with the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, St. Peter School admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally available to students: Appropriateness of educational programs, students in good standing, and/or the availability of factors affecting admissions.

UPCOMING DATES:

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| Sep. 4 | No School - Labor Day |
| Sep. 6 | Children's Mass 8:30 am 6 th grade students leading
Gr 8 Confirmation Map It Out Meeting for 8 th gr students 6:15 pm in the Cafeteria
Cub Scouts Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm in the Gym |
| Sep. 8 | Spirit Day! Covey Habits Assembly - 8:15 am in Gym; 8 th grade students presenting
Covey/Catholics Habits |

- Sep. 11 Protecting God's Children Class - Blessed Sacrament 6:00-9:00 pm; call 222-2759 to register
- Sep. 12 NED Show Assembly for students in grades K-6; 1:00-1:45 pm in gym
- Sep. 13 Children's Mass 8:30 am 5th grade students leading
- Sep. 15 First Quarter Midterm; Midterms will be posted to RenWeb by Sep 22nd