



Weekly Update



January 11th - January 15th

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

MONDAY, January 11th:

TUESDAY, January 12th:

- * **PMO Band Rehearsals at QND:** 5th Gr Beginners Band 3:15-4:00 pm; 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

WEDNESDAY, January 13th:

- * **Children's School Mass** 8:30 am for Grades 7 and 8 w/Rm 104 students assisting
- * **PMO Band Rehearsals** - Gr 5 12:40-1:15 pm; Gr 6 1:30-2:15 pm - School Music Room

THURSDAY, January 14th:

- * **Children's School Mass** 8:30 am for Grades 3 and 6 w/6th gr students assisting

FRIDAY, January 15th:

- * **St. Peter School is in session** - no Quincy Public Schools busses today

****2 CURRENT COVID 19 POSITIVE TESTS IN OUR SCHOOL - WEEK OF 1/4-1/8****

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**THANK YOU FROM CARE NET**

For their Advent activity, our Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students held a "Baby Shower" for Baby Jesus. They collected baby items and then delivered these items to Care Net. We received a Thank You from Laura and Amy at Care Net that we would like to share with our families.

Dear St. Peter K-3 Students and Teachers,

Just wanted to thank you for all the wonderful items that you donated to Care Net. Over this past year we gave necessities to approximately 200 children. Your donations will help us do this again in 2021. You are all blessings from God! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

~Laura and Amy, Care Net

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JAN 31<sup>st</sup> - FEB 5<sup>th</sup>**

The theme of our celebration for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants, and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed. The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. Our Catholic Schools Week schedule of events will be sent home next week. Be on the lookout for the exciting week we have planned for our students.

As National Catholic Schools Week rolls around each year I like to take this time to thank all who support Catholic education. Thank you! ~ Mrs. Venvertloh

## ST. PETER DAYCARE WEEKLY REGISTRATIONS

We just want to remind parents to please sign your children up for attending daycare in advance. We would like children to be registered on the Friday preceding the week that they will be attending daycare. This gives our daycare staff time to prepare for your children and to make sure that are numbers do not exceed the guidelines.

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## EMPOWER ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE APPLICATION - JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>

Empower Illinois' tax credit scholarship application for the upcoming school year (2021-2022) opens on this Wednesday, **January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** and will remain open through much of the year. **Please be aware, scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis.** We are providing information from Empower Illinois' website if you are interested in applying for tuition aide. Please go to the Empower Illinois website for more thorough information and answers to any questions you may have.

There are two parts to the online application process. Part one of the application is the reservation, which reserves a family's place in line for a scholarship. Per the Invest in Kids Act (the law that makes tax credit scholarships possible), scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, **which means you want to ensure the earliest timestamp possible.** The reservation form will be available at 6:30 pm on reservation night, January 13<sup>th</sup>, to give families time to enter their information before submission opens at 7:00 pm. The reservation will have two pages. On page one, you will enter basic information, such as parent or guardian name, student name, and contact information. On page two, you will review this information and click submit. Only after clicking submit on page two will you receive your first-come, first-served timestamp. After completing part one, you will be notified by email when part two of the application opens. You can complete this step whenever you are able to ensure accuracy, you should submit your application as soon as possible for the best chance at receiving a scholarship.

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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. You may donate to this very worthy organization at any time of the year. 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 would be interested in contributing to Empower Illinois that you contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh (223-1120) or Mrs. Kristi Smith (222-3155), our Parish Business Manager.

COVID 19 UPDATES/INFORMATION

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. 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-*latest 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

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 18 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- Jan 20 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades K, 2, 4 w/2nd gr students assisting
- Jan 21 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 1 and 5 w/1st gr students assisting
GSA Zoom Meeting 10:00 am
- Jan 27 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 7 and 8 w/Rm 101 students assisting
- Jan 28 Children's School Mass 8:30 am for Grades 3 and 6 w/3rd gr students assisting
- Jan 31-Feb 5 Catholic Schools Week - our schedule for this week will be attached to next week's update
- Feb 12 Spirit Day!!
 $\frac{1}{2}$ day w/11:30 am dismissal; Teacher Inservice in the afternoon; We will have AM/PM bus service; St. Peter Afternoon Daycare will not be in session
- Feb 15 Presidents' Day - No School
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday