

# ST. PETER SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



February 16<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>

## MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Peter School provides a quality education built on catholic values and teachings.

## DO YOUR BEST...

And God Will Do the Rest

## WHAT'S AHEAD:

Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	No School-President's Day
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mardi Gras Carnival- wear HOUSE shirt with DRESS CODE BOTTOMS. Lenten Prayer Service- 1:10pm-1:45pm
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mass- 8 <sup>th</sup> grade leading Ash Wednesday
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Adoration
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mother/Son Event 6:30pm-8:30pm
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chess Tournament
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	QND Open House 1pm-3pm

## SCHOOL BUSINESS:

Mardi Gras: will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of donations to make this a big success for our students. We are asking that each family make the following donations according to your last name.

- **A-E:** six (6) cans of soda per family
- **F-K:** one (1) dozen pre-packaged items per family. It is extremely important this year not to send in any products that contain nuts. We have several students who are **severely allergic** to peanut products. Please read the labels carefully. We will not accept any product that contains nuts. Thank You! (Ex: individual bags of chips, Fruit Roll-Ups, Rice Krispie Treats, etc.).



**L-R:** Please bring in a \$2 - \$3 dollars' worth of trinkets (Ex: crazy straws, whistles, dollar tree items).

- **S-Z:** 1 Bag of wrapped candy. (EX: Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Skittles, Starbursts).

**2026-2027 Open Enrollment:** Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is open. FACTS enrollment does **NOT** work well if you are using a cell phone. It is recommended that you use a laptop computer, desktop, or tablet to register. See below flyers for more information and important dates.

**House Olympics:** Tuesday was our House Olympic Day. Each House competed in games, and the students had a blast! St Juan Diego House won the Avalanche Basket Pass and Shuffleboard, St. Polycarp won Hula Hoop Drop, St. Francis won the Head, Shoulders, Knees and Cup and St. Maximilian won Musical Chairs. Click on the link below to view an article in the Quincy Herald Whig on our House Olympic Day. [https://www.whig.com/education/quincy-parochial-schools/olympic-spirit-takes-over-st-peter-students/article\\_bo2ca6ab-080e-48df-b620-743ab60b468d.html](https://www.whig.com/education/quincy-parochial-schools/olympic-spirit-takes-over-st-peter-students/article_bo2ca6ab-080e-48df-b620-743ab60b468d.html)

**Early Dismissal:** New to the calendar, May 6<sup>th</sup> school will dismiss at 11:30am for a teacher in service. There will be NO PM aftercare or bus service.

**Kindergarten Round-Up:** Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:45pm in the school gym.

**Ziggy's Trip to The Olympics:** Click on the link below or scan the QR code to submit your Ziggy photos. <https://forms.gle/bkq7cVMvCQ22SZqS8>



**Mother/Son Event:** Next Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the school gym. Walk-ins are welcomed. Profits from the event will be donated to the Haubrich Family.

**Mass Attendance:** Last day of tracking for the 2026-2027 school year is April 30, 2026. May 1, 2026, starts the first day of tracking for the 2027-2028 school year.

**Gene Grawe:** The final day to use the Gene Grawe Fund for the 2026-2027 tuition year is March 31, 2026.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Q3 Lunchroom/Recess Volunteers:** Click on link to sign up  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA5A62EA2FFC61-61328129-lunch>

**Mother-Son Glow Night:** the PTA is still in need of Volunteers. Click the link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4FACAD2DA3F94-61919214-motherson>

## **OPENINGS:**

**Substitute Teachers:** St. Peter School is in need for substitute teachers for all grades. If interested or know someone who would be, please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or at 217-223-1120.

**Preschool Teacher Aide:** two (2) full days a week for the 2026-2027 school year. If interested or know someone who would be, please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or at 217-223-1120.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher:** this is a one-year position since we will have three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes next year. If interested or know someone who would be, please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or at 217-223-1120.

**7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Religion/Reading Teacher:** If interested or know someone who would be, please contact Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh at [c.venvertloh@cospq.org](mailto:c.venvertloh@cospq.org) or at 217-223-1120.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:**

**Quincy Catholic Chess Club Tournament:** February 21<sup>st</sup> for grades K-8<sup>th</sup>. See flyer and registration form below.

**Love on the Range:** free couples date afternoon on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm-3pm at The Range at KC. Childcare is available, be sure to register soon. See flyer below for more information.

**Stations of the Cross:** will be held at St. Peter Church every Friday during lent at 6:30pm

**Confession:** will be at St. Peter Church on Fridays, starting February 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 6:15pm

**PMO Culver's Night:** Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 4pm-8pm. PMO will receive a percentage of all orders during these hours. See flyer below for more information.



## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

### Crusader 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball

2/16	Pittsfield	6pm at Pittsfield
2/18	Western	6pm at Barry
2/23	Macomb	6pm at St. Peter
2/25	Payson	6pm at St. Peter
2/28	Unity Tourney	9am at Mendon
3/7	Unity Tourney	8:30am at Mendon

## QUICK LINKS

### FEBRUARY LUNCH:

<https://www.stpeterquincy.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/February-2026-Menu.pdf>

### SERVICE HOUR FORM:

<https://stpeterschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/20251112095742566.pdf>

### 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

<https://stpeterschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-2026-St.-Peter-Calendar-June-2025->

## **UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Saint Polycarp Feast Day-this House may wear their Black House shirt with DRESS CODE BOTTOMS Right To Life Posters/Essay Due
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Advisory Meeting 5:30pm
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Western/Cowboy Day with \$1.00 donation or more (donations going to Haubrich Family) 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum 10am
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ellie Lamberson Day- students may wear bright colors or Purple OUT OF DRESS CODE top and bottoms
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saint Katherine Drexel Feast Day-this house may wear Their Navy-Blue House shirt with DRESS CODE BOTTOMS
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	QND Read Day K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Adoration
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day Rube Goldberg STEM Fair
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kohl's Try Day
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	House Mass/Lunch-NO HOT LUNCH this day
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Q3 Ends Saint Maximillian Feast Day-this house may wear their PINK HOUSE shirt with DRESS CODE BOTTOMS Kindergarten Round Up- SPS Gym 5:30pm-7:45pm
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	No School- Teacher Inservice
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade First Communion/Confirmation
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Celebration Mass 11:00am
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Vision/Hearing Testing
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Vision/Hearing Testing
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Vision/Hearing Testing
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vision/Hearing Adoration QND Spring Show
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Q3 Report Cards Sent Home QND Spring Show
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade QND Culture Day 9am-10:30am
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Prayer Partner Reveal Stations of the Cross 1:10pm

# FLYERS



**Mother-Son  
GLOW NIGHT**

**Laser tag,  
games & snacks!**

\*DRESS READY TO GLOW! BRIGHT NEON COLORS &  
COMFORTABLE CLOTHES ARE ENCOURAGED.

**\$10 per person**

**FEBRUARY 20th - 6:30-8:30 PM**  
**AT ST. PETER GYM**

 Call school office @ 217.223.1120 with questions.

The flyer features a vibrant background with purple and blue neon light patterns and green laser-like graphics. The text is bold and colorful, with 'GLOW NIGHT' in large orange letters and 'Laser tag, games & snacks!' in green. A dark blue banner contains the dress code information. The price and date are prominently displayed in white and black text.

## Mother-Son Reservation Form

Return to school by Tuesday, February 17th

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher of Oldest Child Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks payable to St. Peter PTA)

Walk-ins are welcome, however, a reservation is strongly recommended for planning purposes.



February 6, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education and for entrusting us with your child's spiritual growth and academic excellence. We are honored to partner with you on this journey of faith and learning, and we deeply appreciate the sacrifices your family makes to prioritize a Christ-centered education. As we form the next generation of Catholic disciples of Christ, we are grateful for the unwavering support of our faculty, staff, donors, and parishioners, who make this possible.

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, we are excited to continue the Family School Agreement. The agreement focuses on two pillars:

- **Active Participation:** Families are encouraged to engage in parish and school life through required service hours to establish a sense of belonging and empowerment.
- **The Eucharist:** Mass attendance remains the cornerstone of our faith. **Families are expected to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days.** We will continue to use the 51% cutoff at our participating parishes by tracking it with mass cards. We also ask you to commit to participating in your registered parish as much as possible, as direct involvement and engagement with your parish are vital to our vibrant Catholic community. Eighth-grade families should still participate, as many QND scholarships take Mass attendance into account

If your family is not currently registered at a parish, we warmly invite you to join one of our four faith communities (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, or St. Peter) and encourage you to contact your parish priest.

After review by the four pastors, the QCS Provisional Advisory Board, myself, and the finance councils, tuition for 2026-2027 will increase by 9%. This adjustment ensures we can provide deserved salary and benefit increases for our dedicated staff, who are essential to maintaining the quality of our schools. The resource fee will also increase by \$50.

It's important to note that this increase does not cover additional operating expenses, such as utilities, service contracts, and supplies. These costs will be generously subsidized by our parishes through parishioner support. We also recognize that any increase may be challenging. If your family needs support, we encourage you to explore the tuition assistance opportunities outlined in the attached document.

Thank you for your support, involvement, and prayers. May God bless your family and our community in the year ahead.



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## 2026-2027 Tuition & Fees Schedule

### Kindergarten - 8th Grade

#### Tuition

Families **registered** and **actively participating** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes that sponsor a school (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, or St. Peter):

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	<b>Cost to Family</b>
One Child	\$7,569	\$3,547	<b>\$4,022</b>
Two Children	\$15,138	\$9,252	<b>\$5,886</b>
Three or more Children	\$22,707 (or more)	\$16,200 (or more)	<b>\$6,507</b>

Catholic families **not actively participating** in their parish or **not registered** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes listed above OR families of another faith:

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	<b>Cost to Family</b>
One Child	\$7,569	\$1,836	<b>\$5,733</b>
Two Children	\$15,138	\$5,502	<b>\$9,636</b>
Three or more Children	\$22,707 (or more)	\$11,763 (or more)	<b>\$10,944</b>

#### Resource Fee:

New Families                      \$315 per student (Early Bird Discount)  
    \$465 per student (if paid after May 6, 2026)

Returning Families                \$300 per student (Early Bird Discount)  
    \$450 per student (if paid after May 6, 2026)

In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) - based on enrollment capacity - at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the **non-refundable** Resource Fee must be paid by May 6, 2026. Please note current QCES families who still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year must pay their past due amount by Friday, May 22, 2026, in order to enroll their child(ren).



## 2026-2027 Tuition Assistance Opportunities Kindergarten - 8th Grade

### Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation

The QCES Foundation provides about \$130,000 in tuition assistance to families each school year. Awards for assistance are based on financial need. Applications, including required supporting documents such as W-2s and tax returns, must be submitted online through the FACTS Grant & Aid Program. While funding is not guaranteed, families who fall within 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines are encouraged to apply.



The QCES Foundation also facilitates multiple scholarships. To be considered for a scholarship, families must complete the scholarship form AND the FACTS Grant & Aid application.

- Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship - Full-tuition scholarship (K-8) awarded to one Catholic family at each of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools.
- Newcomer's Scholarship - Partially need based, full-tuition scholarship (K-8), Catholic or non-Catholic, whose family does not currently have any children enrolled at QCS.
- St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship - Full-tuition and fees scholarship (K-8) awarded to two families who do not currently have any children enrolled at QCS. The scholarship is intended for students of color, non-Catholic students, students below poverty level, or students with disabilities.

Household Size	200% FPL
1	\$31,920
2	\$43,280
3	\$54,640
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,360
6	\$88,720
7	\$100,080
8	\$111,440
9	\$122,800
10	\$134,160

All scholarship applications must be submitted to [director@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:director@quincycatholicschools.org). FACTS applications and scholarship applications must be completed and submitted by April 10, 2026.

**Tuition assistance and scholarship applications for returning families will not be accepted past this date without approval from the foundation director.** More information and links to the applications are available at [www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuitionassistance](http://www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuitionassistance).

### Gene Grawe Fund

Participation in the Gene Grawe Fund can offset tuition by the purchase of gift cards offered through many retailers. These businesses donate a percentage of the profits which is then distributed to the tuition accounts of the families participating. Every year, during Spring school registration, all students and their parents are extended the opportunity to participate in the Gene Grawe Fund. To learn more, visit [www.genegrawefund.org](http://www.genegrawefund.org) or stop by the office located in the lobby at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.



## 2026-2027 Important Dates

February 6, 2026	Online Application/Enrollment Begins  FACTS Application Opens  Scholarship Applications Open Newcomer's Scholarship St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship
April 10, 2026	FACTS application due. Required documentation must be submitted (W-2 forms, tax returns, 1040, etc.)  Scholarship Applications Due  <b>*Tuition assistance and scholarship applications will not be accepted for returning families past this date without approval from the Foundation director.</b>
May 6, 2026	Non-refundable Resource Fee Due (to receive Early Bird Discount)
May 22, 2026	Outstanding balance(s) from the current school year must be paid in full to school (tuition, fees, lunch, etc.)
June 30, 2026	Tuition must be paid in full, or a payment plan must be established with the school through the FACTS Tuition-Management Program.



## **2026-2027 Tuition & Fees Schedule**

### **St. Peter Pre-School**

#### **4-Year-Old Program**

- Full-day option (Monday-Friday, 8:05 am - 2:45 pm)
  - Resource Fee - \$300
  - Tuition – \$4,022/yr
- Half-day option (Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm – 2:45 pm)
  - Resource Fee - \$300
  - Tuition – \$2,011/yr

#### **3-Year-Old Program**

- Half-day option (Monday-Friday, 8:05-11:00 am)
  - Resource Fee - \$300
  - Tuition - \$2,011/yr

#### **FACTS Tuition Payment Options**

- \$25 for 1-2 tuition payments
- \$55 for 10 tuition payments



February 4, 2026

It is that time of year and we are excited to announce the date for our Kindergarten Round Up at St. Peter School.

Our Kindergarten Round Up will be held on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm - 7:45pm. We are pleased to have Trish Rettke and Sara Markey as our Kindergarten Round Up coordinators this year. The session will take place in our St. Peter School gym as well as in the kindergarten classrooms. This is not an Open House but rather an informational meeting for parents and a time for your child to meet the kindergarten teachers and spend time with them in the kindergarten classrooms. (Only parents/guardians and potential Kindergartners should attend please.)

If you have a Kindergartner to enroll in St. Peter School for the upcoming school year, please complete the form below and return to school no later than February 27<sup>th</sup>. We also ask that you share this information with anyone in the parish or community who might have an incoming Kindergartner. Remember all potential Kindergartners MUST be five years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to be eligible.

If you would prefer to enroll and choose not to attend the sessions due to having a previous child in our program, you are welcome to do so. Please let us know and we will provide you with the packet of information that will be shared at the session.

Be sure to bring your child's certified birth certificate and a copy of his or her baptismal record (if Catholic) on the evening of Round Up.

We look forward to seeing you at Kindergarten Round Up!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh*

Principal

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (Middle) (Last)

Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any food allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many total guests will be attending (number of parents plus the kindergartener)? \_\_\_\_\_

If "No" please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please provide me with a packet since I have a child who has previously attended.



# ZIGGY'S TRIP TO THE OLYMPICS!

*Celebrating 4 Years of the WJS STEM Lab*

This winter, our STEM Lab is celebrating a very special milestone—four years of learning, innovation, and discovery. To mark the occasion, our STEM Lab mascot Ziggy is heading out on a Winter Olympic adventure that blends STEM, sports, and school spirit.

Ziggy's journey will take place alongside the Winter Olympic Games from February 6–22. Students will explore how science, technology, engineering, and math support athletes—from backyard practice to the Olympic stage. With help from the family of Ethan Cepuran, a member of the U.S. Speed Skating Team, Ziggy will even make special appearances at Olympic venues.

**Students Join the Team:** Students are invited to take Ziggy with them to practices, games, competitions, or backyard training. Families are encouraged to notice how STEM is involved—measuring time or distance, exploring balance and motion, designing courses, or tracking improvement.

**How to Participate:** Families can submit photos and a short description of Ziggy's Olympic adventure using the Ziggy's Trip to the Olympics Google Form. Submitted photos may be shared in school newsletters, displays, and announcements (with permission).

**The Opening Ceremony:** Ziggy's Winter Olympic STEM Challenge will be officially introduced on February 6th during a special assembly—launching the challenge and celebrating four amazing years of the STEM Lab!

**The Closing Ceremony:** Participating students will be eligible to win 4 tickets to a professional sporting event (1 entry for each Google Form Submission)

**Four Years of STEM. One Big Celebration. A Special Thank You to Martha Scholz** for making this opportunity possible for our students. We can't wait to see where Ziggy goes next—and how our students bring STEM to life through sport!

**SCAN QR CODE TO UPLOAD  
YOUR ZIGGY ADVENTURES**



# Quincy Catholic School Chess Tournament

**Date:** February 21, 2026

**Time:** 8am registration - games begin at 8:30am

**St. Peter's Cafeteria**

Chess Tournament for all Catholic grade schools. Children in K-8th grade are eligible to play in the tournament, regardless if they came to Chess Club meetings or not. Games will be divided into different age groups depending upon the amount of students that sign up. Tourney should conclude by 12:30pm. Cost is \$10 per child.



**MUST REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 17  
REGISTRATION CAN BE TURNED IN  
TO SCHOOL OFFICE WITH  
PAYMENT. SEE REGISTRATION  
FORM ATTACHED FOR DETAILS.**

Contact Chris Gill for more info at 573-719-9331 or at [fishgills1208@gmail.com](mailto:fishgills1208@gmail.com)

# Donate While **YOU DINE**

**Mon, Feb 16th  
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



Parochial Music Organization will receive a percentage of all orders during these hours: drive thru, carryout, and dine-in. No Coupon is needed.



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2026*



## FEBRUARY DATE: LOVE ON THE RANGE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**1:00 - 3:00 P.M. @ THE RANGE at KC  
830 S 36th St. / Quincy, IL**



LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT DAY DATE? GRAB YOUR PLUS-ONE AND SWING BY AND JOIN US! NO PRO SKILLS REQUIRED - JUST GOOD VIBES AND BETTER COMPANY! FREE CHILDCARE FOR AGES 3-12 @ THE QUINCY GYMNASICS CENTER. BAYS AVAILABLE FOR GOLF BETWEEN 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.



\*REGISTER EARLY: Childcare is limited to 60 children and golfing is limited to 30 couples.



**SCAN CODE TO REGISTER**