



Weekly Update



January 29th - February 2nd

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

Follow the Golden Rule

SATURDAY, January 27th:

- ❄ **Catholic Schools Week** - Students assisting at 5:00 pm Mass; please wear your Spirit Day Shirt
- ❄ **IESA Crusaders 7th/8th gr Volleyball AWAY games** - Rushville Tourney

SUNDAY, January 28th:

- ❄ **Catholic Schools Week** - Students assisting at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am Masses; please wear your Spirit Day Shirt
- ❄ **7th Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm - St. Peter School Gym

MONDAY, January 29th:

- ❄ **Please check Catholic Schools Week schedule each day for activities/dress codes**
- ❄ **Jubilation Choir Rehearsal** 3:00-3:45 pm - Parish Music Room

TUESDAY, January 30th:

- ❄ **PMO Band Rehearsals** - QND Music Rm: 5th gr 3:30-4:30 pm; 6th gr 4:30-5:30 pm; 6th-8th gr Jazz Band 5:30-6:00 pm; 7th/8th gr 6:00-7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, January 31st:

- ❄ **8:30 am Children's Mass** - All grades assisting
- ❄ **After School Art Class (Gr 4-8)** Maria Goretti Room (registered students only)
- ❄ **After School Cooking Class (Gr K-3)** Cafeteria (registered students only)
- ❄ **PMO Band Rehearsals:** 5th gr 1:15-1:45 pm; 6th gr 1:45-2:15 pm; 7th/8th gr 1:45-2:15 pm
- ❄ **PMO Choirs Rehearsals:** 7th/8th gr 3:00-4:00 pm; 4th-6th gr 4:10-5:00 pm at QND Music Rm

THURSDAY, February 1st:

- ❄ **Moms are Praying** - Martha Jane Room 8:10 am
- ❄ **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** 3:00-4:15 pm
- ❄ **IESA Crusaders 7th/8th gr Volleyball AWAY games vs Liberty** 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, February 2nd:

- ❄ **3rd quarter midterm;** Reports will be posted by Feb 9th on RenWeb
- ❄ **Scholastic Quiz Bowl Team Practice** 3:00-4:30 pm School Library/Conference Room
- ❄ **After School Spanish Class begins today** 3:00-4:00 pm Martha Jane/Maria Goretti Rooms (registered students only)
- ❄ **Saints Alive Youth Group** 6:00-7:30 pm - gym
- ❄ **IESA Crusaders 7th gr Volleyball AWAY games** - Pleasant Plains Tourney

SATURDAY, February 3rd:

- ❄ **QCES Foundation 2018 Friend of the Catholic Schools Dinner** - Western Catholic Union
- ❄ **IESA Crusaders 7th gr Volleyball AWAY games** - West Prairie Tri-Angular (Colchester)



Catholic Schools Week 2018

Saturday & Sunday, January 27th & 28th: IN OUR PARISH

- ✚ Students participate in Mass planning and serve specific roles. (Be sure to wear your Spirit Day shirts.)
- ✚ 7th Annual SPS Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 am-12:30 pm on Sunday, January 28th in the gym.

Monday, January 29th: IN OUR COMMUNITY

- ✚ Dress Code - Regular out of dress code
- ✚ Who or What Am I?? - Listen closely over the p.a. system to see if you can identify the clue!
- ✚ Community Service Project - 100th Day Challenge - Students are challenged per grade level to bring in 100 canned goods. If students meet their goal, they will receive a surprise at lunch.
- ✚ Living Rosary at 8:45 a.m.
- ✚ BINGO at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 30th: IN OUR VOCATIONS

- ✚ Dress Code: Mismatch
- ✚ Teacher Swap - Teachers will pick their favorite book and read to a different grade level.
- ✚ Fun Activity Event - Students will be treated to fun activities within the classroom.
- ✚ Who or What Am I??

Wednesday, January 31st: IN OUR NATION

- ✚ Dress Your Best; students dress up to impress our visiting parents! (No jeans.)
- ✚ Children's Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Parents may sit with their child.)
- ✚ Parent/Special Person Open House - 8:30-11:00 am
 - ✚ Valentine's for Parishioners
 - ✚ 7th/8th gr Science Fair in the Gym; 6th gr Rube Goldberg Inventions on the stage
 - ✚ Donuts in the Cafeteria
- ✚ Gr 6-8 Science Fair/Rube Goldberg Inventions Presentation 6:30-7:30 pm in the gym/stage
- ✚ Who or What Am I??

Thursday, February 1st: IN OUR STUDENTS

- ✚ Pajama Day - students wear their pj's to school. Students will need to wear some type of pajama pants (flannel, etc.) Students may wear slippers, but regular shoes are to be worn outdoors, during P.E. & at recess.
- ✚ Student Appreciation Day - students may bring in a comfy pillow to use while watching a movie.
- ✚ Who or What Am I??

Friday, February 2nd: IN OUR FACULTY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

- ✚ Dress Code - Sports Day - dress wearing your favorite sports' shirt with out of dress code bottoms.
- ✚ Read with a Buddy
- ✚ 8th grade Volleyball Competition at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. 8th grade boys versus 8th grade girls. All school activities will take place between games. (for example - Hokey Pokey, Chicken Dance)
- ✚ Who or What Am I??

PARENT/SPECIAL PERSON OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday of CSW, parents or special persons are invited to come spend the morning with your children (Grades K-8). Our day will begin with Mass, followed by parents participating in 3 special activities with your children. You will participate and move to each activity as a family. Our activities for the morning are - making Valentines for Veterans, our Science Fair and Rube Goldberg Inventions in the gym, and enjoying doughnuts and playing board games in the cafeteria. We will have 3 shifts for the activities: 9:30-10:00, 10:00-10:30, and 10:30-11:00 am. Students will be issued a family ticket with the order their family should proceed during the morning. If you lose or can't find your family's guide, please stop by the office and we will find the information for you.

We will also have our Science Fair from 6:30-7:30 pm in the gym this evening. Our 7th and 8th grade students will be presenting their Science Projects along with our 6th grade students presenting their Rube Goldberg Inventions. These inventions will be featured on the gym stage. Our students work very hard on these projects and we are very proud of them. Please plan to visit our Science Fair and learn something new for the day!

We also welcome our Preschool parents visiting classrooms on this special day. We are sure they will also enjoy their time in their children's classrooms. We hope you can join in the fun!

RIGHT TO LIFE POSTERS/ESSAYS CITY-WIDE CONTEST

We received our list of students that had winning posters/essays in the recent Right to Life Poster/Essay City-Wide Contest. We are so very proud of our students and wish to congratulate the following students:

Category 3 - 7th/8th grade Posters: Sergio Raad 1st place; Savannah Escamilla 3rd place; Ada Kurk - Honorable Mention; Emily Mason - Honorable Mention

Category 2 - 5th/6th grade Posters: Gabriella Cook 1st place; Elena Mast 2nd place

Category 1 - 4th grade Posters: Isabelle Boudreau - Honorable Mention

7th/8th grade Essays: Hana Knuffman - Honorable Mention

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to everyone that participated in this contest. We have some very talented artists and writers!

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION COLLECTION

This past weekend, our Parish collected donations of much needed items for our sister Parish, Our Lady of the Assumption, in Haiti. If you would still like to donate, you may send your items to the School Office this coming week. Our Parish Committee for Haiti is collecting the following items: bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, washcloths, and shampoo. These items will be sent to Haiti at the end of January. We thank you for all your generous donations. All items are appreciated very much!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASSES

Blessed Sacrament Parish/School has scheduled 3 opportunities for parents to attend a Protecting God's Children class. If you are interested in helping in your child/ren's classroom, driving for field trips, etc. our Parish and the Springfield Diocese require you to attend this training session. *This is a one-time only training.* If you have already participated in a class, you do not have to take it again. The following sessions will be held at Blessed Sacrament School, 1117 South 7th. Please call 217-222-2759 to register for any of these sessions: Monday, January 29th, Monday, February 26th, and Monday, March 26th. All sessions are from 6:00-9:00 pm.

St. Peter School will also have a training session on Thursday, February 8th from 6:30-9:30 pm. Please call the Parish Office, 222-3155, to register.

INVEST IN KIDS ACT - ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

These scholarships are available to K-12 students and are based on financial need. With this new legislation, families are able to choose to enroll in a non-public (private/parochial) school with scholarship

money available for tuition and necessary fees. Families wishing to apply for scholarships can begin doing so on January 31, 2018. Applications will be processed through empowerillinois.org. To be considered for a 2018-2019 scholarship, K-12 students must come from a household with income below 300 percent of the federal poverty level (\$73,800 for family of four). Prior to April 1, priority will be given to students from households below 185 percent of the federal poverty level (\$45,510 for family of four) or students who reside in a "focus district" (low-performing public schools.)

The following is a check list of documents you will need:

- A copy of your family's 2016 federal tax return. If the family did not file a 2016 tax return, **please** contact us at info@empowerillinois.org
- Proof of Illinois residency, such as: Current utility bill, Current driver license
- Documentation of the student's age, such as: A copy of the student's birth certificate, Federal or State ID, or a passport
- If available, a letter of acceptance or enrollment at an eligible, participating, non-public school.

For more information on applying for Invest in Kids scholarships, consult:

https://empowerillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Tax_Credit_Scholarship_Program_Apply-121817.pdf

We have attached instructions to help with applying for this Scholarship with all emailed Weekly Updates. We will also send paper copies home with K-8 students (youngest child) by Friday, January 26th.

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb 5-16	ACRE Testing for grades 5 and 8
Feb 5	Chess Club Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm Maria Goretti Room IESA Crusaders 7 th /8 th gr Volleyball HOME games vs Mendon Unity 6:00 pm
Feb 7	8:30 am Children's Mass - Gr 2 assisting Gr 1 field trip - Quincy Art Center SmArt Art -11:50 am-2:00 pm Gr 3-8 field trip - QCT "Anne of Green Gables" 12:00-2:15 pm After School Art Class Gr K-3 After School Cooking Class Gr 4-8
Feb 8	Protecting God's Children Class 6:30-9:30 pm St. Peter Parish - call 222-3155 to register
Feb 9	Spirit Day! Donations to Haiti Water Filtration Systems Covey/Catholic Habits Assembly 8:15 am; Gr 3 presenting Habit #5 - Listen and Reflect (Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood) 3 rd Quarter Midterm Reports posted on RenWeb
Feb 11	FOUND Youth Group - Dodgeball - 6:30-8:00 pm drop off/pick up Martha Jane Room

