



MISSION

Queen of All Saints School is a *culturally diverse* Catholic community dedicated to developing the whole child with compassion and integrity. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic *faith* and nurture their minds, bodies, and soul, *inspiring* them to live the *Gospel* of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest *academic* and creative potential, and actively *serve* and enrich the *community*.

SAINTS' Scoop Newsletter

January 4, 2017

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a joy filled Christmas, and plenty of time to relax with family and friends.

We are busy preparing for Catholic Schools Week, January 29th through February 3rd. The week will begin with the 10:30 Family Mass on Sunday, January 29th followed by our Open House and Book Fair. Classrooms will be open to visitors from 11:30-1:00pm with teachers and staff available to answer any questions and to view student work on display. Students are requested to wear their school uniform to the Sunday Mass, and they will receive a free dress pass from their teacher upon visiting their classroom. Stay tuned for additional important news on Catholic Schools Week activities.

Applications for the upcoming school year will be available during Open House. We will be scheduling screenings for Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten applicants. Current families that have a child ready to enter TK or K in the 2017/18 school year must schedule a screening and complete an application.

We have a four-day weekend coming up so please mark your calendars. Friday, January 13th and Monday, January 16th are **no school** days for the students. The staff will be at various locations for professional development on Friday, the 13th and Monday, the 16th is in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Blessings,
Lucia Prince



HOME – SCHOOL CONNECTION

Corporal Work of Mercy – “Clothe the Naked”

Thank you to the families that participated in our TK and K sock drive, as they completed their Advent service project. The students collected over 350 pairs of socks for adults and children that were donated to the Monument Crisis Center. We appreciate your generosity!

Maintenance Saturday

In order to get our school ready for Open House on January 29th, we have rescheduled our Maintenance Saturday. It will now be on **January 28th** from 8AM – 11AM. This is a great opportunity to earn Family Service hours. Please email questions to Pedro Cruz @ pcruz04@sbcglobal.net

Art Service Project

Former QAS Art teacher, Lori Johnston, will be leading an afterschool art service project to be showcased during Catholic Schools Week. This service project is free and open to the first 15 students that sign up. The project will take place on Thursday, January 12th from 3:30-4:30 in the Science Lab. Reserve your spot now, as space is limited to 15. Sign up here:

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0945ABAD23A5FD0-artservice>

Dance Classes

Dance classes with Mrs. Davis will begin on Monday, January 9th for student in grades TK – 5th. Registration forms went home this week and should be returned to the office as soon as possible. Please email Mrs. Davis @ <mailto:tdavis@csdo.org> if you have any questions.

PACE News

Happy New Year to our wonderful QAS families!

Catholic Schools Week and the Scholastic Book Fair are coming up in January. Check back next week for volunteer opportunities.

Popcorn Palace 2016 Funds Raised:

Online order sales total \$3,198, QAS profit of \$1,599.

Paper order sales total \$11,849, QAS profit of \$5,924.50

TOTAL QAS Profit = \$7,523.50

There will be one last opportunity at the QAS Fun Run in March to raise funds towards the annual family fundraising commitment.

January Faculty Appreciation Lunch was hosted by 4th grade on 1/4/17

February Faculty Appreciation Lunch will be hosted by 3rd grade on 2/1/17

Looking for more volunteer opportunities? Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/qaspace2016>

Questions? Contact PACE at gasconcordpace@gmail.com or visit <http://gasconcord.org/pace>

Next PACE Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.

Playground Expansion Project:

Do you wanna build a playground?

The Playground Expansion Project kick off meeting was held on 12/15/16 and covered a lot of great information (design options and space, raising funds, ground cover, and resources needed to start planning the play structure). If you are interested in helping, please contact the QAS Buildings-Grounds Chair, Pedro Cruz – pcruz04@sbcglobal.net

Advisory School Board (ASB)

Happy New Year!

Advisory School Board will meet on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 6pm in the Faculty Room. We are currently writing the school's five-year plan, which will include topics such as the school spirit store, Quest For Respect, and the Playground Expansion Project. All are welcome to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS – (sermons4kids.com)

Following the Example of Jesus

John was amazed that Jesus would ask to be baptized and tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"

Jesus answered, "It must be done, for we must do all that God requires." So John agreed and baptized Jesus.

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the Bible tells us that the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended from heaven like a dove and settled on him. Then came a voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist because it was important for him to do all that God had sent him to earth to do. Was God pleased with him? Yes he was and he said so. If Jesus thought it was important for him to follow the will of his Father, don't you think it is important for us to follow the example Jesus set for you and me to follow? Let's make that our goal as we begin the new year.



Heavenly Father, as we begin a new year, help us to follow the example Jesus set for us and live a life that is pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS

School and ECP monthly calendars are available on the school website at <http://www.gasconcord.org/calendar-1>

Wednesday, Jan. 4	12:00 dismissal 4 th grade hosted Faculty Luncheon
Thursday, Jan. 5	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform
Friday, Jan. 6	3:00pm dismissal
Monday, Jan. 9	3:00pm dismissal 8:30am Mass
Tuesday, Jan. 10	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform
Wednesday, Jan. 11	2:20pm dismissal
Thursday, Jan. 12	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform
Friday, Jan. 13	NO SCHOOL Diocesan Staff Development Day
Monday, Jan. 16	NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday