



# Weekly Update



**October 5<sup>th</sup> - October 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**SUNDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🎃 **FOUND Youth Group Meeting** 6:30-8:00 pm Start/End in the Cafeteria-please wear your masks

**MONDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🎃 **Mrs. Reichert** will be out of the office today
- 🎃 **Distance Learning Students** Materials pick up/drop off 4:00-5:00 pm School Lobby/Entry

**TUESDAY, October 6<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 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🎃 **Children's School Mass** 8:30 am for Grades K, 2, 4 w/2<sup>nd</sup> grade 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 8<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**FRIDAY, October 9<sup>th</sup>:**

- 🎃 **No School - Teacher Inservice**

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**STUDENT LUNCH ACCOUNTS**

We have had several parents concerned about their family's lunch accounts. With our FACTS system, if your account shows a positive balance - you have money in the account. If it shows a negative balance, then you owe money to your account. Families should receive emails from FACTS as soon as your account balance reaches \$5.00 or under.

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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**

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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### **AFTERNOON DISMISSAL ORDER FOR CAR RIDERS/WALKERS - QUARTER TWO**

Our order for afternoon dismissal will change on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This will remain the same for the entire quarter. We are doing the following order: 1<sup>st</sup> group-Upper lot: LMNOP; Lower lot: QR; 2<sup>nd</sup> group-Upper Lot: ABCD; Lower lot: WXYZ; 3<sup>rd</sup> group-Upper lot: EFG; Lower lot: UV; 4<sup>th</sup> group-Upper Lot: HIJK; Lower lot: ST

We are attempting to keep this fair for our students. The dismissal order will change again for our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter which will begin following Christmas vacation on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

## 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 12 <sup>th</sup> | Columbus Day -School is in session w/full bus service   |
| Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> | Children's School Mass 8:30 am for grades 7/8   |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> | Children's School Mass 8:30 am for grades 3 & 6<br>Physical Exam forms due today Kindergarten, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade, new students, students new to Preschool<br>QFD Firehouse here w/grades 3 & 5<br>8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation Meeting - Students and Sponsors and/or Parent 6:30 pm - Church<br>DC trip meeting following Confirmation Meeting (approx. 7:30 pm)<br>Boy Scout Meeting 7:15-8:30 pm - Cafeteria |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> | First Quarter Ends  |
| Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> | $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school; 11:30 am dismissal w/no after school QPS busses  |
| Nov 2/3              | No AM or PM QPS busses  |