



Weekly Update



August 24th - August 31st

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

SATURDAY, August 24th:

- ✏ 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 Friday, Aug. 30th.

MONDAY, August 26th:

- ✏ Jubilation Choir begins today after school 3:00-3:45 pm Parish Music Room
- ✏ CYO Fall Volleyball Session- grades 3-8, registration forms due today
- ✏ 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 27th:

- ✏ PMO Band Rehearsals at QND: 4:30-5:30 pm Concert Band; 5:30-6:00 pm Jazz Band; 6:00-7:00 pm Cadet Band
- ✏ Protecting God's Children Training - St. Peter Parish 9:00 am- noon in the Martha Jane Room; call 222-3155 to register

WEDNESDAY, August 28th:

- ✏ Children's School Mass held at 8:30 a.m. - 7th grade in charge of preparation.
- ✏ Boy Scout Representative - speaking to grades K-5
- ✏ PMO Band Rehearsals during school: 5th Gr 1:15-1:45 pm; 6th Gr 1:45-2:15 pm Music Room
- ✏ Teachers Meetings 2:30-4:00 pm
- ✏ Early Dismissal at 2:25 for students in grades PK-8. (This will occur throughout the school year.)

THURSDAY, August 29th:

- ✏ Curriculum Night 5:30 pm- 7:45 pm (information in this update)
- ✏ 8th Grade students/parents Washington DC meeting 7:45 pm
- ✏ Protecting God's Children Training - St. Peter Parish 6:30-9:30 pm in the Martha Jane Room; call 222-3155 to register

FRIDAY, August 30th:

- ✏ Out of Dress Code Day - students that attended the Parish Picnic

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 we had many improvements made to our buildings. The most noticeable is the new flooring and air



conditioning that was installed throughout the main school building over the summer. The floors look amazing and we are certainly enjoying the air conditioning. Our custodians also worked very hard with repairs that were needed and prepping our buildings for the upcoming school year. 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 13th at our beginning Faculty/Staff Meeting. It was a wonderful break in our day. We are very blessed to have your constant support!

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Along with welcoming many new school families, we also wish to welcome our new faculty and staff members - Mr. Tom VanderBor, 7th/8th grade teacher, Mrs. Sue Ohnemus, Mrs. Jennifer Patterson, and Ms. Terri Many, our new teacher aides, and Mrs. Michelle Khoury, to our wonderful Kitchen Staff. We also welcome our new co-directors for our Morning and After School Daycare, although they were already part of our school family, Mrs. Loretta Goehl and Mrs. Sheri Shelton.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 7th ANNUAL ST. PETER PARISH PICNIC - Aug. 24th

Be sure to make plans to attend the 7th Annual St. Peter Parish Picnic from 5:00 p.m. - Midnight on Saturday, Aug. 24th. 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 Friday, August 30th.**

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.

CURRICULUM NIGHT AT ST. PETER SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-8 - Aug. 29th

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 29th. This is an opportunity 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)

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)

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

REMINDER - MORNING 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 are usually 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 up all the way to the red line** that is several feet past 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 with your car facing the school building and then use the crosswalk located toward the middle of the parking lot. Mrs. Venvertloh or a staff member and Mr. Shinn will be standing at each end of the crosswalk to help guide your family safely across to the front school door. We ask that you have your car facing the school building as it is much safer to pull out of a parking stall than to try to back out of it.

Mrs. Venvertloh has sent a reminder to all parents about the afternoon pick-up guidelines/rules. We ask you to please read these over and contact our school office if you have any questions.

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:

-  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!
-  Dress Code - shorts and skirts hemline must be no shorter than 3 inches above your child's knee. This length of shorts and skirts also applies for out of dress code days. All pants, shorts, and skirts should be made of "dress material" such as cotton twill, polyester blend, or corduroy. They should be of a comfortable fit, not tight fitting.
-  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.

JUBILATION CHOIR/PMO CHOIRS

Jubilation, our parish students' liturgical choir, will begin rehearsals on Monday, August 26th 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. For more information, contact Monica Scholz, m.scholz@cospg.org.

The Parochial Music Organization Choir (PMO) is looking for choristers for the 2019-20 School year. All 4th-8th graders are invited to sing with us. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4 at QND. 3:00-4:00 pm for 7th/8th grades, and 4:10-5:00 pm for 4th-6th grades. Contact Monica Scholz for more information, mscholz@quincynotredame.org or 217-430-8015. We hope you can sing with us!

FOUND YOUTH GROUP

Our St. Peter Parish FOUND Youth Group is open to all 7th - 9th 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 2 events for this fall are: Miniature Golf at Upper Moorman Park on September 8th and The Amazing Race on September 22nd. The times for these events are 6:30-8:00 pm. Most FOUND events will be held in the Martha Jane Room. For the Mini Golf please pick up and drop off at Upper Moorman Park.

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

SAINTS ALIVE YOUTH GROUP - LET ME SEE YOUR HALO

Our Parish SAINTS ALIVE Youth Group is open to all 4th -6th grade students. They celebrate various saints and feast days while having fun! SAINTS ALIVE meets the second Sunday of each month (except April) from 6:00-7:30 pm in the school gym. The first 2 events for this fall are: Birthday Party! Can you guess who? on September 8th and on October 13th Right to Life Scavenger Hunt in the Dark - bring a flashlight!

If you would like more information or if your child would be interested in joining SAINTS ALIVE please text Jen Dyer at 217-440-9766. Parent help with crafts, games and snacks is always needed - if you would be interested please also contact Mrs. Dyer.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS

We have several upcoming opportunities for parents to attend a Protecting God's Children Class. If you want to volunteer in your child's classroom, help with classroom parties, drive for a field trip, etc. it is mandatory that you attend this one time only training session. The session will last approximately 3 hours and again, you only have to take the class one time. You may attend a PGC session at any Church in the Springfield Diocese, whichever one is the most convenient for you. These are the following days/times scheduled for this fall:

Blessed Sacrament Parish, 1117 South 7th St. - Aug. 26th, Sep 30th; both sessions scheduled for 6:00-9:00 pm; please call 222-2759 to register

St. Peter Parish - Aug 27th 9:00 am-noon; Aug 29th 6:30-9:30 pm; call 222-3155 to register

St. Dominic School/St. Anthony Parish - class held in 8th gr classroom at St. Dominic School, 4100 Columbus Rd; - Sep 11th 6:15-9:15 pm; Sep 14th 8:15-11:15 am; call 224-0041 or 222-5996 to register

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.

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. Prairie Farms caps: simply record the Prairie Farms caps online.
2. HyVee UPCs and/or General Mills Box Tops for Education: These need to be separated, trimmed, counted, and bagged.
3. 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:

- Sep. 2 No School - Labor Day
- Sep. 4 Children's Mass 8:30 am 6th grade students leading
After School Cooking Class begins - registered students only - grades 3 and 4
- Sep. 5 Homework Club begins today 3:00-4:00 pm for 7th/8th grade students-Library
- Sep. 6 Spirit Day! Wear your Spirit Day shirt (with donation of 25 cents or more); donations will go to Chaddock; Assembly in the gym at 8:15 am
- Sep. 8 Saints Alive Youth Group (gr 4-6) 6:00-7:30 pm - gym
FOUND Youth Group (gr 7/8) 6:30-8:00 pm - Upper Moorman Park/Mini Golf
- Sep. 11 Children's Mass 8:30 am 5th grade students leading
- Sep. 13 First Quarter Midterm; Grades will be posted on RenWeb or sent home Sep 20th