



Weekly Update



August 24th - August 28th

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

MONDAY, August 24th:

TUESDAY, August 25th:

WEDNESDAY, August 26th:

Children's School Mass for grades K, 2, 4 held at 8:30 a.m. - 4th grade in charge of preparation.

THURSDAY, August 27th:

Children's School Mass for grades 1 and 5 held at 8:30 a.m. - 5th grade in charge of preparation.

FRIDAY, August 28th:

SUNDAY, August 23rd: Last day to order Spirit Day shirts

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**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

During this past week we welcomed 416 preschool through eighth grade students as a part of our St. Peter School Family. It was awesome to see all your smiling faces again and we welcome all our new students and their families to St. Peter School! To say the least, the ending to our school year this past spring was very sudden and confusing. We thank our teachers, staff, and families as they all stepped up to do their very best to continue to provide learning opportunities for our students. And now, finally, we are all very blessed to be together again and we look forward to an exciting school year. This year, because of the COVID 19 Pandemic, has and will continue to bring many challenges to our school year. We will strive to do our very best again to meet these challenges. Please know that your children and our staff's health will always be our number one priority. We truly thank our teachers and staff for all that they have done to prepare for this year. We especially thank your children for rising up to meet all of these new challenges. They have taken to wearing masks/shields and being careful to social distance in stride. They have been amazing! We are so very proud of all our students!! We also thank our parents for your extreme patience with us as we try to figure out which of our plans work and the ones that we find didn't work the way we thought they would. We are very proud of our St. Peter Family and we will get through this together!



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### THANK YOU GSA

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

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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 - Mrs. Karen Jirjis, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher, Mr. Kim Sandegren, Technology Coordinator, Mrs. Rebecca Knuffman and Mr. Kevin Hollensteiner, both to our cafeteria staff. We are very honored to have all of you join our school family.

We also want to welcome back two former staff members - Mrs. Linda Myers and Mrs. Marcia Wort. They will both be helping in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Mrs. Cindy Brown's room. Mrs. Wort will be subbing for Mrs. Brown this fall. Mrs. Myers has taken on the roll of teacher aide in Mrs. Brown's room. We thank them both for helping us out. They are both wonderful teachers and we are so happy to have them back with us.

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### **AFTERNOON DAYCARE POSITION OPEN**

Are you interested in working in our St. Peter School Afternoon Day Care? We are looking to hire an adult day care worker for our afternoon program. Those who are interested in applying please contact Mrs. Loretta Goehl, Day Care Coordinator, at tomnrets71@comcast.net or 217-779-1429. This is a 10-15 hour per week position with times varying from 2:30-5:45 p.m. Duties include supervising/working with students after school in grades Preschool-8th who are enrolled in the program.

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### **MORNING DROP-OFF/AFTERNOON PICK-UP**

Thank you for your cooperation and patience with our arrival and dismissal procedures. We know that there have been a few issues and just want you to know that we are continually trying to work out any kinks in the system that will help everything run smoothly and quickly.

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### **SPIRIT DAY SHIRTS - Last day to order Sunday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Spirit Days are coming! If you need a new Spirit Day shirt for this school year, the last day to order is this Sunday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please check your current Spirit Day shirt to make sure it still fits. This is our only time to order this fall. Spirit Day t-shirts (long and short-sleeved), sweatshirts, and embroidered items are available to purchase for the 2020-2021 school year. (Don't forget to order long-sleeved shirts and sweatshirts for the colder months.) Please remember that the shirts cannot be returned or exchanged as they are specially printed and ordered through Landmarx. Orders can be placed by going to: <https://store.landmarxwear.com/sites/patriots/categories> Orders should be placed online **no later than August 23, 2020.**

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### **SPIRIT DAY**

Our Spirit Days this year are always on one Friday each month. As of now they are scheduled for - Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, and May 7. For our families new to St. Peter School, on this special Friday, students and staff may wear their Spirit Day shirt with out of dress code bottoms with a donation of 25 cents or more to our designated charity or organization. If your family does not want to order a Spirit Day shirt or participate in our Spirit Day donations, then your children will simply wear their school dress code clothes as usual. We will update families on our chosen Spirit Day Recipient with next week's Update.

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### **CURRICULUM NIGHTS ZOOM MEETINGS FOR GRADES K-8 - Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> - Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Curriculum Night this year will be held through Zoom Meetings. These meetings are an opportunity for teachers to explain what a typical school day is for your children and to 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. Your child/ren's teachers will be sending you information to a link that will enable you to join their zoom meeting.

Our schedule for the week will be::

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| Tuesday, Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Kindergarten Classes                              | 6:30 pm |
| Monday, Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Seton Hall 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday, Sep. 1 <sup>st</sup>   | First Grade Classes                               | 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Sep. 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Second Grade Classes                              | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, Sep. 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Third Grade Classes                               | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday, Sep. 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Fourth Grade Classes                              | 6:30 pm |
| Thursday, Sep. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Fifth Grade Classes                               | 6:00 pm |
| Thursday, Sep. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sixth Grade Classes                               | 6:30 pm |

## **IDPH PHYSICAL AND VISION FORMS**

The State of Illinois mandates that any student entering Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade must have had a physical for this current school year. This exam may have been performed after August 20, 2019 and must be on file with the school by October 15<sup>th</sup>. This exam is also required for any student entering a Preschool for the very first time. We are also mandated to have an exam from any of our new students that are new to Illinois School System. We are required to have the record of this exam on file in the school by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Vision exam forms are also needed for our current Kindergarten students. These are also due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Many parents have already submitted these forms but we do want to remind parents in these select groups that we must have these exams on file by the October date. We are mandated by Illinois law to exclude from school any student that does not have an exam on file by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help with this. If you need an IDPH Physical Examination form please let our school office know and we can send one home with your child. Most of the doctors' offices also have the IDPH physical form.

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## **JUBILATION CHOIR**

Jubilation Choir is our parish students' liturgical choir. All grade 4-8 students are welcome to join us! Typically, 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. We are encouraging students to join our Jubilation Choir but we will not begin rehearsals until further notice. An informational/registration flyer is attached to this update. For more information, contact Monica Scholz, [m.scholz@cospq.org](mailto:m.scholz@cospq.org).

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## **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS**

During the current state of Covid-19, Protecting God's Children can be completed **ONLINE** or in person. This is a ONE TIME certification. Who needs to participate? Anyone age 18 years or older who volunteers or is involved in a ministry. This includes Ushers, Lectors, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, PSR teachers and volunteers and any St. Peter school parent that volunteers in the classroom, library, cafeteria, or drives for a field trip and other various ministries. Contact Gina Bergman at [g.bergman@cospq.org](mailto:g.bergman@cospq.org) for more information.

**Protecting God's Children Class at Blessed Sacrament:** The following Protecting God's Children session has been scheduled at Blessed Sacrament parish, Quincy: Monday, Sept. 14th, 6-9 pm. All sessions will be held in the Leo Amen Room (school cafeteria) of Blessed Sacrament School, 1117 S. 7th Street. Access to the school is via the alley (South) side entrance. Please phone the parish office 217-222-2759 to register for any of these sessions.

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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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## **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.

Please contact Mrs. Roberta Hutson at 217-223-1120 or [r.hutson@cospq.org](mailto:r.hutson@cospq.org). if you can help us out!

## 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 ask that if your child is experiencing any of the COVID 19 symptoms that you keep him/her home from school to see if any other symptoms develop or worsen.
  - ✎ 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 2:35 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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## 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. 2  | Children's Mass 8:30 am Gr 7 and 8 w/8 <sup>th</sup> gr students leading                 |
| Sep. 3  | Children's Mass 8:30 am Gr 3 and 6 w/6 <sup>th</sup> gr students leading                 |
| Sep. 4  | Spirit Day! Wear your Spirit Day shirt and bring in your donation of 25 cents or more!   |
| Sep. 7  | No School - Labor Day                                                                    |
| Sep. 9  | Children's Mass 8:30 am Gr K, 2, and 4 w/2 <sup>nd</sup> grade students leading          |
| Sep. 10 | Children's Mass 8:30 am Gr 1 and 5 w/5 <sup>th</sup> gr students leading                 |
| Sep. 11 | First Quarter Midterm; Grades will be posted on RenWeb or sent home Sep 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sep. 15 | School Pictures being taken gr PS3-8 <sup>th</sup> grade                                 |