



From the Desk of the Principal,  
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November 30, 2017

Dear Parent(s):

**Sunday, Dec. 3 is the First Sunday of Advent.** On Monday, under the direction of Mrs. Wassenaar and Mrs. DiBella, our third graders will lead the school's **8:00 a.m. Advent Prayer Service** that will take place in the lobby of the school. Immediately following the prayer service, students in grades three through eight will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

To help you and your family focus on the spiritual preparation for Christmas, a 2017 Family Advent Calendar can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/upload/advent-calendar-2017-family-bilingual.pdf>

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Per a request by the Office of Catholic Schools, we will begin re-registration for the 2018-19 school year with a **Letter of Intent**. On **December 4**, currently enrolled families will receive a letter of intent for the 2018-19 school year. This will enable us to better gauge the number of returning students. I ask that you complete the form and return by **Thursday, Dec. 14**. In January, our formal re- registration will begin. **Registration for new families will begin in December instead of on Sunday, January 28.**

### **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](http://archchicago.org/tcs). If you have any questions about tax credit scholarships, please contact the Archdiocese at [InvestInKids@archchicago.org](mailto:InvestInKids@archchicago.org) or 312.534.5321.

Our second and third grade Girl Scout troop is organizing a **Mitten Drive** the week of **December 4-8**. Please drop off new gloves or mittens in the bin by the main doors.

**Tomorrow** is one of our optional monthly spirit days. Student can show their QR pride by wearing **any** QR logo shirt or sweatshirt with jeans, sweatpants, **or QR pajama pants**. If your child is a QR athlete, he/she may wear his/her jersey. If you don't have spirit wear, gym shirts can be worn.

Included in this week's newsletter is a listing of all students in grades four through eight who have achieved **academic honors** during the first trimester of the 2017-2018 school year. Please see the flyer for a listing of students.

Our next benefit takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at **Frankie's Pizza** located in Elk Grove. Please see the flyer for details.

Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Students and staff will be attending **Mass at 12:15**. We will not have the school's 8:15 Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

**Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the **Free-Throw Championship** again this year. The event is open to **ALL** boys and girls in grades four through eight. The event will be held on **Saturday, December 2**. The event is scheduled to take place following the basketball games, which should be around 5 p.m. See the flyer for details.

Please see the flyer for information on the Children's Choir.



The next Parent Club meeting takes place on **Wednesday, Dec. 6 @ 7:00 p.m. in room T**. Please think about attending the meeting. Enter through door 9, the extended care door.

The next Spring Fundraiser meeting takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m. in room K. The committee is looking for additional volunteers. Please consider coming to this month's meeting.

Save the Date! Parent Club's pictures with Santa take place on Sunday, Dec 17. This is a great opportunity to have your child/ren's picture taken with Santa. Please see the flyer for details.

The **December Fun Lunch** takes place on Friday, Dec. 15. Orders are due back on or before Dec. 11. No late orders accepted. For those who order every day through FSP, our hot lunch program, please remember that **there is no FSP hot lunch on any Fun Lunch day**. As the FSP menu is used by many schools, the monthly menu does show meals that are available that date; however, on our school's order form this day is blocked out. You are not able to place an order.

If you are interested in teaching an Art Appreciation lesson in December, 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>

Santa Shoppe is just around the corner. The annual event will take place on Dec. 11 and 12. More information to follow.

### **Save the Date**

Ladies Night 2018: Wine and paint  
Saturday, January 20th

### **Calendar**

#### **December**

12/01 Cougar Spirit Day  
12/02 Basketball Games  
12/03 Basketball Games  
12/03 First Sunday of Advent  
12/04 8:00 Advent Prayer Service (lobby)  
Reconciliation Grades 3-8  
2018-19 Letter of Intent  
12/06 No 8:15 Mass  
Benefit at Frankie's Pizza  
Cub Scouts Pack Night  
12/08 Basketball Games  
12/07 7:00 p.m. Band Concert (Held at Trinity Lutheran School)  
12/08 12:15 Mass (Holy Day)  
12/11 8:00 Advent Prayer Service (lobby)  
Santa Shoppe  
12/12 Santa Shoppe  
7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting  
12/13 8:15 Mass  
Basketball Games  
12/14 Christmas Program K-5, hand chimes, band  
12/15 Fun Lunch  
12/16 Basketball Games  
12/18 Buona Benefit Night  
12/19 8:15 Mass  
1:35 Dismissal (Bus Service and Extended Care)  
Christmas Break Begins

#### **A Few Reminders**

- 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](http://www.TreeRing.com/validate) Enter our school's passcode: **1013824894221188**. Please see the flyer for additional details.
- **There are lots of ways to learn if QR has an emergency closing.**
  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](http://www.EmergencyClosings.com)  
**E-Mail:** Register to have information sent right to you by visiting [www.EmergencyClosings.com](http://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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### **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

