



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

March 8, 2017

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

I missed everyone while I was away last week, but in spending time at a school outside of our diocese I am reminded just how special and unique we are in the programs and events we offer our students. I was able to let our school community know that last week's events, including Burning of the Ashes, Green Eggs and Ham, and Stations of the Cross aren't events that all schools celebrate or recognize. It is through the hard work and dedication of our staff and parent community that we are able to give our students these extraordinary and special experiences. I am happy to be part of a vibrant, nurturing and caring community.

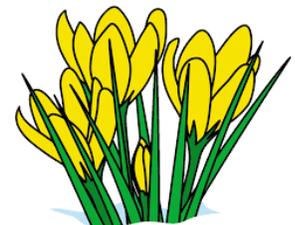
The children have been enjoying the morning Dance Party as we prepare for tomorrow's QAS Run for Fun. The t-shirts are ready to go, families have been collecting sponsors for the event, and last minute details are being put in place. There is fierce competition for top sponsorships with two Fourth Grade families in the lead! Click on the Run for Fun link (<https://sites.google.com/site/qasrunforfun17/home>) for updated information on Run for Fun event details, collected sponsorships, and prizes. Thank you to our PACE Board and parents for organizing this event that promotes healthy bodies while also raising money for the school and offsetting fundraising accounts.

There is no school for the students this Friday, March 10, as all of the teachers in the Diocese of Oakland meet to discuss the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). You will be hearing more about the NGSS as the schools in the diocese begin implementing these new standards in the coming year. All of the schools are working on an in-depth study of Science and how we will begin incorporating the new standards into our curriculum. Enjoy the 3-day weekend!

Don't miss our school production of Cinderella! Performances will be Friday, March 24th at 7:00pm and Saturday, March 25th at 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased online only, at the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/musical-cinderella-tickets-32398209918>

Finally, at Monday's morning Mass, Mrs. Nancy Tomsic announced the passing of Fr. Peter after a brave battle with cancer. We will remember Fr. Peter's quick wit and pointed sermons. A Memorial Mass for Fr. Peter will be held at St. Agnes Church this Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Blessings,
Lucia Prince



HOME – SCHOOL CONNECTION

Financial Aid Application Deadline

The financial aid application is due on **March 16**. You **must submit an application** if you are receiving any financial assistance. Please call Mrs. O'Connor if you have any questions regarding this application.

Service Hour Opportunity

We could always use your help during snack recess (10:00-10:30) and lunch recess (12:00-12:50). This is a great way to finish off your hours. Please phone the office to have your name added to the yard duty list. All volunteers must have completed the volunteer requirements (TB screening, Livescan fingerprint clearance, VIRTUS trained).

Service Project

We are still collecting personal items & toiletries for our current Service Project for Shelter Inc. Thank you for your participation in this important service project!

Cinderella is coming to QAS!!! Our Junior High Students and K - 5 dancers will present this timeless play on March 24th and 25th at 7:00pm. Early Bird Tickets are available online only at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/musical-cinderella-tickets-32398209918>. The discounted tickets are available until 3/17 for \$10.00 per person, a \$2.00 savings. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Davis at tdavis@csdo.org

PACE News

QAS Green Eggs & Ham

Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped make this celebration a success.

It was a close tally...in 2nd place, *The Lorax* and **QAS's favorite Dr. Seuss book is *Green Eggs & Ham!***

QAS Run for Fun is TOMORROW!!

This fun event encourages students to exercise, eat a balanced diet, and lead a healthy and active lifestyle. Each child will receive a t-shirt featuring the winning design from Victoria (7th grade). You may have seen this on the yellow banners outside of our school. Congratulations to our artist!

How much have we raised so far?

Go here (<https://sites.google.com/site/qasrunforfun17/>) and click on "Total Funds Raised" to get more details on web donation totals.

Share this link with friends and family (qasrunforfunday.eventbrite.com) to sponsor a student.

Please join us in cheering on the students while they **Run for Fun on March 9, 2017** during the following track times:

- 8:20 - 9:00 AM TK/K/1
- 9:15 - 10:10 AM 5/6/7/8
- 10:25 - 11:25 AM 2/3/4

If you are going to be watching on Thursday, please complete the Virtus requirement, and call Mrs. Gray regarding LiveScan and TB requirements.

Please see Run for Fun Fundraising Packet for collecting cash or check donations.

Fundraising Information: <http://bit.ly/RunforFunFlyer2017>

Volunteer to help - <http://bit.ly/QASRunforFun2017>

\$2 St. Patrick's Day FREE DRESS

Next week (Monday through Thursday) we will be selling St. Patrick's Day Free Dress passes for \$2. If purchased, your child may wear St. Patrick's Day theme free dress (green!) on Friday, March 17th. Jeans are allowed. Proceeds will go to QAS Playground Expansion Project. Thank you for your support. For more information see flyer here: <http://bit.ly/qas-stpatrick2017>

Help with other PACE events here: <http://bit.ly/qaspace2016>

Questions?

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

Next PACE Meeting is scheduled for TONIGHT, March 8th at 6:30PM in the Faculty Room.

Advisory School Board (ASB)

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at 6pm in the Faculty Room.

We are looking for parents to help bring some exciting things to life at our school (Playground Expansion Project, School Spirit Store, and Alumni Committee, to name a few). If you want to be a part of any committee, whether you can help a little or a lot, we would love for you to be a part of this exciting time at QAS!

Please feel free to contact Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com or any board member listed on our school website to see how you can get involved.

Thank you for your support!

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS – (sermons4kids.com)

Measuring God's Love

One of my favorite Bible verses begins, "For God so loved the world." I was thinking about that verse and wondering — just how great is God's love and how could we measure it? This morning I brought several things that we often use in measuring other things. I thought they might help us measure God's love.

Sometimes we use a measuring cup to measure things. If I were making some cookies, I would use a measuring cup to make sure that I put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk. I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....my cup runneth over." (Psalm 23:1,5) Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, I don't guess we could use a measuring cup to measure it.

If we were building something, we might use a tape measure to measure the length, width, and height of different things. I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens. (Psalm 108:4) If God's love is higher than the heavens, I don't think we could use a tape measure to measure it, could we?

We use a watch to measure time. There will probably be some people here this morning who will use their watch to measure how long the pastor's sermon lasts. I wonder if we could use a watch to measure how long God's love will last. The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. (Psalm 103:17) Wow! If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, I don't guess we could measure it with a watch.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." How do you measure a love like that? We can't measure it—we don't need to—but we do need to experience it.



My prayer for you today is, "That you may understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience it, though it is so great you will never fully understand it." (Ephesians 3:18-19) Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love — love so great that you gave your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday, Mar. 8	2:20 dismissal Report Cards Contracts
Thursday, Mar. 9	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform Run for Fun
Friday, Mar. 10	Staff Day No School
Monday, Mar. 13	3:00pm dismissal 8:30 Mass
Tuesday, Mar. 14	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform
Wednesday, Mar. 15	2:20 dismissal
Thursday, Mar. 16	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform
Friday, Mar. 17	3:00pm dismissal 2:00pm Stations of the Cross

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

March

Skillful communicators who express themselves creatively and develop their individual talents

- Express yourself in your artwork and creative writing activities
- Do your best in Art, Music, PE and Spanish
- Show your talent for dancing, singing, and drama
- Participate in contests –spelling bee, science fair, young authors fair
- Pursue interests outside of school and let the school know
- Share your talents with others
- Participate in school rallies and activities
- Participate in CYO sports activities

Thoughtful Faith Filled People of God who participate in liturgical services

- Participate in choir/cantors
- Respond at Mass and sing along with the choir and cantors
- Stand, sit and kneel at the proper times
- Enter and exit Church with prayerful hands
- Say Amen after receiving Communion or Blessing and walk back to pew with prayer hands
- Volunteer to bring up the gifts, read, altar serve or participate in other ways. Participates and is reverent during Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, Burning of the Ashes and other special events or services