



# Weekly Update



October 19<sup>th</sup> - October 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

## MONDAY, October 19<sup>th</sup>:

🎃 Distance Learning Students - Materials pick up/drop off 4:00-5:00 pm School Lobby/Entry

## TUESDAY, October 20<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 21<sup>st</sup>:

🎃 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades K, 2, 4 w/Gr 4 students assisting at Mass  
🎃 PMO Band Rehearsals - Gr 5 12:40-1:15 pm; Gr 6 1:30-2:15 pm - School Music Room

## THURSDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup>:

🎃 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 1 & 5 w/5<sup>th</sup> grade students assisting at Mass

## FRIDAY, October 23<sup>rd</sup>:

🎃 First Quarter Report Cards sent home today

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## GSA - PLAYGROUND MULCH

Thank you so very much to our wonderful Grade School Association! They provided much needed new mulch for our playground area. We also want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers that came last Saturday and helped spread the mulch throughout our playground! We appreciate your time, efforts, and generosity to make our playground fun and safe for all our students!! Thank you!!

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## 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

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.

**UPDATED INFORMATION as of 10/14/2020:** If testing is not performed due to the clinical judgment of the healthcare provider, a medical note is needed to return to school documenting that there is no clinical suspicion for COVID-19 infection and indicate an alternative diagnosis with the exclusion consistent with this diagnosis. Your child may then return to school on the day his/her doctor indicates on their medical note. Healthy siblings may then return to school.

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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. 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**

Last week was National School Lunch Week. Mrs. Garrett and her fantastic crew wanted to share a few more tips about how families can help their children enjoy school hot lunches. One suggestion is to talk with your child about what's on the menu. Make sure he or she knows about all the foods that are included for lunch that day or week. Another tip is to try new foods at home. Kids need many opportunities to taste a new food to "get used to it." Encourage your child to just try a food offered for lunch...Mrs. Garrett always tries to challenge them to "try 2 bites!"

We truly have a great school lunch program! There is a lot of thought, planning, and even student input as to what is offered on our menu every month. Providing nutritional foods to your children is very important to our staff. We are very blessed to have our cafeteria team and encourage your children to give school hot lunch a try!

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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.

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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:

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 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 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade students Confirmation/First Communion Mass reservation requests due to Mrs. Bergman
Nov 2/3	School is in session but without AM or PM QPS busses