



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

May 9, 2018

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

As we enter the final four weeks of school (can you believe it!), I have a lot of great news to share in this week's Scoop.

I am excited to announce Mrs. Megan French as next year's 8th Grade Homeroom teacher and Vice-Principal, and Mr. Carlos Santana as the 4th Grade teacher. Mrs. French has been completing her Administrative Credential and is excited to resume her new role, and Mr. Santana holds a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from St. Mary's College. I am in the process of interviewing candidates for next year's Resource Program. We wish Mrs. French and Mr. Santana blessings on their new roles for the 2018-2019 school year.

The students are very excited for this Friday's Multi-Cultural Day celebration. There will be singing, dancing, and lots of eating! We will begin gathering outside at approximately 10:30 after our last morning recess. We ask that you drop off your potluck item early in the morning if possible and to please label your bowls and plates so they find their way back to you. We will all enjoy lunch following the performances, and the students will then head back to class to finish the school day. Arrive early for the best seats! The next opportunity for our families to join together as a community is Friday, May 18 for the Family BBQ Night. Save the date and read the Scoop for more information.

The NED Show is coming back to Queen of All Saints on Thursday, May 17 at 9 a.m. Our Advisory School Board has been working diligently to secure a date for our K-5 students to enjoy this assembly that teaches students to **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best. It is NED's belief that "There is a champion in every kid!" The students will remember that this is the assembly where we sell yo-yos on the red porch to help cover the cost of the program. School Board members will have yo-yos for sale on the night of the Family BBQ. You are welcome to join us for this assembly and you can learn more about the NED show at www.thenedshow.com.

There will be a Preschool Information Night on Wednesday, May 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. where you will have the opportunity to meet the director and have all of your preschool questions answered. With the issuance of our Preschool license, we have had many questions about the program including cost, days and hours of operation, and enrollment requirements. The main purpose of opening the preschool is to meet the needs of our families who have children that are not quite school age. The preschool operates as its own school with its own budget, requires at least two preschool-certified teachers present at all times, and must follow other state mandated requirements different than our TK-8th grade school program. We are here to answer your enrollment and tuition questions to make the QAS Preschool a possibility for your family.

Blessings,
Lucia Prince



HOME – SCHOOL CONNECTION

Lumen Christi Academies Announcement

Please see the last page of the Scoop for an announcement from Bishop Barber regarding the appointment of an Executive Director for the Lumen Christi Academies.

Message from Mrs. O'Connor

Please check your FACTS accounts and be sure you are in good standing before the end of the school year. If you have any questions regarding any billing on your account please contact Janet O'Connor joconnor@csdo.org.

QAS Talent Show

The Talent Show is on Monday, June 4 from 1:30-3:00 in the Hall. Students who wish to participate must turn in their permission slip to Mrs. French by Monday, May 21st. The permission slip can be found on page 5.

Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser, TONIGHT

QAS alumnus & Eagle Scout Charlie Couch built a redwood ramp leading to Mr. Bill's storage room. This new ramp provides easy and safe access to the room. To defray some of the costs associated with the project, Charlie's Troop is having a fundraiser **today!** If you would like to support this worthy cause, head to Rocco's Pizza (2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek) and tell them you are supporting Charlie Couch, Troop 444. Rocco's will donate 25% of your total to Charlie's troop.

CYO Track Update

Congratulations to our students that have qualified for the CYO Oakland Diocese Track Championships this weekend! Good luck to all of our athletes that will be competing this weekend. We will have another update for you next week. Go Saints!!

Advisory School Board (ASB)

Last weekend's Family Mass & Bake Sale brought in over \$200! We are incredibly thankful to all the families and QAS community that helped bake, volunteer time or purchased baked goods in support of our playground expansion project.

Playground Expansion Project (PEP)

Together with PACE, ASB is looking for a few parents that would like to be a part of this special committee. We are choosing pieces for our PEP and would like you to be a part of this process. Please contact Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com today!

SAINTS Spirit Store will be open this Friday, on May 11th at recess and lunch. Stop by and see what's 'in store'!

We are enjoying seeing all the familiar names, past and present, coming through for our Engraved Brick Campaign! This campaign is for alumni, current families and friends who would like to show their support for QAS. If you are interested in having an engraved brick set in our school entryway, orders will be accepted until the end of the school year. Be forever a part of Saints history by ordering a brick today!

<https://www.engravedbricks.com/campaign/QAS>





Auction 2018

All returning families should have received an auction packet for our 2018 auction. If you did not receive your packet please contact Mrs. Gray. There is a lot of great information including ways on how you can help. If you have any questions please contact Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com
And don't forget....save the date for "The Roaring 20s" on Saturday, September 29th!

Interested in making a difference with our school? Want to be an active member of QAS school and community? Interested in satisfying your hours? You can serve all of those needs by joining ASB as a board member.

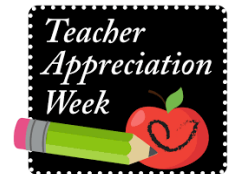
Questions? Please contact Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com

Our next Board meeting will be held Thursday, May 31st at 6pm in the Faculty Room.

PACE News

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 7th - 11th

This week, we'd like to take extra time to show our appreciation to QAS faculty and staff. Desks are filled with beautiful flowers, words and artwork from the heart, and teacher favorites. PACE sponsored breakfast on Tuesday and TK/K prepared a scrumptious lunch today. **Thank you to all of our Teachers and Staff!**



Multicultural Day - Friday, May 11th

Mrs. Davis has prepared a wonderful show that will take us around the world through song and dance. As with many cultures, food brings people together. Please bring a family favorite dish to share. Families can taste food from around the world after the show. Please sign up here to help: <http://bit.ly/QASmulticulturalday2018>

Multicultural Day Shirts Going Fast - Order Forms Here:

<http://bit.ly/QASMulticulturalShirtForm>

Service Hour Opportunity: Thursday, 5/10 - Please call the office if you are available to help label shirts.

PACE Family BBQ - Friday, May 18th

Join PACE for our end of the year event. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, and s'mores on the QAS Playground, from **6PM - 9PM**. This event is **FREE** and open to QAS Families only. RSVP & Signup to help here: <http://bit.ly/PACEBBQ2018>

Hot Lunch Distribution

Help distribute hot lunch. Please sign up here (May - <http://bit.ly/MayJun2018HotLunch>).



Box Tops for Education

Final submission for BoxTops is **May 23rd**.

Questions?

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

Last PACE Meeting for the year scheduled for tonight, May 9th at 6PM in the Faculty Room. Join us and learn about all of the fun activities we are planning for next year!

Through Life's Maze

Finding your way through life can be a lot like finding your way through a maze. Each day we have to make decisions and it is sometimes difficult to know which way to go. We may choose the wrong path and end up at a dead end. When that happens, we have to back up and start over again. Life isn't easy and it can sometimes be very frustrating when we don't know which way turn.

Jesus knew that life in this world is difficult. That is why he prayed for his disciples when he knew that the time had come for him to leave this world. "I will remain in the world no longer," he prayed, "but they are still in the world. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe. No one was lost, but now I am coming to you and I ask you to protect them and keep them safe."

How do we find our way in this world? We put our trust in God, our Heavenly Father, to show us the way. We have his Word, the Bible, to help us. Any time we don't know which way to turn, we can talk to him in prayer and ask him to guide and protect us. It may not be easy, but with God leading the way, we know that we will never get lost.

Father, as we search for the path that will lead us safely through this world, we place our trust in you and ask for your guidance and protection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday, May 10	3:00pm dismissal 6:30pm Toastmasters Celebration, 8 th grade
Friday, May 11	3:00pm dismissal 10:30am Multicultural Day Celebration (bring a potluck dish) 7:30pm Graduation Dance @ St. Agnes, 8 th grade
Monday, May 14	3:00pm dismissal 8:30am Mass 10:40am Student Government Inauguration
Tuesday, May 15	3:00pm dismissal PE Uniform (TK-5), Tee-Shirt Day
Wednesday, May 16	2:20 dismissal
Thursday, May 17	3:00pm dismissal 9:00am NED Show, grades K - 5
Friday, May 18	3:00pm dismissal PACE Family BBQ, 6 – 9:00pm

THE Talent SHOW

- Please fill out the information below and have your parent or guardian sign at the bottom and return to Mrs. French by Monday, **May 21st**.
- If you are singing a song, you will need to send a link to Mrs. French at mfrench@csdo.org of the karaoke version of your song. QAS will NOT be providing the music.
- Each act must be no more than 2 minutes in length.
- When choosing the music, be sure that it is appropriate in language and content. We reserve the right to ask you to change your music if it does not follow these guidelines.

Your name or names of people in your act:

What talent will you be performing? Please list song or props if you have any:

Parent Signature: _____

Dates to Remember:

- May 31st from 3:00-4:15 Costume Check and Full Rehearsal- All participants must attend
 - June 4th from 1:30-2:55- Talent Show

* **Each student** must have their own permission form signed by their parent or guardian.



Lumen Christi Academies Update

OAKLAND – Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, has appointed Rodney Pierre-Antoine as the founding executive director of the new Lumen Christi Academies, a network of seven elementary schools within the Diocese of Oakland. Pierre-Antoine will begin his work in leading the new network May 14, 2018.

Pierre-Antoine has served as a Catholic educator in the East Bay Area for most of his career, after obtaining a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Notre Dame in 2009 and his bachelor's in communications in 1998 from the University of Maryland. He has served in leadership positions at St. Felicitas in San Leandro and St. Jarlath in Oakland, and was director of the Notre Dame ACE Academies, a national network.

“I am passionate about my commitment to co-creating an exceptional, Christ-centered community for students and families,” Pierre-Antoine said. “I am excited about this opportunity to lead the launch of the Lumen Christi Academies, an innovative model of Catholic education that can serve as a thriving example of excellence for our Church.”