



Weekly Update



December 12th - December 20th

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

SATURDAY, December 12th:

- 🌟 Kindergarten classes creating Gingerbread Houses 9:00 am & 10:45 am - School Cafeteria
- 🌟 Advent Giving Wreath gifts due to Church Narthex this weekend

SUNDAY, December 13th:

- 🌟 Third Sunday in Advent
- 🌟 Advent Giving Wreath gifts due to Church Narthex this weekend; they will be picked up by agencies Monday morning
- 🌟 FOUND Youth Group - Virtual "Christmas Trivia" 7:00-7:40 pm

MONDAY, December 14th:

- 🌟 Parish Stewardship Renewal Cards due to Parish Office; in order for families to receive participating Parishioner tuition rate stewardship cards must be turned in today.
- 🌟 Return St. Peter Library Books only this week; Please return all School Library Books; Classroom Library visits will return on Monday, Jan 4th

TUESDAY, December 15th:

- 🌟 6th Grade DARE Graduation - 11:00 am - Church
- 🌟 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 16th:

- 🌟 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr 7/8 w/Rm 101 students assisting
- 🌟 PMO Band Rehearsals - Gr 5 12:40-1:15 pm; Gr 6 1:30-2:15 pm - School Music Room

THURSDAY, December 17th:

- 🌟 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr 3 & 6 w/3rd gr students assisting
- 🌟 Gr K-2 Polar Express Day; K-2 students may wear their pajamas to school today
- 🌟 GSA Zoom Meeting 10:00 am

FRIDAY, December 18th:

- 🌟 Red/Green 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 today; Report Cards sent home on January 8th
- 🌟 Last Day of School in 2020 - Christmas Vacation begins!

SUNDAY, December 20th:

- 🌟 Fourth Sunday in Advent

****2 CURRENT COVID 19 POSITIVE TESTS IN OUR SCHOOL - WEEK OF 12/7-12/11****

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## 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 this Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.*** 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](http://www.cospq.org).

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## 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. 6<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you then bring your gifts to the Church Narthex on December 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. 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. 14<sup>th</sup> so please do not bring your gifts to Church after December 13<sup>th</sup>.** We wish to thank everyone for participating in this very worthy cause! You have helped spread Christmas cheer to many families in our community.

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## ST. PETER SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS







This week we will not have classroom library visits. This will be a return books only week. We ask for students' that have school library books checked out to return them to our library. This will give Mrs. Kroshinsky and her library volunteers a chance to make sure we have all of our library books accounted for and to reorganize our library. Classroom library visits will resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## CELEBRATING ADVENT

Our students have been busy during this Advent season. During this season of waiting our focus has been on serving others as well as learning about the reason for the Christmas season.

Each morning we listen to hear what the BINGO symbol for the day is during the morning announcements and prayer. Each symbol represents a sign of Christmas. An explanation is given for why the symbol was chosen.

-  Our Preschool students will have a birthday party for Jesus and they are using an Advent calendar to countdown. Each day they receive a sweet surprise. Additionally, they recognize each week of advent by adding the light to their candle on a wreath that hangs on their door.
-  Grades K-3 are holding a Baby Shower for Jesus. The baby items will be delivered to Care Net.
-  Our Fourth Grade classes purchased a gift from the Giving Wreath and are sending Christmas letters.
-  Fifth Grade classes chose an Advent Wreath gift tag from the Church Narthex and purchased a Christmas present for a child that is 10-11 years old.
-  Sixth grade classes are working on several various activities during this season of Advent. One activity, in particular, is doing random acts of kindness and making holiday cards for nursing homes and/or the hospital workers.
-  Our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students took part in a service project to benefit one of our school families who is in need. They are collecting monetary donations to purchase gift cards from the Gene Grawe Fund to help this family with their expenses.

As you can see, your children are truly awesome! Their kindness and generosity have been such an example to all of us as they reached out to help people in our community. They are reminding us in this Christmas season the message Jesus taught us - that He is always here for us and wants us to always be here for each other.

## **EMPOWER ILLINOIS**

We are once again 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 an end of the year donation to Empower Illinois that you contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh (223-1120) or Mrs. Kristi Smith (222-3155), our Parish Business Manager. Thank you to everyone that donates to this very worthwhile program!

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## **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. 14, and 16. Regularly scheduled Saturday times of 7:30-7:50 am and 3:30-4:30 pm on Dec. 12, 19 will also be available for Confessions.

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## **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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **CHRISTMAS BREAK/VACATION - DEC 21 - JAN 1**

We will have our Christmas break/vacation from Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have morning and afternoon St. Peter Daycare but we will not have any Quincy Public Schools bussing until Wednesday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## **HAVE YOU MOVED/CHANGED ADDRESSES?**

If your family has moved and has a new address since the beginning of our school year, please contact our school office so that we can update your information. It is important that we have your correct address on file with our school. Thank you for your help with this!

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## **THANK YOU FROM CHADDOCK**

We received the following letter from Chaddock thanking us for our donations so far this year to their School Program. The amount listed is from our last year's January, February, and March Spirit Days and this year's September and October donations. We will present them with our donations from our November and December Spirit Days before we leave for Christmas break. As you can see, they truly do appreciate our support!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gifts totaling \$1560.00 for Welcome Baskets and Grandma's Closet for the children at Chaddock!

The holidays are looking different this year in a lot of ways: smaller crowds in stores, fewer stores to actually shop in, face masks, social distancing, and fewer large family gatherings.

Some things, though, will never change: the smiles on children's faces when they hear a favorite Christmas carol, the excited shouts and squeals that come when they see what Santa has brought, the lights in their eyes as they gather around a Christmas tree with a glass of milk and some cookies.

Your gift gives our children the best gift they can receive: the glow that comes from knowing that they are loved and treasured by you as well as by the staff at Chaddock. It's a glow that can't be dampened by a mask, can't be diminished by a high-five instead of a hug, and won't ever be forgotten.

On behalf of all of us at Chaddock - clients, families, and staff - we want to say thank you again for your gift. Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas - Debbie Reed, President/CEO  
- Jeff VanCamp, Executive Director, Chaddock Children's Foundation

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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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## 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.



*Merry Christmas!  
The teachers and staff of St. Peter School  
wish to extend to everyone  
a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!  
May you and your family  
keep Jesus in your hearts  
throughout this joyful season!*

## UPCOMING DATES

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| Dec 21-Jan 1 | Christmas Vacation                                                                                   |
| Jan 4        | School resumes w/St. Peter daycare in session;<br>No QPS busses until Wednesday, Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jan 6        | Children's School Mass for grades K,3,4 w/gr 4 students assisting                                    |

Jan 7 Children's School Mass for grades 1 & 5 w/gr 5 students assisting  
Jan 8 Spirit Day!! Students/staff may wear their Spirit Day shirts w/out of dress code  
bottoms - with their 25 cents or more donation for Chaddock Welcome Baskets  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Report Cards sent home  
Jan 15 No QPS Bus Service today  
Jan 18 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day