



Weekly Update



August 27th - August 31st

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

SATURDAY, August 25th:

- ✏ 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. 30th.

SUNDAY, August 26th:

- ✏ FOUND Youth Group Slip and Slide Kickball 6:30-8:00 pm; meet in the Martha Jane Rm

MONDAY, August 27th:

- ✏ 4 yr old Preschool Classes - all students attend
- ✏ 7th/8th grade Elective Classes begin
- ✏ Protecting God's Children Training - Blessed Sacrament Parish 6:00-9:00 pm; call 222-2759 to register; This one time training is needed to volunteer in classrooms, field trips, library, cafeteria, etc.

TUESDAY, August 28th:

- ✏ 3 yr old Preschool Classes begin; Students w/last names A-K attend today

WEDNESDAY, August 29th:

- ✏ Children's School Mass held at 8:30 a.m. - 8th grade in charge of preparation.
- ✏ 3 yr old Preschool Classes - students w/last names L-Z attend
- ✏ Cub Scouts Meet and Greet 6:30-8:30 pm in the gym; All boys/families grades K-4th invited
- ✏ Early Dismissal at 2:25 for students in grades PK-8. (This will occur throughout the school year.)

THURSDAY, August 30th:

- ✏ Out of Dress Code Day for students that signed in at the Parish Picnic.
- ✏ 3 yr old Preschool Classes - All students attend
- ✏ Restored Order Informational Meeting w/Fr. Leo - 2nd gr. Families 5:00 pm - School Music Room
- ✏ Curriculum Night 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm (information in this update)
- ✏ 8th Grade students/parents Washington DC meeting 7:45 pm

FRIDAY, August 31st:

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### FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

During the past week we welcomed 432 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. During the



summer our custodians worked very hard with repairs that were needed and prepping our buildings for the upcoming school year. We have upgraded the flooring in our Kindergarten bathrooms. What a much needed and amazing improvement! Of course, you can see the improvements to the area between our Church and School. The outside wall has been reinforced and new lighting, sidewalks and railing added to 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 GSA**

We wish to thank our fabulous GSA for treating our teachers and staff to a wonderful luncheon on August 13<sup>th</sup> at our beginning Faculty/Staff Meeting. It was a wonderful break in our day. We are very blessed to have your constant support!

### **QCES FACULTY AND STAFF RETREAT**

We thank Fr. Leo for hosting a very insightful retreat for the staffs of our Quincy Catholic Schools on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Boyle presented us with the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools. We were challenged to not only continue to bring to our students academic excellence but to center both faculty and students to live through Jesus Christ. We learned that we should teach to the whole child with commitment to academic excellence, faith formation, to deepen our spiritual life, and to teach by example our commitment to God through service or ministry.

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### **WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

Along with welcoming many new school families, we also wish to welcome our new faculty and staff members. Miss Nicole Henning, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Maria Mast and Mrs. Whitney Stanford, Student Advocate Teachers, Mrs. Linda Rodemich, Reading Recovery, and Mrs. Lisa Goughnour, Mrs. Judy Summers, and Mrs. Cheri Moran, our new teacher aides. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Beverly Peters as part of our cafeteria staff.

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### **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. PETER PARISH PICNIC - Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Be sure to make plans to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter Parish Picnic from 5:00 p.m. - Midnight on Saturday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**SERVICE HOURS - Please keep track of the times you volunteered at the picnic. These will count toward the 10 service hours required by all QCES schools.**

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### **CURRICULUM NIGHT AT ST. PETER SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-8 - Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. 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:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-Restored order meeting** w/Fr. Leo for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents - 5:00-5:30 pm in the School Music Room

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

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

Session 3 - 7:00-7:45 pm

Grades 7/8 only (held in cafeteria)

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** - Parent's Washington, DC meeting 7:45 pm in the cafeteria following the curriculum meeting.

## 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 hopefully, as in past years, be pretty much within minutes of each other for bringing in students. As you have heard through the news, these busses are on tight schedules and working very hard to improve the times children arrive at school. In previous school years, we have had parents want to park along the park road and walk their children in from there. This causes delays to our busses as these families may be in their way as they enter our parking lot and then many times they have to wait for parents to back out onto the road to leave. 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. This keeps the line moving and makes drop off safe for your children and flow very smoothly. 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.

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## ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

- ✏ Please also keep in mind that if your child has been sick they must be **both fever and vomit free without the aid from medicine 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/PMO CHOIRS

Jubilation, our parish students' liturgical choir, will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 10th 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 all school Masses and once a month at weekend Masses.

PMO Choirs, will begin rehearsals at QND on September 5<sup>th</sup> at QND. PMO Choirs are for students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. An informational flyer will be coming home to parents soon.

For more information, contact Monica Scholz, [m.scholz@cospg.org](mailto:m.scholz@cospg.org).

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## FOUND YOUTH GROUP

Our St. Peter Parish FOUND Youth Group is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. FOUND means *Discovering New Understandings of Faith!* They typically meet twice a month and there is no cost to join FOUND. Kids just come when they can. FOUND t-shirts are provided to members by the Church.

The first 3 events for this fall are: Slip N Slide Kickball on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Mini Golf at Upper Moorman Park on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and Amazing Race, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The times for these events are 6:30-8:00 pm. Aug, 26<sup>th</sup> and Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> pick up and drop off is in the Martha Jane Room. For the Mini Golf please drop off/pick up at Upper Moorman.

The Fall Schedule of events has been sent home with all 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> students this past Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. If your son or daughter would like to join, or if you have any questions about FOUND, please contact Gina Bergman at 217-430-6080 or [g.bergman@cospg.org](mailto:g.bergman@cospg.org)

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## ST. PETER CUB SCOUTS PACK 5

All boys in grades Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our Cub Scouts Meet and Greet this coming Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held in our school gym from 6:30-8:00 pm. Scouting

information will be provided to families and sign ups to join will be taken this evening. A flyer with more information was sent home with your K-4 grade son this past Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

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### **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](mailto:wittefam@adams.net). or stop by the *Gene Grawe* office in the Narthex.

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS ON RENWEB**

Hot lunch balances are on the RenWeb for you to review in the Family Information section. We have had a change this year in the way balances appear in RenWeb. In past years, money in your account would show as if it were a negative balance may appear. This was the systems way to show that you had a credit balance to your account. This has been changed this year! If you have a balance in your family's lunch account it will show as a positive amount. When your account balance lowers to \$5.00 or less, you will receive a reminder email that money needs to be added. Payments may be made online to your account.

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### **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. Protecting God's Children Training is required to volunteer in the cafeteria.
2. Prairie Farms caps and/or Coke caps: simply record the Prairie Farms or Coca-Cola 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](mailto:r.hutson@cospg.org).

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### **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. 3 | No School - Labor Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sep. 5 | Children's Mass 8:30 am 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students leading<br>After School Cooking Class begins - registered students only - grades 3 and 4<br>PMO Choirs begin today at QND; informational flyers will be coming soon<br>Cub Scouts Fitness Night 6:30-8:00 pm in the Gym<br>Faculty Meeting 2:30 -4:00 pm |
| Sep. 6 | School Pictures Grades PK3-8 <sup>th</sup><br>Handbell Choir begins today 3:00-4:15 pm<br>Gr 8 Map it Out Confirmation Meeting 6:30 pm in Church                                                                                                                                                                |

