

Patriot News



Weekly Update

November 25th - November 29th

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

What's ahead this coming week:

Nov 27 th	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Nov 28 th	No School- Happy Thanksgiving!!
Nov 29 th	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2 nd	Advent Prayer Service 1:15pm Parents welcome to attend
Dec 3 rd	Kindergarten Christmas with Santa 6pm - 7:30pm at QND
Dec 4 th	Children's Mass - 7 th Grade Leading
Dec 6 th	House lunch- Students may wear their house shirt with dress code
	bottoms

SCHOOL BUSINESS/EVENTS:

- <u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>: There is no school November 27th- 29th. School will resume on Monday, December 2nd.
- <u>St. Peter Spirit Day and House Apparel</u>: Spirit and House shirts are available to order now until December 2nd, click link below. All orders will be delivered to the school and will be sent home with students the week of December 16th. If you order is a Christmas gift and don't want it sent home with your child, please contact Tara Gail, <u>t.gail@cosqp.org</u> to make other arrangements. <u>https://store.landmarxwear.com/sites/patriots/categories</u>

- **Parents Night Out:** Take some time for yourself this holiday season and enjoy a Parents Night Out, present by Blessed Sacrament School on December 6th from 5pm 8:30pm, see attached flyer. RSVP by December 3rd.
- <u>Kindergarten Christmas with Santa</u>: Santa loves visiting QND to see his Kindergarten students and their siblings. There will be snacks, Christmas stories and fun activities at this open house event on Tuesday December 3rd.
- Advent by Candlelight: All ladies are invited to share in an evening of reflection, music, prayer, and fellowship featuring guest speaker, Kristina Radley. Join us as we prepare our hearts for Advent on December 1st at 7 pm beginning in the church. Fellowship, including light refreshments, in the cafeteria following Adoration and our speaker. Please use the link to sign up to register: https://www.mission-suite.com/forms/lcc47552-5456-4dd6-bb26-b2ed2155f7e8/submit There is no charge to attend, Reservations are encouraged so we can plan accordingly. One person may sign up a group if needed, just change the qty on the sign up. See attached flyer for more information.
- Quincy Area Youth Chorus: See the attached flyer inviting children in grades
 3-12 to audition for the Quincy Area Youth Chorus. Auditions will be on Saturday,
 December 14th from 10am-12pm.
- <u>Crusader Volleyball Tryouts</u>: Crusader 7th and 8th grade girls' volleyball tryouts will begin December 9th and 10th in St. Peter School gym. Times are: 4pm-5:30pm for 8th and 5:30pm-7pm for 7th grade. Attached to the bottom of the newsletter is the waiver for all players to complete prior to tryouts. Please arrive 15 minutes early to turn in paperwork.
- Grandparent/Special Person Day (K-6 and 7th grade elective students): Is scheduled for Friday, December 20th with early dismissal at 11:30am. There is no Pre-School, PM Bus Service or PM Daycare on Friday, December 20th. Dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, December 19th at 1:30pm in the school gym. All parents are welcome to attend. See attached letter for more information.
- Santa Letters, Lights, and Cans for Christmas: Follow the lighted walk-through Winter Wonderland Path, drop off your Santa letters, and leave a canned good/snack donation each evening from 5pm-9pm November 29th – December25th. See attached flyer for more information.

- Frosty Flics Drive-In: See attached flyer for list of movies, dates, and times.
- Quincy Catholic Schools Board Update: To address request for more financial data of our schools, representatives from the QCP Provisional Advisory Board in collaboration with the parish priest, will host Financial Learning Sessions at each parish and school. These sessions are designed to educate and provide clear insights into the financial realities of operating a school. See attached flyer for additional information and dates/times.
- **COLD WEATHER:** Just a reminder as we are starting to have colder weather, our students have recess outside every day for 15-20 minutes. The only days that we keep the students inside for recess are the days that the temperature is colder than 20 degrees Fahrenheit, raining or snowing. Please make sure you send your child adequate outerwear such as coats, hats, gloves/mittens etc. Please label these items so we can help return items that get lost.
- <u>Cafeteria and Daycare Accounts</u>: reminder to look at cafeteria and daycare balances in FACTS and add funds as needed.
- <u>Advent Confessions</u>: Sunday, December 22nd St. Peter Church will have multiple priests from around the area available for all Catholics in the Quincy area to go to confession before Christmas.

• December Lunch Menu: See attached

OPEN POSITIONS:

• **Full-Time Director of Liturgy and Music:** St. Peter Catholic Church, a vibrant, stewardship parish in Quincy, IL, seeks a full-time Director of Music and Liturgy. The Director of Music and Liturgy is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. This person, a professional who holds specialized credentials in music or liturgical music, must have a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, and will serve the parish as principal musician, organist/pianist, and choir director. Candidate must be a person of faith and demonstrate a deep knowledge of Catholic Liturgy and appreciation for varied repertoire. The Director will strive to

promote full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful, with effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies. For more information contact St Peter Parish office, 217-222-3155 or email <u>k.smith@cospq.org</u>

- **Part-Time Cafeteria Manager:** St Peter School and Church is looking for a self- driven candidate with experience in school foodservice. The person with interest will be responsible for reporting and providing State approved meals for the school lunch program. Other duties include but are not limited to cooking, managing employee schedules, and maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for staff and students. For more information contact St Peter Parish office, 217-222-3155 or email <u>k.smith@cospq.org</u>
- **Part-Time Parish Nurse:** St. Peter Church in Quincy Illinois is looking for a part time Parish Nurse. The person with interest will work as a liaison for St. Peter parishioners who are homebound, nursing home residents, or hospital patients. Offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families. For more information contact St Peter Parish office, 217-222-3155 or email <u>k.smith@cospq.org</u>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Grandparent/Special Person Day:** We need volunteers to help with cleaning up in the gym after Grandparent/Special Person Day. The clean-up will begin around 11:30am and consist of folding up chairs, taking down risers, rolling up gym tarp etc. and will take about 15-30 minutes. If you would like to volunteer please click on the link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4DA9A822A02-53073511-grandparentspecia#/
- Liturgy of the Word (LOW): the LOW program needs volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Meggie Kock at 217-440-5764 or <u>kochmeggie@gmail.com</u> or by clicking on the link LOW Sign Up
- **Substitute Teachers Needed:** St Peter needs substitute teachers. If you are interested in subbing for the 2024-2025 school year, please contact Mrs. Venvertloh, Principal, or Mrs. Reichert, Assistant Principal, at 217-223-1120. Requirements to sub include having a bachelor's degree, completing fingerprinting, a background check and safe environment training.

- Lunchroom: There are still a few spots open to volunteer in the lunchroom before the end of the year! Here is the link to sign up: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA5A62EA2FFC61-51697517-stpeter</u> The email to volunteers for the Third Quarter will be sent out on Dec 16. If you are interested to be on that email list, please email <u>spqlunch@gmail.com</u>.
- **TUTORS:** St. Peter School is looking for tutors for 5th-8th students in math, reading, science and English. If you are interested in tutoring, please contact Chris Reichert at 217-214-0133 or <u>c.reichert@cospq.org</u>

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 9 th	Saint Juan Diego House celebration-This house may wear their white
	With dress code bottoms
	Mass- Immaculate Conception - 6 th grade leading
Dec 10 th	DARE Graduation for 6 th grade – 2pm St. Peter Church
Dec 12 th	Adoration
Dec 13 th	Spirit Day
Dec 17 th	6 th Grade Christmas Party- Crazy Town Trampoline Park- students
	Should wear SPIRIT DAY shirt with OUT OF DRESS CODE BOTTOMS
Dec 18 th	Pre-K3 AM/PM Christmas Party
Dec 19 th	K-6 and 7^{th} grade elective Dress rehearsal 1:30pm in school gym – all
	parents welcomed to
	attend
Dec 20 th	AM Bus Service ONLY - 11:30am dismissal Grandparents/Special Person
	Day- No bookbags, No PM Bus Service, No PM Daycare, No Preschool
	No Pre-School
	Q2 Service Hours Due
	Q2 ends
Dec 23 rd - Jan 6 th	Christmas Break
Jan 7 th	School Resumes - Full Bus Service
	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Celebration - This house may wear their
	green shirt
	With dress code bottoms
Jan 9 th	Adoration
Jan 10 th	Report cards sent home
Jan 17 th	Saint Sebastian Celebration - This house may wear their purple shirt
	with dress

	Code bottoms			
Jan 20 th	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day			
Jan 22 nd	House Mass			
Jan 23	Adoration			
Jan 24 th	Spirt Day			
	Father/Daughter Dance			
Jan 26 th -Feb 1 st	Catholic Schools Week			
Feb 1- Feb 15	Religion Assessments Grades 5-8			
Feb 6 th	Adoration			
Feb 7 th	Mother/Son Event			
Feb 10 th	8 th grade visits QND			
Feb 14 th	No School - Teachers attending Diocesan Retreat-Springfield			
Feb 17 th	No School-President's Day			
Feb 20 th	Adoration			
	SPS Scotties Fun Night			
Feb 21⁵†	Saint Polycarp Celebration- This house may wear their BLACK shirt with			
	Dress code bottoms			
Feb 28 th	Spirit Day			

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Crusader 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball

11/26Brown County 5:30pm at Mt. Sterling 7/8grade12/3Our Saviors 5:30pm at Jacksonville 7/8 grade12/4Payson-Seymour 6:00pm at St. Peter 7/8 grade12/5Jacksonville 6:00pm at Jacksonville 7/8 grade12/11Mendon Unity 6:00pm at St. Peter School 7/8 grade







You're Invited to QND's Kindergarten Christmas with Santa Event

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Where: Quincy Notre Dame High School

Santa and Mrs. Claus love visiting QND to see his kindergarten students! There will be snacks and fun activities at this Open House event. Siblings welcome to join. Don't forget to bring your special Christmas Letter for him!

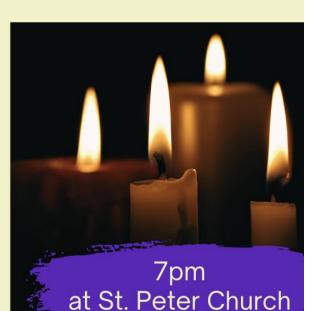


All are invited to share in an evening of reflection, music, prayer and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Advent.



Kristina is a very caffeinated wife of a handsome composer and a homeschool mama of four littles. She is overly amped about the goodness of Jesus and stand up comedy.

December 1st



Here is a link to sign up: <u>https://www.mission-</u> <u>suite.com/forms/1cc47552-5456-4dd6-bb26-</u> <u>b2ed2155f7e8/submit</u>

and a link to the Facebook event: <u>https://facebook.com/events/s/advent-by-</u> candlelight/911781586954335/

QUINCY AREA YOUTH CHORUS INVITES YOU TO

Auditions: 10 a.m. - noon Saturday, Dec. 14 Christ Lutheran Church, 333 S. 36th St. Quincy

QSOA.org

The.Quincy Area Youth Chorus (QAYC) provides music education, performance experience, and enhanced friendships for area children in grades 3 - 12.

The program ignites a love of singing and nurtures personal excellence through the collaborative experience.

Boys with unchanged voices, and girls are invited to audition. QAYC auditions are not high-stress events. They are quick and <u>kid-friendly</u>.

Tuition is \$40 for the spring semester and scholarships are available.

CALL 217-222-2856 FOR A SPOT OR USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER



2024-25

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION & INSURANCE WAIVER FORM:

Student's Name			
Birthdate:			
Parent's Name(s)			
Address:			
Phone:			
School of Attendance (circle one): St. Peters	St. Dominic	St. Francis Solanus	Blessed Sacrament

Current School Year: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

I understand that participation in any extracurricular activity or sport is a privilege and not an exclusive right in the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools.

I also acknowledge that there are inherent risks associated and accompanied with sports and activities and that my child may be injured as a result of an accident arising out of participation in athletics or activities.

In consideration for permitting my child named above to participate in sports and/or activities, I release and hold harmless St. Peters, St. Francis Solanus, St. Dominic, Blessed Sacrament and/or its employees, teachers, coaches, administrators, et al., from any and all liability including, but not limited to liability for injuries or damages sustained by the individual.

Insurance Waiver

I also understand that my child must be covered by medical and/or accident insurance in order to participate in sports and hereby certify that my child is covered for injuries and/or death occurring as a result of participation in, or the practice for, all athletic events as a student in the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (St. Peters, St. Francis Solanus, St. Dominic, and Blessed Sacrament) during the current school year. I also certify that said insurance will be kept in force during the full time that my child engages in the practice for or participation in athletic events during the current school year.

Name of Insurance Company _____

Address of Insurance Company _____

I have completed all of the information requested above and hereby certify that I have read and agree to all of the statements listed above.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

Emergency Contact Information

Sport:	
Child's Name:	
Birthdate:	
School and Grade:	
Parent Name(s):	
Parent Phone Numbers:	
Emergency Contact (If parent is not available):	
Name:	
Relationship to child:	
Phone Numbers:	

****Please turn these forms into your Crusader Coach to keep in their files****

Crusader Athletics c/o Eric Orne







School Musical/Grandparent/Special Person Day Plans (K-6th grade and 7th grade elective) (PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR CHILD'S GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL PERSON)

Mrs. Reeder and your children spend many hours preparing for this special program, and it has become extremely popular not only with the grandparents but parents and families as well. <u>NEW THIS YEAR: We are presenting the special singing performance for our school</u> <u>parents and friends in the AFTERNOON on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 1:30pm.</u> This performance serves not only as a dress rehearsal, but it is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to see their children perform. Our Parent <u>Daytime</u> Program performance also alleviates the crowded conditions on Grandparents/Special Person Day. There <u>WILL NOT</u> be an evening program.

Please be sure to read the information below and <u>share it</u> with Grandparents/or Special Person who will be attending on Friday, December 20th. The list of <u>what students need to wear</u> for the afternoon performance on Thursday, as well as the Grandparent/Special Person performance on Friday can be found below after the schedule information. A letter regarding 7^{th} and 8^{th} graders will be sent out separately.

SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

(Parent/Family Afternoon Performance - Dress Rehearsal)

1:00pm Gym doors will open. Parents are asked to find a seat in the gym to wait for the program to start. Please fill in all the seats to ensure enough seating. Program will start at 1:30pm. After the program ends, students will proceed back to their classroom. Parents can pick up their child from their classroom at dismissal following the program.

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

(Grandparent/Special Person Day)

- NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES
- 11:30am dismissal All students should be picked up after the program at approximately 11:30am
- No backpacks brought to school
- No 11:30am bus service with Quincy Public School
- No daycare after school

PARKING: Grandparents/Special persons will be allowed to park in the front of the school building, in the back parking lot, and in the lot behind and alongside the church rectory near Seton Hall. If parking in the main front parking lot, please ask them to <u>park facing the front</u> of the main school building for dismissal at 11:30am.

8:05am Tardy Bell

8:30am-9:30am Mass

Students will be called by grade level (beginning with kindergarten) to go to church and meet their grandparents or their special person in the church. All siblings and guests may sit together wherever they would like. (Grade levels do not need to sit in their normal areas on Friday.) Students are encouraged to sit with their grandparents.

9:30am-10:10am Classroom Visits

Grandparents/Special Persons are invited to visit the children in their classrooms. After Mass - Mrs. Venvertloh will direct students to classrooms along with Grandparents/Special persons beginning with the younger grades first. Everyone will remain in the church until dismissed. Cookies will be available for our students and guests.

Grandparents/Special Person will travel from room to room to visit with one child at a time. Siblings will remain in their classroom giving everyone special one on one time with his/her guest. Please note the limited time for the visits due to our shortened day.

10:10am-10:20am Grandparents move to the gym as students prepare for the program

10:20am-10:30am Students are called to line up for the program

10:30am-11:30am Music Program in the gym.

• Students will sit in designated spots with their classroom. Following the program, students will return to their classrooms. Grandparents should gather outside at the front of school and wait for their grandchild, (instructions will be given to visitors/students to safely leave for the day.)

11:30am Dismissal:

- All children should have arrangements to be picked up from school after they are finished with the program.
- There will be NO daycare students since daycare is not in session on this day.

REQUESTED DRESS FOR THE STUDENTS:

- **Thursday**: Dress code bottoms with a "solid" red or "solid" green top or a Christmas themed shirt.
- Friday: Christmas best or red/green top with dress code bottoms. ABOLUTELY NO JEANS OR LEGGINGs.

*** Please be sure to **share** with grandparents or special person which classrooms their grandchild is in so that when they come to visit, they will be able to tell us where they need to visit.

<u>GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL PERSON DAY</u> (Grades 7 and 8)

Dear Parents of 7th/8th Grade Students,

Please read the information below specifically for Grandparent/Special Person Day which takes place on Friday, December 20 for the 7/8 grade students. (Students in grades 7th/8th do not participate in the Music program<u>unless this is a chosen</u> <u>elective class.)</u>

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:50am-8:05am Student arrival to school as normal 8:05am Tardy Bell

8:30am-9:30am Mass

Students will be called by grade level (beginning with kindergarten) to go to church and meet their grandparents or their special person in the church. All siblings and guests may sit together wherever they would like. (Grade levels do not need to sit in their normal areas on Friday.) Students are encouraged to sit with their grandparents. If your child does not have a grandparent/special person attending, he/she will sit with his/her homeroom teacher.

9:30am-10:10am Classroom Visits

Grandparents/Special Persons are invited to visit the children in their classrooms. After Mass - Mrs. Venvertloh will direct students to classrooms along with Grandparents/Special persons beginning with the younger grades first. Everyone will remain in the church until dismissed. Cookies will be available for students and our quests. Grandparents/Special Person will travel from room to room to visit with one child at a time. Siblings will remain in their classroom giving everyone special one on one time with his/her guest. Please note the limited time for the visits due to our shortened day.

If the grandparent has more than one grandchild, the grandparent(s) will have to divide their visiting time between the grandchildren by visiting individual classrooms. We recommend that grandparents save their visit to a 7/8 grade student as their last visit for the day since the younger students will begin preparing for the program at 10:10am

10:10am Grandparents move to the gym as students prepare for the program

Grandparents who have grandchildren in the program will go to the gym for the music program. If a $7^{th}/8^{th}$ grade grandparent/special person does not have a grandchild in the program, their visit will end at 10:30. $7^{th}/8^{th}$ grade students will remain within their teacher/classrooms until the end of the day for 11:30 dismissal.

If a 7/8 grade student has sibling(s) in grades K-6 they are welcome to attend the program from 10:30am-11:30am.

Dismissal is at approximately 11:30am (after the music program). Students will be dismissed from their classrooms.

11:30am Dismissal:

- All children should have arrangements to be picked up from school after they are finished with the program.
- There will be NO daycare students since daycare is not in session on this day.

DRESS FOR THE STUDENTS:

7th and 8th grade should wear normal dress code.

Santa Letters, Lights, and Cans for Christmas 5729 South 24th

Follow the lighted walk through Winter Wonderland Path, drop off your Santa letters, and leave a canned good/snack donation each evening from 5:00-9:00 November 29th-December 25th. Our Elf on the Shelf has dropped off a mailbox for everyone to write letters to Santa! Drop off your letters with your name AND return address written on it and place them in our North Pole Post Office. Our Elf picks up all of the letters at night and delivers them to the North Pole so that Santa can respond back! Letter pick up ends December 20th. Be on the lookout for our Elf as he moves each night when he returns from the North Pole. Can you find him while walking through the Winter Wonderland Path? Challenge yourself to a scavenger hunt with your choice of skill level; sheets are located at the entrance of the path.

SPECIAL EVENT WEEKEND December 6th and December 7th CANS FOR CHRISTMAS

Come out to our special event where the Grinch and his helpers will be handing out free hot chocolate, reindeer food, and candy canes from 5:00-9:00. This year our Elf invited Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Come visit with them and take photos from 5:00-8:00.

Please feel free to bring a canned good/snack item so that we can pack the pantries in Quincy. The pantry we will mainly be donating to focuses on snacks and food for local children. Along with canned goods, they have suggested mac and cheese cups, Poptarts, granola bars, chips, Ramen noodles, and any easy to open items. Can we beat our past records? (subject to change due to weather-watch our Facebook page for updates)

> Follow us on Facebook at Santa Letters, Lights, and Cans for Christmas @cansforchristmas





Quincy Catholic Schools Board Update

We are one Catholic family, developing together, creating unity across our parish communities in Quincy.

Financial Learning Sessions

To address requests for more financial data of our schools, representatives from the QCS Provisional Advisory Board, in collaboration with the parish priest, will host Financial Learning Sessions at each parish and school. These sessions are designed to educate and provide clear insights into the financial realities of operating a school.

Each session will focus on the specific financial information for that location, while financial data for all four schools will also be available. Community members are invited to attend any or all sessions.

December 4, 6:30-7:30 pm - St. Francis Solanus Hall December 5, 6:30-7:30 pm - Blessed Sacrament Gathering Space December 17, 6:30-7:30 pm - St. Peter Church December 19, 6:30-7:30 pm - St. Dominic School Cafeteria

Your feedback is important to us. Please email us at <u>feedback@quincycatholicschools.org</u>.

November 22, 2024

DECEMBER 2024



St. Peter School

Milk choice of 1% chocolate or white Student: \$3.25, Adult: \$3.75, Milk: 35¢

MONDAY	2	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausage Pizza Broccoli Yogurt Fruit	2	Sausage/Egg Biscuit 3 Hash Brown Veggie Juice Fruit	Meatballs Bosco Stick Romaine Salad Fruit	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	Hot Dog on Bun Chips Carrots Fruit
Corn Dog Emoji Fries Green Beans Fruit	9	Chicken Fries Hash Brown Corn Fruit	Hamburger on Bun Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fruit	Dorito Walking Taco Lettuce / Tomato Refried Beans Fruit	Pepperoni Pizza Carrots Pudding Fruit
Pancakes Sausage Veggie Juice Fruit	16	Breaded Chicken on Bun Ourly Fries Baked Beans Fruit	Nachos Corn / Black Beans Salsa Fruit	French Bread Pizza Marinara Peas Pudding Fruit	¹ / ₂ Day – No Lunch 20
Christmas Vacation	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			
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