



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 **August 30, 2017**

Message from the Principal

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

We have had a fantastic first two weeks of school becoming reacquainted with classmates and faculty/staff as well as welcoming our new students and teachers. As our community continues to grow with families seeking a Catholic education with rigorous academics for their children, we welcomed 18 new families and 44 new students into the Queen of All Saints School family.

I have enjoyed popping into the classrooms to greet the children, hear about their summer break, and ooh and aah over how much they have grown. It is truly a joy and a blessing to spend time with them out on the playground and in the classrooms.

In addition to our new students and families, we welcomed four new faculty members and one new staff member, with enhanced full-time PE and Art programs and a full-time Resource Intervention instructor. These additions allow us to fulfill the school's mission to educate our children to "achieve their highest academic and creative potential" while we "nurture their minds, bodies and souls."

You will have the opportunity to meet the new families and teachers at next Wednesday's Back to School Night. We will gather in the parish hall at 6:00 for a brief State of the School address and presentations from PACE and School Board. With very limited space in the classrooms, we ask that in **TK-4th grade only parents/guardians attend**. Students in 5th-8th grade must attend with a parent/guardian. 5th grade families will be dismissed to the classroom to receive their Chromebook, and Junior High families will remain in the parish hall for their presentation. Please arrange for at least one family member to be in attendance to receive important information from your child's teacher(s). We will also have our first "early bird" auction raffle ticket drawing. The winner will receive \$50, so turn in those tickets!

*"Jesus shine through me and be so in me that every person I come in contact with
may feel your presence in my soul." ~John Henry Newman*

Blessings,
Lucia Prince

HOME – SCHOOL CONNECTION

Green PE Tee

Due to high demand, we will be placing a second order for the popular green PE tees. If you would like to place an order, please return [order form](#) and payment by Friday, September 15.

CYO Basketball and Cross Country

Basketball and Cross Country seasons are here! For more information and registration forms, please visit our website @ www.gasconcord.org

After school Art Classes

If your student is interested in our after school art class, please submit the registration forms ASAP. First class is tomorrow. The cost of the 5-week session is \$120 per student. Please see registration form [here](#).

PACE

(Parent Association for Catholic Education) is your stop for fun family events throughout the school year.

More information can be found on the PACE page (under the Parent tab) of the QAS website @ www.gasconcord.org

Save the date for **Family Movie Night** on Friday September 22nd

Enjoy a free movie and popcorn under the stars. The schoolyard will open at 6:30 p.m. *Movie will start at dusk.* Stay tuned for more news about this cinematic event.

For a full list of events, sign up here to get started on your service hours: <http://bit.ly/QASPACESignup2017-2018>

Boo! Bash T-Shirts On Sale for \$15.

The QAS annual Halloween Festival is the biggest PACE family social event of the year. Enjoy carnival games, inflatables, cool prizes, and food alongside the Ghoulish Haunted House.

Students can wear their Boo Bash t-shirt every Friday in October!

So get your order in before September 15th.

Forms are available here: <http://bit.ly/BooBashShirt2017>

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

Advisory School Board (ASB)-

Minutes from our last meeting are available under the parent tab on our school website, along with Board Members information should you need to contact anyone on the school board.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st at 6pm in the Faculty Room.

2017 Annual Auction 'Back to the 80's!'

We are very excited for this year's auction! There are many NEW additions for all our families and community to enjoy. More information will become available at Back to School Night.

Our all-volunteer meeting will be tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 31st at 6pm in the 4th grade classroom. If you are planning to help this year you must attend. Volunteer opportunities are on a first come, first serve basis, so please keep this in mind if you would like to sign up.

A sign-up genius link will be available by the end of the week for opportunities to donate items needed for auction.

If you have any questions you may contact erleen.richards@gmail.com

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS – (sermons4kids.com)

It Isn't Easy!

That is the lesson that Jesus was explaining to his disciples in our Bible lesson today. He was telling them about some difficult situations he would be facing in his life. He told them that he was going to have to go to Jerusalem where he would be persecuted at the hands of the religious leaders, be killed, and then on the third day he would be raised up alive.



Simon Peter protested! "No! That can never be!"

But Jesus stood firm. "Get behind me, Satan! You are seeing things from a human point of view, not from God's."

Then Jesus went on to tell his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"

God sent his Son that the world might be saved, but it was not easy. Salvation came through the death of Christ on the cross. Jesus has called us to take up our cross and follow him, he never promised that it would be easy, but it will be worth it. There us no greater joy than following Jesus.

Let's ask God to help us to be faithful followers of Jesus.

Father, we thank you for sending your Son. It is our desire to take up our cross and follow him every day. 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>

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| Thursday, August 31 | 3:00 p.m. dismissal
PE uniform (TK-5)
Auction Meeting @ 6:00pm, 4 th grade classroom |
| Friday, September 1 | 3:00 p.m. dismissal |
| Monday, September 4 | Labor Day
No school |
| Tuesday, September 5 | 3:00 p.m. dismissal
PE uniform (TK-5) |
| Wednesday, September 6 | 12:00 p.m. dismissal
Back to School Night
Early Bird Raffle drawing |
| Thursday, September 7 | 3:00 p.m. dismissal
PE uniform (TK-5) |
| Friday, September 8 | 3:00 p.m. dismissal |