



Weekly Update



October 26th - November 1st

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

MONDAY, October 26th:

- 🎃 Distance Learning Students - Materials pick up/drop off 4:00-5:00 pm School Lobby/Entry
- 🎃 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences after school today

TUESDAY, October 27th:

- 🎃 PMO Band Rehearsals at QND: 6th Gr Cadet Band 4:15-5:15 pm; 7th/8th gr Jazz Band 5:30-6:00 pm; 7th/8th gr Concert Band 6:00-7:00 pm (5th gr Beginners Band will begin in October 3:15-4:00 pm)
- 🎃 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences after school today

WEDNESDAY, October 28th:

- 🎃 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 7th/8th w/Rm 101 students assisting at Mass
- 🎃 PMO Band Rehearsals - Gr 5 12:40-1:15 pm; Gr 6 1:30-2:15 pm - School Music Room
- 🎃 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences after school today

THURSDAY, October 29th:

- 🎃 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 3 & 6 w/6th grade students assisting at Mass
- 🎃 11:30 am dismissal - we will not have afterschool QPS busses; St. Peter After School Daycare will not be in session
- 🎃 Halloween out of dress code day! Students may wear their orange/black/Halloween shirts w/out of dress code bottoms
- 🎃 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences after school today

FRIDAY, October 30th:

- 🎃 No School!

SATURDAY, October 31st:

- 🎃 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

SUNDAY, November 1st:

- 🎃 Daylight Savings Time ends; set your clocks back 1 hour

COATS AND JACKETS!!

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Fall weather is upon us - our daytime temperatures are all over the place! Please send a coat, jacket, sweatshirt, or sweater (marked with their name or initials) to school with your children. 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, for the most part, still being held outside. It has been quite chilly outside several days this past week and we have had quite a students that didn't have jackets to keep them warm. We will continue to have classes outside until it just gets too cold.

## LOST AND FOUND

If your child can't find their jacket, sweater, and/or sweatshirt - 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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## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you so much to all our families that have signed up for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please plan on 15 minutes for your conference. We are so very proud of our students and want to share their accomplishments with you. If you have not yet scheduled your child's conference, we ask that you make every effort to contact his/her teacher and find a day/time that will work for your family. 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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## 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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## NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

During National School Lunch Week our students were asked to create a picture of their "dream lunch." We had so many great drawings of very creative lunches! We were so impressed with everyone's dream lunches. Our wonderful Kitchen Crew had a very difficult time choosing winners with these drawings. For the first lunch, our winning dream lunch drawings were created by Harlow Hickey, Ben Nwakile, and Paige Rabe; Second lunch period standouts were Anistyn Willingham, Ana Hermsmeier, and Maggie Brown; Third lunch period winners were Olivia Scholz, Elise Sedovic, and Sydney Tyler; With our fourth lunch period - Mia Robnett, Tristan Pieper, Vito Durante, and Lydia Miller's art works were chosen.

Harlow, Anistyn, Olivia, and Mia were our 1<sup>st</sup> place winners and were awarded prizes from Kohl Wholesale. All our runner up students were also awarded prizes.

Thank you to everyone for sharing their dream lunch creations with us! We are so very proud of everyone and hope to see some of these dream lunches served at school!!

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM UPDATE

St. Peter School has been notified that we have received an extension of free lunch for our students until the end of our 2020-2021 school year! The federal school lunch program will be providing funds for this program.

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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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## 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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| Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade students Confirmation/First Communion Mass reservation requests due to Mrs. Bergman<br>FOUND Youth Group Event - 6:30-8:00 pm; drop off/pick up - cafeteria |
| Nov 2/3             | School is in session but without AM or PM QPS busses                                                                                                                              |
| Nov 4               | 8:30 am Children's Mass for gr K, 2, 4 w/gr 2 students assisting                                                                                                                  |
| Nov 5               | 8:30 am Children's Mass for gr 1 & 5 w/gr 1 students assisting                                                                                                                    |
| Nov 6               | Spirit Day!!                                                                                                                                                                      |