



# Weekly Update



**January 15<sup>th</sup> - January 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Follow the Golden Rule*

**SATURDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* Elks Hoop Shoot Contest - 11:00-3:00 pm St. Peter School Gym

**MONDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr Birthday

**TUESDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* Kelsey Celek w/QCT here w/kindergarten classes, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, Rm 4E, Rm 6E
- \* PMO Band Rehearsals - QND Music Rm: 5<sup>th</sup> gr 3:30-4:30 pm; 6<sup>th</sup> gr 4:30-5:30 pm; 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr Jazz Band 5:30-6:00 pm; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr 6:00-7:30 pm
- \* IESA Crusaders 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr Boys Basketball HOME game 6:00 pm St. Peter Gym

**WEDNESDAY, January 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* Moms Are Praying - Martha Jane Room 8:10 am
- \* 8:30 am Children's Mass - Grade 4 assisting
- \* Camp Ondessonk visiting at 1:45 - grades 3-8
- \* After School Art Class (Gr K-3) Maria Goretti Room (registered students only)
- \* After School Cooking Class (Gr 4-8) Cafeteria (registered students only)
- \* PMO Band Rehearsals: 5<sup>th</sup> gr 1:15-1:45 pm; 6<sup>th</sup> gr 1:45-2:15 pm; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr 1:45-2:15 pm
- \* PMO Choirs Rehearsals: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr 3:00-4:00 pm; 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr 4:10-5:00 pm at QND Music Rm

**THURSDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* Gr 6 field trip - QND "We're Wild about QND" 9:00-11:30 am
- \* Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:15 pm

**FRIDAY, January 19<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* Scholastic Quiz Bowl Team Practice 3:00-4:30 pm School Library/Conference Room

**SATURDAY, January 20<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* QND Music Trivia - St. Peter School gym - 7:00 pm; Doors open at 6:30 pm

**SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM 2018**

We invite all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to join our St. Peter School Scholastic Bowl Team! The Scholastic Bowl Team will have their first practice this coming Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. All practices will be on Fridays from 3:00-4:30 pm in the School Library/Conference Room. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi McDonald, 217-228-9897 (home) or 217-257-4433 (cell) or Laura Dighe, 706-340-4009 (cell).

**QND MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT - January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for the QND Music Trivia Night on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in St. Peter School gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will start at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$100.00 per table of eight.

Get your friends together, bring your own refreshments and snacks and test your music knowledge! Proceeds will support the QND Fine Arts Department. To reserve a table call QND at 223-2479 or e-mail [kwiemelt@qndhs.org](mailto:kwiemelt@qndhs.org). Registration forms available at: <http://www.quincynotredame.org/music-trivia-night/>. Reservations are confirmed when payment is received. Deadline to register is January 18, 2018. Must be 21 to participate.

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### **FATHER/DAUGHTER WINTER WONDERLAND BALL**

This past week, reservation forms for our annual Father/Daughter Dance were sent home with students. This is always a very popular event for dads and their daughters with fun for everyone! In order for the committee to prepare for the dance, we are asking that families register in advance. Please send your reservation to school by Friday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to preregister, you can still attend the dance and pay at the door. We hope all Fathers and Daughters are able to attend this memorable evening!

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### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Jan 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> - Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Catholic Schools Week begins this year the weekend of Jan 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> with our Masses and will conclude on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> with the QCES Foundation Dinner honoring our 2018 Friend of Catholic Education Award recipient - Western Catholic Union (WCU). We have many special activities planned for our students and their families beginning with our students assisting at each Mass throughout the weekend. Students have been asked to take on specific roles during these Masses. We are in need of Servers, Gift Bearers, Readers/Lectors, Petitions, and Reader for Thank you to Parishioners. All students should wear their Spirit Day Shirts. Please sign up through the following signup genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49a4a82aa6f49-catholic1> We also will need students to help us greet parishioners before Mass at the Church doors. Our schedule for the entire week is included in this update.

### **7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

Catholic Schools Week is January 28 - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have many special activities planned for our students and their families. The kick off to this week will be our students and staff assisting at all weekend Masses on Jan 27/28. We will have our annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast featuring "Chris Cakes" and their flying pancakes on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Reservation forms were sent home this past week with students. We ask that families send in the reservations and payment to the school office by January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to St. Peter GSA. This breakfast is an all you can eat event for \$5.00 a plate. (Make sure you keep your plate until you are finished eating.) Children 2 years old and under are free. Tickets will not be distributed. We will have a list of pre-paid families at the door. We ask that you please consider volunteering for this fun event as it depends on our many volunteers to keep the morning rolling along. Thank you so much for your help. It is a very fun morning and the time passes quickly. We thank our St. Peter GSA Board for bringing this event to our Parish.

The signup genius link to volunteer for this event is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945afa728a64-pancake3>

### **BINGO PRIZES**

One of our most popular events that we always have during Catholic Schools Week is our annual All School Bingo Games. This is a game the students truly enjoy. We are once again asking for any small items to use for Bingo prizes. Parents' response to this request has always been amazing! We thank you so much and appreciate all of our families support. Please send items to the school office whenever it is convenient for you.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Each year during Catholic Schools Week we choose a Community Service Project. This year we are challenging our students to a 100<sup>th</sup> Day Challenge. During the week of CSW we will have our 100<sup>th</sup> day of this school year. With this "#100" in mind, our goal is to have each grade level collect 100 canned goods/non-perishable food items (approximately 2 items per student). We ask that students/staff begin bringing their

canned goods/non-perishable food items to school the week of Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>-Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. We will then count them on Monday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. The items will then be donated to Catholic Charities to help those in our community that need a little extra help during these long winter months.

### **PARENT/SPECIAL PERSON VISITATION**

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. This was a huge hit with families last year. Our activities for the morning are - making Valentines for Veterans, our Science Fair in the gym, and enjoying doughnuts and playing board games in the cafeteria. These activities will start after Mass and end around 11:00 am. We will also have our Science Fair from 6:30-7:30 pm in the gym this evening. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be presenting their Science Projects along with our 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

Our Preschool Classes are also inviting parents to visit on this special day. They will be sending home information to parents through their classroom newsletters. We hope you can join in the fun!

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### **ST. PETER GOALS**

With the beginning of our current school year, St. Peter School challenged our students and staff to two goals - a Service Goal and a Behavior Goal.

Our Service Goal was to donate each Spirit Day collection to buying Water Filtration Systems for our Sister Parish in Haiti, Our Lady of the Assumption. We are doing fantastic with this goal - we have so far raised enough money to purchase 8 water filtration systems!

Our second goal - Behavior Goal is proving to be a little more challenging for us. Our goal for this school year was that from October to May, 80% of our students would live by the Golden Rule. Although we are getting close, we have not yet reached this goal. Our totals have been 62% in October, 43% in November, and 71% in December. Our Action Steps for this goal are that students live the Golden Rule. This means they make positive choices throughout their day, have their homework completed and handed in on time, use the 7 habits as their guide, think before reacting, and take responsibility for their choices. Our goal is that everyone involved with St. Peter School live by the Golden Rule - to treat others as we would want to be treated. We are edging closer to this goal and will hopefully reach it in January.

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### **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS**

In keeping with living the Golden Rule, our staff would like to thank all of our families and volunteers for their support. You are always there when we need you and we so appreciate all of your efforts. You give us all a wonderful example to follow of how to give of ourselves through our God given gifts of time and talents. Thank you, everyone, for all you do for our school.

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### **LADIES OF CHARITY COAT COLLECTION**

The Ladies of Charity would like to thank all families that donated the much needed coats, jeans and pants to their organization. They were very happy with the response and donations from St. Peter School. Many families were helped this Christmas season with your donations. Thank you very much to our awesome families.

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### **RIGHT TO LIFE POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS (Gr 4-8)**

Grades 4-8 participated in the Quincy Area Right to Life Poster/Essay Contest. This year the theme is "Be A Force For Human Life." We are very proud of all of our students for participating in this contest. The following 12 posters have been sent for final judging in the Quincy city-wide contest. Our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade

students also participated in the Right to Life Essay Contest. We have also sent the following 5 essays to the city-wide contest for judging.

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| Category 1            | 4 <sup>th</sup> grade |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Isabella Boudreau     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Jenna Tracy           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Taylor Genenbacher    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place | Ben Brown             |

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| Category 2            | 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Elena Mast                             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Gabriella Cook                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Biruk Rosen                            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place | Christopher Gill                       |

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| Category 3            | 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Ada Kurk                               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Savannah Escamilla                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Sergio Raad                            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place | Emily Mason                            |

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| Essays | 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade |
|        | Joshua Bocke                           |
|        | Joshua Dyer                            |
|        | Blair Eftink                           |
|        | Sophie Gramke                          |
|        | Hana Knuffman                          |

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### USED TONER CARTRIDGES

Thank you to everyone that brings in their used toner cartridges for St. Peter School to recycle. We have collected many points in this recycling system and have purchased many items for our technology curriculum and classroom needs. At this time, Funding Factory is only accepting the following brands of cartridges: Hewitt Packard (HP), Lexmark, Brother, and Canon. Again, thank you to everyone that supports us in this recycling program. We truly appreciate your participation and support.

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### WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION GRADE SCHOOL TUITION GRANTS

The Western Catholic Union (WCU) is offering twenty \$500.00 grants for grade school tuitions. Eligibility requirements are the following: 1) The student must be in Grades K-8; 2) Student must attend a Catholic Grade School; 3) Student must be a WCU life or annuity member; 4) 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 1<sup>st</sup>. If your child is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade going into 9<sup>th</sup>, a High School Scholarship form must be completed. Please contact the WCU for information on High School Grants - 800-223-4928.

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### WEATHER-RELATED EARLY DISMISSAL & SCHOOL CANCELLATION

During the winter months, with the possibility of inclement weather or other emergency conditions occurring, it may be necessary to dismiss students earlier in the day than usual or to cancel school for the day. If this occurs, a RenWeb message is sent to all families as well as local radio and TV stations broadcast the information. On days when such conditions exist, please listen to the local stations for early dismissal times and announcements of school closing. Listen for "*Quincy Public and Catholic Schools...*"

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### UPCOMING DATES:

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| Jan 22       | Chess Club Meeting 6:30 pm Maria Goretti Room<br>School Advisory Board 6:30 pm School Conference Room                             |
| Jan 23       | Kelsey Celek w/QCT here with grades 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Jan 24       | 8:30 am Children's Mass - Grade 3 assisting<br>Gr 4-8 Cooking Class 2:30-4:00 pm  |
| Jan 25       | Kelsey Celek w/QCT here with grades 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and Rooms 4W, 6W  |
| Jan 26       | Scholastic Bowl Team practice 3:00-4:30 School Library/Conference Room<br>Father/Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30 pm St. Peter School Gym |
| Jan 27-Feb 3 | Catholic Schools Week - Schedule is on next page  |
| Feb 3        | QCES Foundation Dinner honoring 2018 Friend of Catholic Schools - WCU   |



## Catholic Schools Week 2018

### Saturday & Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>: IN OUR PARISH

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

### Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>: 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 - 100<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>: 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 31<sup>st</sup>: 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 Visitation- 8:30-11:00
  - ✚ Valentine's for Parishioners
  - ✚ 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr Science Fair in the Gym; 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>: 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 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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
- ✚ 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Competition at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys versus 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. All school activities will take place between games. (for example - Hokey Pokey, Chicken Dance)
- ✚ Who or What Am I??

