



# Weekly Update



**January 4<sup>th</sup> - January 8<sup>th</sup>**

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



*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!*

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm**

**Christmas Day Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am**

Sign up for these Masses began on Thursday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Ushers will have the sign up lists at Mass and check you in at the door. The sign up link is available on our Church website, Facebook, and will be sent to parishioners via email.

### **MONDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* **School resumes today! Welcome Back!!**
- \* **St. Peter Daycare will be in session; No QPS bussing until Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**
- \* **Classroom Library visits resume today**

### **TUESDAY, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* **PMO Band Rehearsals at QND: 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Beginners Band 3:15-4:00 pm; 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**

### **WEDNESDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup>:**

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

### **THURSDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* **Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 1 & 5 w/5<sup>th</sup> gr students assisting**

**FRIDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- \* **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> Quarter Report Cards** sent home

**\*\*1 CURRENT COVID 19 POSITIVE TEST IN OUR SCHOOL - WEEK OF 12/14-12/18\*\***

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulations go out to Mrs. Maria Mast, Mrs. Chris Reichert, Mrs. Sandy Gallaher and Mrs. Emily Mellon for receiving grant money from Western Catholic Union (Classroom Assistance Program). Mr. Andy Flachs delivered a check for \$750.00 this past week that will assist in making specific purchases for our students. Mrs. Gallaher will be purchasing additional magnetic boards and letters for the Kindergarten reading/literacy block. Mrs. Mellon will be using the funds to purchase a selection of diverse books for her second grade classroom library and for read alouds. Additionally, Mrs. Mast and Mrs. Reichert plan to purchase a magnetic portable room divider.

**COVID 19 UPDATES/INFORMATION - DECEMBER 2020**

St. Peter School will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation throughout our school and community. Processes are in place to track cases in which a student or adult in our school is impacted by the virus. We follow the latest guidance from the Adams County Health Department (ACHD) in determining which individuals need to be quarantined to protect everyone in our school setting.

Just a reminder, to keep everyone informed, we are providing the current number of positive cases for student and staff in our Weekly Updates. This will be on the first page of our Weekly Updates, directly following the posted calendar activities for the week. Please know, that in accordance with federal law, no information will be disclosed that could lead to the identification of any individual.

**STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS WITH SUSPECTED COVID-19 SYMPTOMS-*Please read the newest updated guidelines listed below***

If a student is sent home sick with suspected COVID 19 symptoms (fever, unusual fatigue, muscle pain, cough, sudden loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing, prolonged headache, sore throat, diarrhea, stomachache, and/or vomiting) 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 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.

**UPDATED GUIDELINES from the Adams County Health Dept. as of 12/08/2020:**

**ACHD Quarantine Guidelines:**

- Please note that the ACHD continues to recommend a quarantine period of 14 days for individuals deemed to be a close contact of a positive COVID case.

- Any household contacts must remain in quarantine through 14 days after the most recent (last) date of exposure. Household members cannot test out of quarantine and cannot be released from quarantine until Day 15.

### **ACHD Quarantine Guideline Changes:**

- Exposures occurring outside of the household - Quarantine can end after Day 10 without a COVID test and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. Under these circumstances, an individual could return to school on Day 11.
- For Students - **At this time, children under the age of 18 cannot test out of quarantine.** This is due to the lack of data using children on testing and validating during studies/research
- For School Staff members only - An individual can return to school on Day 8 **IF** a PCR test (**not a rapid test**) is completed on Day 7 of exposure and is Negative. The PCR test is available at Blessing Drive-Thru, QMG, and/or Hy-Vee and can take 24-72 hours for results.
- An example of these new guidelines would be ... if a student/staff member at school is determined to have positive COVID test results and attended school that day, students that were exposed and deemed to be in close contact with the person with COVID would be quarantined by the ACHD. While in quarantine if the students that were exposed do not have symptoms for 10 days, then they could return to school on Day 11. For a staff member that was deemed to be in close contact with someone that has a positive test result - if this staff member does not have symptoms while in quarantine for 7 days and they receive a negative COVID PCR test (not a rapid test) that was administered on Day 7, then they could return to school on Day 8.

As always, the ACHD will process the COVID exposure cases at St. Peter School and will contact a family individually to explain these guidelines as well as answer any questions regarding your individual situation. ACHD will also follow up with all close contacts. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information on the new guidelines, please contact me and I would be happy to help you. Thanks for your patience as we adjust to the rapidly changing guidelines.

~Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh, Principal

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### **BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB - UPDATE FROM MRS. PAGLIARA**

Thank you to this school year's next group of students for participating in the BBC: Luke Awerkamp, Madeline Baker, Isaac Bealor, Greyson Bliefnick, Isabella Boudreau, Aubrielle Bradfield, Bryson Bradfield, Bentley Brock, Scarlett Chandou, Penelope Cook, Quinton Crane, Rohan Dighe, Sean Dighe, Beau Eftink, Rylan Fesler, Charlie Fischer, Larren Frese, Campbell George, Alejandra Giesing, Charlie Gramke, Kate Gramke, David Gray, Hale Hartley, Evelyn Hauk, Catherine Hesson, Riley Hesson, Keaton Holley, Zoey Holley, Mason Hough, Alivia Kasparie, Braxton Kenning, Madilyn King, Chase Klingele, Michael Konrad, Augustus Krueger, Jude Larson, Michael Ley, Blane Mast, Zander McGee, Ross McNay, Malena Miller, Austin Ohnemus, Olivia Ohnemus, Asher Peters, Ashlyn Peters, Jameson Russell, Luca Santora, Charlotte Scholz, Mary Scholz, Michael Sedovic, Tinsley Smith, Lawson Tait, Mary Emma Venvertloh, Hayden Ware, Charsten Williams and Aylah Willingham.

We also want to extend a very special Thank You to Heidi Knuffman for participating in the BBC for 8 years! Heidi is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will graduate from St. Peter this year. We wish you all the best for next year!

We still have a few students that I haven't been able to run through the BBC from the fall months, but I will get them taken care of in January.

If you have any questions, please email me at [carolpag@comcast.net](mailto:carolpag@comcast.net).

~Mrs. Carol Pagliara, Birthday Book Club Coordinator

## **SPIRIT DAY DONATIONS - THIS YEAR TO DATE**

Thank you to everyone that contributes to our Spirit Day collections. Not only are Spirit Days fun because we're out of dress code but we are helping others in our community. This year we are collecting for donations to Chaddock for Welcome Baskets for new students.

What are Welcome Baskets? Our neighbors at Chaddock School have children from all over the United States that become residents and live on campus. These children are given a Welcome Basket as they enter to help them transition and become comfortable with their new living environment. These baskets contain items needed for daily routines - sheets, blankets, pillows, toiletries, etc. They also contain items to try to ease their anxiety and bring them a little comfort, special blankets, books, stuffed animals, etc. The cost to put the Welcome Baskets together is around \$50.00.

This school year we have had Spirit Days from September through December. We have collected a total of \$1395.00!! How awesome!! That is approximately 28 baskets! We have sent what we have collected so far to Chaddock. Thank you so much for coming together as our St. Peter family with your loving support to help bring comfort to our friends attending Chaddock School.

Our next Spirit Day is Friday, January 8<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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## **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**

Jan 13	Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr 7 & 8 w/Rm 104 students assisting
Jan 14	Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Gr 3 & 6 w/6 <sup>th</sup> grade students assisting
Jan 15	No QPS Bus Service today
Jan 18	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Jan 31-Feb 6	Catholic Schools Week