



Weekly Update



December 6th - December 12th

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

SUNDAY, December 6th:

- ✿ Second Sunday in Advent
- ✿ St. Nicholas Day!

MONDAY, December 7th:

- ✿ Immaculate Conception Holy Day Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
- ✿ PS3-Grade 8 Distance Learning Students - Learning Materials Pick Up Day 4:00 - 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, December 8th:

- ✿ Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses 8:30 am; 12:10 pm; 6:00 pm (gr 1 & 5 attending 8:30 am Mass)
- ✿ 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)

WEDNESDAY, December 9th:

- ✿ Immaculate Conception Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 7 & 8
- ✿ PMO Band Rehearsals - Gr 5 12:40-1:15 pm; Gr 6 1:30-2:15 pm - School Music Room

THURSDAY, December 10th:

- ✿ Immaculate Conception Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 3 & 6

FRIDAY, December 11th:

- ✿ Immaculate Conception Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades K, 2, & 4

SATURDAY, December 12th:

- ✿ Kindergarten classes creating Gingerbread Houses 9:00 am & 10:45 am - School Cafeteria

****FIVE CURRENT COVID 19 POSITIVE TESTS IN OUR SCHOOL - WEEK OF 11/30-12/4****

COVID 19 UPDATES AT ST. PETER SCHOOL

Earlier this week, Mrs. Venvertloh emailed families letting each of you know that we are going to start posting the number of positive COVID cases we have within our school in our Weekly Updates. Since Weekly Updates are sent to parents at the end of the week, the number will be from the week we just completed. We are very committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe, healthy, and caring environment. We thank you for your understanding, patience, cooperation, and especially your prayers as we all try to stay as safe and healthy as possible. Your children have been awesome at all the changes they have had to adapt to and we are so very proud of them. We will continue to keep in our Weekly Update what to do if someone in your family does not feel well. You may also call our School Office and we will do our best to find answers and guidance for you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PACKETS

Just a reminder to our Parish families that your annual St. Peter Stewardship Commitment Card is due to our Parish Office. **In order for families to receive the Participating Parishioner Tuition rate, your stewardship commitment card must be received by December 14th.** Stewardship commitment cards may be turned in through the Sunday Mass collection baskets, at either our St. Peter Parish or School Offices, or by mail to either office. You may also submit your commitment card online at www.cospq.org.

PARISH ADVENT GIVING WREATH TAGS

It has become a tradition of St. Peter Parish to have an Advent Giving Wreath. Our Parish works with several local agencies to help those in our community that may be less fortunate than us. Giving Wreath tags are available in our Church Narthex through this coming Sunday, Dec. 6th. We ask that you then bring your gifts to the Church Narthex on December 12th/13th. Please have the gifts wrapped for Christmas and the tag taped securely to them.

Giving Wreath gifts will be sorted and picked up by the agencies/organizations on Monday morning, Dec. 14th so please do not bring your gifts to Church after December 13th. We wish to thank everyone for participating in this very worthy cause! You have helped spread Christmas cheer to many families in our community.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS

We are attaching 3 informational forms concerning Empower Illinois. Empower Illinois is our state's largest and most comprehensive Scholarship Granting Organization. They are very successful and dedicated to raising donations to help as many students as possible access their best fit in school. At this time of year, many people look to donate to charitable organizations. Through Empower Illinois you may be eligible to receive a 75% state tax credit for your donation.

Several of our school families have benefited through donations given to Empower Illinois designated for our St. Peter School students. We ask that if you are looking to make end of the year donations that you take a moment to read through the information provided from Empower Illinois. Thank you to everyone that donates to this very worthwhile program!

CONFESSION SCHEDULE DURING ADVENT

During this season of Advent, Fr. Leo and Fr. Pawel are offering to our families extra times for Confession. They will be available to hear confessions in the evening from 6:00-7:00 pm on the following dates: Dec. 2,4,9,14, and 16. Regularly scheduled Saturday times of 7:30-7:50 am and 3:30-4:30 pm on Dec. 5, 12, 19 will also be available for Confessions.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

We are attaching information regarding our Christmas Mass schedule. As with Sunday Masses, families should sign up so that we are within the guidelines of designated number of people we are allowed to have in Church for Mass. Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Mass on Christmas Day will be at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Sign up begins Thursday, Dec. 17th at noon. For these Masses, ushers will have the sign up lists and check you in at the door. The sign up link will be available on our Church website, on Facebook, and will be sent to parishioners via email.

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.

SNOW DAYS - WEATHER-RELATED EARLY DISMISSAL & SCHOOL CANCELLATION

During the winter months, with the possibility of inclement weather or other emergency conditions occurring, it may be necessary to dismiss students earlier in the day than usual or to cancel school for the day. If this occurs, a RenWeb message is sent to all families as well as our local radio and TV stations will broadcast the information. On days when such conditions exist, please listen to the local stations for early dismissal times and announcements of school closing. Listen for "Quincy Public and Catholic Schools..."

Snow days will be days off from school. We will not have virtual learning classes on days off from school for weather conditions.

UPCOMING DATES

- Dec 1-Jan 31 Map Testing for Grades 2-8
- Dec 14 Parish Stewardship Renewal Cards due to Parish Office
- Dec 15 Grade 6 DARE Graduation 11:00 am
- Dec 16 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr 7/8 w/Rm 101 students assisting
- Dec 17 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr 3&6 w/3rd gr students assisting
GSA Meeting 10:00 am School Conference Room
- Dec 18 Green/Red Out of Dress Code Day-Students/Staff can wear Green/Red tops/Christmas attire/Ugly Christmas sweaters w/out of dress code bottoms
2nd Quarter ends; Report cards will be sent home Jan 8th
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Christmas Vacation; School resumes Jan 4th - Daycare will be available; no QPS bussing until Jan 6