



#### 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

### February 14, 2018

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

With today's Ash Wednesday celebration, we begin a new journey together. My prayer for you is that this Lent may afford each of you the opportunity to truly become closer to God. May these forty days provide us further time for prayerful relationship building with our Lord on our journey of faith.

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation. Just as Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to prepare for his death and resurrection, we imitate Jesus by symbolically going into the desert as well. Through additional prayer, fasting, and action we prepare ourselves for the celebration of His resurrection at Easter. For our Lenten journey during this first full week of the Lenten Season, here are activities your family might want to take part in – write a journal to Jesus; choose to drink only water as your beverage for a day; pick a toy or a piece of clothing to donate to a charity; make a handmade appreciation card for someone you love or care about.

This Friday, February 16, we will begin our tradition of celebrating the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent. You are welcome to join us in the church at 2:20 to reflect upon and “walk” the stations with us.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for it is from your goodness that we have this day  
to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Prayers, please! Today we formally submitted our application for Preschool licensing. We have been told to expect a response asking for corrections/edits and additional information from the licensing commission, but we are one our way!

Blessings,  
Lucia Prince



### HOME – SCHOOL CONNECTION

#### Volunteer Opportunities

*Vision Screening* - If you have completed your volunteer requirements, and have time to help on campus Friday morning (February 16), we are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help with the vision screening. Please call the office for additional information.

*Black tablecloths* - If you would like to earn service hours from home, we are looking for 2 volunteers to launder our black tablecloths. Please call the office for additional information.

#### TK / Kindergarten Screenings

We are currently scheduling screenings for 2018-19 TK and Kindergarten applicants. If you have a child that will enter either TK or Kindergarten in August, please call the office to reserve your

screening appointment. All incoming students must be screened prior to acceptance into our school program.

### Basketball & Cheer

Our 7th grade basketball team is going to the playoffs! Our dance team will be there to support the players and cheer them on. If you would like to show your support, please join us at St. Francis on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Go Saints!

### Advisory School Board (ASB)

We have added the beautiful blue and white scarves that the students received during Catholic Schools Week to the Spirit Store! Parents and family members are welcome to purchase these great scarves. Our next date to be open is Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at recess and lunch. If you can help with either of these shifts, please sign up by clicking the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49aea922a0fa7-spirit>

We are looking for a few volunteers to join the Bake Sale Committee. If you can help or have questions, please contact Joyce Ferreira at [joycelferreira@gmail.com](mailto:joycelferreira@gmail.com).

Our next Bake Sale is Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Keep a look out for the sign-up coming soon!

Our next Board meeting is tomorrow, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Faculty Room.

If you have any questions please feel free to email [erleen.richards@gmail.com](mailto:erleen.richards@gmail.com)

### PACE News

#### Box Tops for Education

Last day of contest is tomorrow, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Class with the most Box Tops wins an ice cream 🍦 party!



**Dine Out with QAS - Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 4PM - 8PM at Chipotle** on Contra Costa Blvd in Pleasant Hill. **Chipotle will donate 50%** of your purchase towards the QAS Playground Expansion Project. Don't Forget to Bring Your Flyer OR show on your mobile device  
Flyer attached here: <http://bit.ly/QASPlaygroundChipotleFeb20>

*\*Please note that funds raised during this event will go towards the Playground Project and is not counted towards the annual family fundraising requirement.*

### QAS Run for Fun T-Shirt Design Contest

We need your help to design a logo for this year's RUN FOR FUN!

The winning logo will be featured on ALL the 2018 QAS Run for Fun T-shirts, banners, and school social media! Winner will also receive a \$25 gift card! Design **MUST** be submitted on 8.5" x 11" white paper with black ink or pencil.

- All entries **due by 2/21/18**
- Entries must be creative!

For any questions, please ask your teacher or staff member.



Last year's winning design!

### **Paint Nite Playground Fundraiser, Tuesday, February 27th**

Enjoy an evening with friends, wine, & cheese while you tap into your creative side! This popular, *adult only*, event will be hosted by our very own Art Instructor, Jeff Biestman in the Parish Hall from 7-9PM. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today.

<http://bit.ly/QASPaintNight2018>



### **Coming Up! Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with **Green Eggs & Ham****

Volunteer to help on Friday, March 2, 2018 - <http://bit.ly/QASSeuss2018>

### **Hot Lunch Distribution**

Help distribute hot lunch. Please sign up here (February - <http://bit.ly/Feb2018HotLunch> ). Daily signups available 11:45AM - 12:45PM.

PACE event volunteer opportunities here: <http://bit.ly/QASPACESignup2017-2018>

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

**Next PACE Meeting is scheduled on February 21st at 6PM** in the Faculty Room.

### **LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS – (sermons4kids.com)**

#### **Extra! Extra! Read All About It!**

Did you know that Jesus himself was in the news business? The Bible says that Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God. Listen to what he said, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news." Jesus wanted everyone to know the good news of God's love for them.

How do people get the good news of God's love today? Some may get it from newspapers, radio or television. Some may come to church and hear about God's love. But the best way to spread the good news of God's love is the same today as it was in Jesus' day. The best way is for you and me to tell others about it!

You and I should be like the newsboy standing on the street corner crying out, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news -- God loves you!"

Dear Jesus, help us to follow your example and share the good news of God's love with everyone we meet. Amen.



## ***WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS***

School calendar is available on the school website at <http://www.qasconcord.org/calendar-1>

<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	2:20 dismissal Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30am
<b>Thursday, February 15</b>	3:00pm dismissal PE uniform (TK – 5) ASB meeting, 6:00pm in Faculty Room
<b>Friday, February 16</b>	3:00pm dismissal 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> return from Caritas (bus arrives QAS approx. 2:30pm)
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	President's Day <b>No School</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	3:00pm dismissal PE uniform (TK – 5)
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	2:20 dismissal