



From the Desk of the Principal,
Ms. Kathleen McGinn
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November 16, 2017

Dear Parent(s):

The Change 4 Change Day scheduled for tomorrow has been moved to Tuesday, November 21. Funds from this day will go to Feed My Starving Children.

Fun Lunch is tomorrow. If you do not order the hot dog lunch, your child must bring a lunch. We do not have FSP Hot Lunch service on any Fun Lunch day.

The November Box Top/Coke Gives contest ends tomorrow, Friday. Please send in your Box Tops and Coke codes.

Our Thanksgiving Break will begin at the close of school on **Tuesday, November 21**. This is one of the early dismissal days. Students in preschool will be dismissed at 1:30 and K-8 will dismiss at 1:35. We will have bus service and extended care. Classes resume on Monday, November 27.

Per a request by the Office of Catholic Schools, we will begin re-registration for the 2018-19 school year in December. Registration for new families will also be moved up to December.

New Catholic School Scholarship Opportunity for 2018/19 School Year

Through the "Invest in Kids Act," the state of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children from low-income households who want to attend private schools. The tax credit scholarships offered through this program could cover **up to 100 percent of tuition and fees** for eligible, low-income students. Not all families will be eligible for the new scholarships, but we want to make sure all Catholic school families are aware of the program. Program details are still being finalized, but you can find information on the scholarships, the application process and review the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the Archdiocese of Chicago's website, archchicago.org/tcs. If you have any questions about tax credit scholarships, please contact the Archdiocese at InvestInKids@archchicago.org or 312.534.5321.

Fr. Fred's installation as pastor of Queen of the Rosary Parish will take place on Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. mass. All are welcome.

Our weekly all school Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 on **Tuesday, November 21**. All are welcome. Mrs. Maldonado's fifth graders will be leading the Mass.


Christmas Spirit Wear orders are tomorrow. Late orders will not be accepted.

Tuesday is a Change 4 Change Day. As always, Change 4 Change Days are optional. Any student who would like to participate is asked to donate \$1.00. No theme - **Out of Uniform dress code listed below and in the handbook is to be followed. This is a Mass day.**

The **Grand Raffle** drawing takes place on Sunday, November 26. Tickets may be purchased through school, the parish office, or after all Masses until the time of the drawing.

The fifth grade DARE ceremony will take place on Tuesday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend the ceremony. I am grateful to Officer Johnson for his work with our students.

There are lots of ways to learn if QR has an emergency closing! Please do not call the school or parish office to find out if we are open/closed.

1. Radio and TV: Get updates from your favorite radio or TV station: WGN, CBS, ABC, WGN, NBC, FOX, CLTV, WBBM NEWSRADIO780
2.  **EMERGENCY CLOSING CENTER**
Online: Search for Queen of the Rosary School by name and city or by phone number at: www.EmergencyClosings.com
E-Mail: Register to have information sent right to you by visiting www.EmergencyClosings.com
3. **School Reach**, our automated calling system, will also be used to notify you of any emergency closing.
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Calendar

November

11/16 St. James Food Drive

11/17 Fun Lunch

11/19 Fr. Fred's Installation as Pastor at the 11:30 a.m. Mass

11/21 8:15 Mass

- Change 4 Change Day
- 1:35 Dismissal w/bus and Extended Care
- Report Cards Home
- Thanksgiving Break Begins

11/22 No School

11/23 Happy Thanksgiving

11/24 No School

11/26 Grand Raffle Drawing

11/27 School Resumes

11/28 10:00 a.m. 5th Grade DARE Ceremony

11/29 8:15 Mass

12/01 Cougar Spirit Day

12/03 First Sunday of Advent

12/04 8:15 Advent Prayer Service (lobby)

Reconciliation Grades 3-8

2018-19 Registration Begins

12/06 No 8:15 Mass

12/07 7:00 p.m. Band Concert (Held at Trinity Lutheran School)

12/08 12:15 Mass (Holy Day)

12/11 Santa Shoppe

12/12 Santa Shoppe

12/13 8:15 Mass
12/14 Christmas Program K-5, hand chimes, band
12/15 Fun Lunch
12/18 Buona Benefit Night
12/19 8:15 Mass
1:35 Dismissal (Bus Service and Extended Care)
Christmas Break Begins

A Few Reminders

- If you are interested in teaching an Art Appreciation lesson in November, please sign up below. This month's lesson should link to a project that allows students to create ornaments for the school's Christmas trees. <https://www.volunteersignup.org/KWPKH>
- Information on the new Tax Credit Scholarship can be found on the Archdiocese website: <https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships/frequently-asked-questions>
- **Save the Date**Our Christmas Program featuring grades K-5 and 7th, hand chimes, and band takes place on **Thursday, Dec. 14**. Miss Brochu will be sending out details later.
- Order your 2017-18 yearbook by November 30 and receive a discount. Go to www.TreeRing.com/validate Enter our school's passcode: **1013824894221188**. Please see the flyer for additional details.

From the Handbook: Out of Uniform Days

- Spirit days and Out of Uniform days are held at periodic times and for special occasions. Students are expected to dress modestly and appropriately even when out of uniform. Halter tops, spaghetti straps, and midriff style tops are not allowed.
- Tank tops and inappropriate t-shirts are not acceptable for any student. **Shorts and/or skirts may not be shorter than mid-thigh**. Yoga pants and pajama bottoms are not acceptable attire. **QR logo spirit wear pajama pants are permitted**.
- Shoes may be dress shoes or athletic shoes. Sandals, clogs, backless, and platform shoes are not permitted. All shoes must be fully enclosed and completely laced.
- A parent will be called if a student comes to school inappropriately dressed, and the student will be expected to change before returning to class.

Volunteer Requirements- Any individual who volunteers in our school-even one time- must abide by the following:

As mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago, all volunteers (including but not limited to lunch supervisors, room moms, art moms, coaches, and field trip chaperones) need to sign a Code of Conduct & CANTS form, complete an online Criminal Background Check, and attend Virtus Training. Training sessions are held in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

Please remember that any returning volunteer will need to complete and turn in a signed CANTS form each year.

Thank you for choosing Queen of the Rosary School and for your commitment to Catholic education.

Regards,

K. McGinn