



# Weekly Update



October 12<sup>th</sup> - October 16<sup>th</sup>

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

## MONDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍁 Columbus Day - School is in session w/full bus service
- 🍁 National School Lunch Week-special snacks/activities this week
- 🍁 Distance Learning Students - Materials pick up/drop off 4:00-5:00 pm School Lobby/Entry

## TUESDAY, October 13<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍁 PMO Band Rehearsals at QND: 6<sup>th</sup> Gr Cadet Band 4:15-5:15 pm; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr Jazz Band 5:30-6:00 pm; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr Concert Band 6:00-7:00 pm (5<sup>th</sup> gr Beginners Band will begin in October 3:15-4:00 pm)

## WEDNESDAY, October 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍁 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 7/8 w/Rm 104 students assisting at Mass
- 🍁 PMO Band Rehearsals - Gr 5 12:40-1:15 pm; Gr 6 1:30-2:15 pm - School Music Room
- 🍁 Kindergarten Girl Scout Pumpkin Party - 6:00-7:00 pm Martha Jane Room (Informational Flyer attached)

## THURSDAY, October 15<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍁 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 3 & 6 w/3<sup>rd</sup> grade students assisting at Mass
- 🍁 Physical Exam forms due today-Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, new students, students new to Preschool
- 🍁 QFD Firehouse here w/grades 3 & 5
- 🍁 GSA Meeting 10:00 am School Conference Room
- 🍁 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation Meeting - Students and Sponsors and/or Parent 6:30 pm - Church
- 🍁 DC trip meeting following Confirmation Meeting (approx. 7:30 pm)
- 🍁 Boy Scout Meeting 7:15-8:30 pm - Cafeteria

## FRIDAY, October 16<sup>th</sup>:

- 🍁 First Quarter ends today; Report Cards sent home Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

### STUDENT MASK REPLACEMENTS

If your child loses his/her mask throughout the school day, we have replacement masks for them. Please keep these as we cannot accept any returned masks. Our school was very blessed to have had a group of ladies make and donate many, many masks. We do ask that you please mark your child's name or initials inside of their mask. We have had several end up in our lost and found. If they were marked we could very easily return them to your children.

\*\*We ask that you also have your child's name or initials marked within their coats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, lunch boxes, etc. This makes returning them to your child so much easier.

### COATS AND JACKETS

With the cooler weather upon us, we ask that you please send a coat, jacket, or sweater with your children to school. We are outside at many different times during our school day. Besides our normal recess times, teachers are also taking their classes outside to teach in order to give students a break from wearing their masks all day. We also have classes just go outside for 10 minutes or so for a mask break. Our PE and

Music classes are also held outside. It has been quite chilly outside the past several mornings and we had quite a few students that didn't have jackets to keep them warm. We will continue to have classes outside until it just gets too cold.

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## **STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS WITH SUSPECTED COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

We sent the most current IDPH/CDC guidelines (listed below) that we have with last week's update. We have still had questions so to try to expand on what we sent home last week, it is our understanding that if one of your children becomes ill with a COVID like symptom, he/she should not come to school, nor should their siblings. Our best advice on how to proceed from there is to call your child's doctor. We realize that many children suffer from allergies, and the common cold, is still out there but, for now, we have to remain cautious. If your doctor sends us a letter stating that your child is ok to attend school as of a date, then as long as his/her siblings are healthy, they may all attend school. We don't really have, or even know, if there is a better answer concerning children's illnesses. We are just trying to follow the guidelines we have been given. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding. We are trying our best to keep everyone safe and healthy. Again, our current guidelines from the IDPH states the following. This is also for students that are not feeling well before coming to school.

**If a student is sent home sick with suspected COVID 19 symptoms (cough, fever, diarrhea, shortness of breath, stomach ache, vomiting, etc.) must all their siblings/household members be sent home as well and quarantined for 14 calendar days?**

Yes, if one of the household members is being evaluated for COVID 19, the rest of the household must be quarantined until an alternative diagnosis is made or a negative result is received. Medical evaluation and COVID 19 diagnostic testing are strongly recommended for all persons with COVID-like symptoms. If the sick student becomes a confirmed case (tests positive for COVID) or a probable case (has symptoms and is linked to a known case), the Adams County Health Dept. will conduct contact tracing and will place household contacts, including siblings, in quarantine for 14 calendar days. The Health Dept. will also provide guidance on how to safely quarantine and isolate within the household. If your child's doctor determines that he/she does not have COVID, please have them email/fax our school office a signed letter confirming his/her diagnosis with the date that they may return to school. Healthy siblings may then return to school.

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## **IDPH REQUIRED PHYSICAL EXAMS - DUE OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

We want to remind parents with students in Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade that we are mandated by the State of Illinois to have physical exams for their children on file with our school by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students are also required to have had a vision exam. This also should be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup>. We also need physical exams for any students that are new to Preschool.

We have sent reminder emails to parents, and letters home with your child, if we are missing this information. We will now reach out to families one last time for this information. If you do not receive a call from us, your child has all his/her required paperwork turned in.

Physicals may have been performed from August 18, 2019 until the end of October 2020. If you have an appointment for your child, please let the school office know the date of the exam. If you have your paperwork at home, please send this to the office. Doctors may fax your child's exam to us. Our fax number is 217-223-1173.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, we are required by the IDPH to exclude students from school if we don't have this required physical exam on file or the date of a scheduled appointment for this exam. Your child will have to remain out of school until we receive his/her completed exam form. We certainly do not want to exclude any child from attending school. Thank you so much for your help with this!

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## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Due to safety concerns with the COVID 19 virus, our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this year. Each teacher will be creating their own schedule for your child/ren's conferences. Next week your child's teacher will be reaching out to you, either through Sign Up Genius, email, or phone call to set up times for conferences. We are very proud of our students and want to share their accomplishments

with you. Dates for this year's Parent Teacher Conferences are October 26-29<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you plan on 15 minutes for your child's conference. Please keep in mind that every student, Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, is expected to have a Parent Teacher Conference.

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## **NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**

This week is National School Lunch Week. Our school lunch program is supported by our Cafeteria Manager, Mrs. Garrett, and her awesome staff! They want to share just a few tips concerning our hot lunch program. Did you know that school hot lunch programs: Provide a balanced meal - it meets one third of the nutrition needs of most children for the day; Supports learning at school - Research shows that kids with healthier eating patterns have better academic performance; Saves time - If parents spend 10 minutes a day packing lunch, that adds up to 30 hours each school year!

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## **QCES FOUNDATION \$25,000 CHALLENGE GRANT- Double the Money - Double the Impact!**

The Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation is humbled to announce it is the recipient of a "\$25,000 Challenge Grant," from the Tracy Family Foundation (TFF). The TFF will match, dollar for dollar up to \$25,000, all new gifts to the QCES Foundation received between August 1st and December 1st, 2020, for its *Special COVID-19 Pandemic Tuition-Assistance Fund Appeal*. The appeal is being conducted to replace the \$100,000 in lost revenue because the QCES Foundation was forced to cancel the 2020 "EVERYBODY WINS" Mega Raffle last March because of the pandemic.

If we accomplish our goal to receive \$25,000 in new gifts by December 1st, and, therefore, receive the full "\$25,000 Challenge Grant" from the TFF, we will have recovered the \$100,000 in lost revenue due to the cancellation of the Mega Raffle, and we will be able to continue to help families provide their children with a Catholic elementary school education.

If you have not yet given a gift to the *Special COVID-19 Pandemic Tuition-Assistance Fund Appeal*, or if you previously donated to the appeal and have the means to make a second gift, the QCES Foundation encourages you to please send your donation by Dec. 1st, 2020. Checks should be made payable to the *QCES Foundation Tuition-Assistance Fund*, and mailed to - QCES Foundation, 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy, IL 62305.

For more information about the tuition-assistance fund challenge grant, or other giving opportunities to the QCES Foundation, please contact Paul Rittof, executive director of the QCES Foundation, at 217-779-3157 or [prittof@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:prittof@quincycatholicschools.org). *Thank you in advance for your support!*

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## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found is **overflowing!!** We have many, many jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts. We also have several masks, lunch boxes, and hats and gloves. Please ask your child to check the lost and found if he/she is missing any of these items. For parents' convenience, we plan to set the lost and found outside one day next week, weather permitting.

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## **HALLOWEEN PARTIES**

We will not be having our traditional Halloween Parade and Parties this year. Your children may be out of dress code on October 29<sup>th</sup> with our Orange and Black Day. We encourage them to wear their Halloween, Orange, or Black shirt with out of dress code bottoms. Preschool students only will be able to wear their Halloween costumes. If you are a room mother/parent, please contact your teacher to help with plans and/or treats for this special morning. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to be in our classrooms this year. We thank you for all your help and especially, your understanding and patience.

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## **TEACHER AND TEACHER AIDE SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

Are you interested in subbing at St. Peter School? We are in need of both substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides. If you are interested in helping as a substitute teacher you must meet the following requirements: You have a Bachelor Degree in any area, have completed Protecting God's Children

and have passed a background check. For teacher aide substitutes, you must have completed Protecting God's Children and passed a background check.

If you fulfill the above criteria and are interested in being on our substitute list, please contact our School Office (223-1120) to speak with Mrs. Chris Reichert, Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Mrs. Sara Bradfield, or Mrs. Roberta Hutson.

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### **UPCOMING DATES:**

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| Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> | Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr K,2,4 w/4 <sup>th</sup> grade students assisting at Mass  |
| Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr 1 & 5 w/5 <sup>th</sup> grade students assisting at Mass  |
| Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> | First Quarter Report Cards sent home today  |
| Oct 26-29            | Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences  |
| Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> | $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school; 11:30 am dismissal w/no after school QPS busses; after school daycare will not be in session<br>Orange/Black Day! Students and Staff may be out of dress code-wear your favorite Halloween/Orange/Black shirt! |
| Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> | No School   |
| Nov 2/3              | School is in session but without AM or PM QPS busses  |