



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 25, 2017

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

We are very excited about all of the activities and events happening next week as part of our school's celebration of National Catholic Schools Week (CSW). Please make note of the following to ensure that your family is part of the celebrations.

The week kicks off on Sunday, January 29 where we celebrate the Eucharist as a Community of Faith with our annual 10:30 a.m. **Catholic Schools Week Family Mass**. Students are asked to show their Queen of All Saints School pride by wearing their school uniform to Mass. 8th grade students may wear their class sweatshirt, and all other grades should wear their logoed school sweatshirt. All students who are in full uniform at Mass will receive a free dress Catholic Schools Week button from their classroom teacher. They should wear the CSW button with their free dress on Monday. Students who do not attend Mass, must come to school in full uniform.

Thank you to the families who have volunteered to be greeters and to carry the gifts at Mass. Many of the students will be singing the Communion reflection song. Children in the choir may sit with their families and will be called up after Communion to sing.

Our Annual Open House and Scholastic's Book Fair follow the Family Mass. All classrooms will be open for current families, prospective families, and the parish community to visit, admire the student work on display, and speak to the teachers. In addition to the core curriculum, we are one of the only schools in the area to offer Spanish, Art, Music/Theater, and PE to students in TK-8th grade, and we are excited to share our great programs with the rest of the community. There will be hospitality provided on the red porch with coffee, cookies and treats provided by our school families and PACE.

The week continues with Tuesday School Spirit Day (wear any QAS t-shirt and Jeans), Wednesday Celebrating Our Nation (wear red, white and/or blue shirt with jeans), Thursday Future College & Career Dress Day/Vocations Day (students dress up in their future career attire or college sweatshirt), and Friday Celebrate Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers (Wear Dressy Clothes, Pancake Breakfast following Mass and Spelling Bee in the afternoon). Please see the Catholic Schools Week flyer attached to this Scoop.

Blessings,
Lucia Prince



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 29 – February 4, 2017

HOME – SCHOOL CONNECTION

Maintenance Saturday

In preparation for Open House on Sunday, January 29th, we have scheduled our Maintenance Saturday for this Saturday, **January 28th** from 8AM – 11AM. This is a great opportunity to earn Family Service hours. Please email questions to Pedro Cruz @ pcruz04@sbcglobal.net. Volunteer here: [Maintenance Day SignUpGenius](#)

Need a winter coat?

If your child is in need of a new winter coat, please come by the office. Our Knights of Columbus have donated to QAS new coats in many sizes!

Dance Classes

All Dance classes are full. The next session will begin in April.

Catholic Schools Week Family Mass, this Sunday @ 10:30

All students, TK-8th grade, will be singing at the 10:30 Family Mass this Sunday. They will sing after Communion and will be instructed to come to the Alter at that time. Students should sit with their families, as there is no assigned seating.

PACE News

PACE is excited to see you on Sunday at the QAS Open House! There are only two spots left to volunteer during Catholic Schools Week below:

Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast - Friday, February 3rd:

<http://bit.ly/QASCatholicSchoolsWk2017>

QAS Scholastic Book Fair 2017:

<http://bit.ly/QASScholasticBookFair2017>

Share your love for baking with the QAS Families!

We are requesting a donation of 3-dozen home baked cookies per class to share during Open House. Please bring cookies to the school office before the 10:30AM mass.

Coming Up...QAS Run for Fun Fundraiser!!!

This event encourages our students to exercise and eat a balanced diet that will lead to a healthy and active lifestyle. Fundraising details will be available soon. (Fundraising dates will be from February 27, 2017 - March 9, 2017)

Each child will receive a t-shirt featuring the winning design from one of our very own students!

This event is a parent run fundraising event and PACE needs your help to make it happen. Please sign up below for volunteer opportunities.

QAS Run for Fun EVENT: Thursday March 9, 2017

<http://bit.ly/QASRunforFun2017>

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

Looking to help at future PACE events? 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, February 8th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.

Advisory School Board (ASB)

Our next board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 16th at 6pm** in the Faculty Room.

The school board has a few committees looking for parents to help out. We know that your time is valuable and we appreciate your help at any capacity you're able to provide. If you are still looking for ways to get involved (and receive volunteer hours) please contact Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS – (sermons4kids.com)

A Recipe for Happiness

Did you know that Jesus gave us a recipe for living a happy life? In the book of Matthew, it says, “Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.” What did he teach them? He taught them a lesson, which we call “The Beatitudes.” Each one of the beatitudes starts with the words, “Blessed are the...” Some translations of the Bible use the word happy instead of blessed. Let's see what Jesus said about what is needed for a happy life full of God's blessings. (Read these from the Bible.)

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
- Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



You may think that some of those things that Jesus taught sound pretty difficult, and you are right. Even when you have a recipe, it may be difficult to follow, but if you follow the instructions to the letter, you can be assured of a good outcome. Jesus did not promise that life would always be easy, but he did say if we follow the teachings in today's lesson, we can be assured that we will receive God's blessing and we will be happy indeed!

Dear Father, we thank you for the teachings of Jesus. Even though life may not always be easy, we know that if we follow his teachings, we will be blessed. 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. 25	2:20pm dismissal
Thursday, Jan. 26	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform Kindergarten & 8th grade graduation pictures
Friday, Jan. 27	3:00pm dismissal
Saturday, Jan. 28	Maintenance Day 8:00am - 11:00am
Sunday, Jan. 29	Catholic Schools Week Family Mass @ 10:30 Open House, immediately following Mass Scholastic Book Fair
Monday, Jan. 30	3:00pm dismissal
Tuesday, Jan. 31	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform Mandatory Financial Aid meeting, 6:00pm in Parish Hall



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Sunday, January 29th – Celebrating Our Parish

All families and friends are invited to attend Mass at 10:30 AM at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church. Following Mass we will have an Open House and Scholastic Book Fair on campus.

- Students must wear their full uniform to Mass and will receive a Free Dress pass for Monday.

Monday, January 30th - Celebrating Our Community

*** Free Dress Day for students who attended Mass on Sunday in uniform.**

Students will write thank you notes in Faith Families to our community leaders. We will create gift baskets as a staff and deliver them to the Mayor of Concord, Concord Fire Department, Concord Police Department, the hospitals, etc.

Tuesday, January 31st - Celebrating Our Students

*** Students, Faculty & Staff may wear a QAS t-shirt and jeans to celebrate our QAS spirit!**

Each class will do a fine arts performance about QAS with their teachers.

Wednesday, February 1st - Celebrating Our Nation

*** Students may wear red, white, and blue with jeans.**

Thursday, February 2nd - Celebrating Vocations

*** Students can dress up in their future career attire or may wear a college sweatshirt of the college they wish to attend.**

Priests come and talk to the students at an assembly about their vocations. We will have a Family Picnic at lunchtime.

Friday, February 3rd - Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers-

*** Formal Friday- students wear their Sunday best.**

We will have Mass at 8:30 to end CSW.

Following Mass we will have our Annual Pancake Breakfast. Spelling Bee (2:00-end of the day)

Queen of All Saints School Student Learning Expectations – SAINTS

S – Skillful Learners
A – Active Responsible Citizens
I – Independent Lifelong Learners
N – Nurturing Environment
T – Thoughtful, Faith Filled People of God
S – Stewards of the Earth

January

Skillful Communicators who are active listeners

- Listen respectfully when others are talking – do not interrupt or ignore
- Follow directions
- Participate in class and in class discussions
- Ask thoughtful questions
- Responds with thoughtful answer when called upon
- Paying attention and looking at the person who is speaking
- Be a good audience
- Ask questions if you don't understand

Thoughtful Faith Filled People of God who have an active relationship with God through a daily prayer life

- Read the Bible and Bible Stories
- Read the Gospel in the Weekly Scoop
- Say prayers during morning prayer, at lunch, and at dismissal
- Participate in Religion class and religious discussions
- Say evening prayers with family
- Lead classroom prayer
- Interact with classroom prayer corner by posting special intentions