



From the Desk of the Principal,
Ms. Kathleen McGinn
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December 14, 2017

Dear Parent(s):

Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent: Joy
“Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.”

It is hard to believe how quickly the month of December is flying by! On behalf of the teachers and staff, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

What a joy it was to attend last week’s band concert. Our students, from beginner to advanced, were wonderful!

Monday is our benefit at Buona Beef from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The benefit at Frankies brought in over \$200.00 , and the Lou Malnati’s event brought in over \$500.00!

Tomorrow is a Fun Lunch day. If you did not order lunch for your child, he/she must bring a lunch. We are still having difficulty with parents not sending a lunch on days that our FSP lunch program does not serve lunch. If you order lunch on a regular basis, please mark these dates on your calendar. They dates are blocked out on the order form, so you are not even able to place an order.

Our weekly school Mass will take place on Tuesday morning at 8:15.

December 19 is an Early Dismissal Day. 1:30 p.m. dismissal for preschool and 1:35 p.m. for K-8
No bus service home. We do have Extended Care

School resumes for students on Thursday, January 4. **No bus service** to or from school on Jan. 4 and Jan. 5, as district 59 is not in session.

Intent to return form is due today, **Thursday, Dec. 14.**

I am grateful to **Kristin Bonacci** and **Cheri Cage** for once again taking on the task of organizing and running Santa Shoppe . Many, many thanks to those who worked the event and/or donated. Activities like these rely on volunteers to make it happen. Please know that our students had a great time shopping and truly enjoy this event.

The **Magenta** family won the school’s Cougar Raffle Christmas drawing! They will be receiving a check for \$1,000.00. The second drawing will take place in March.

Our **Christmas Program** takes place today at **1:00 p.m. (rehearsal performance)** and **7:00 p.m.**

- **Dress for the show:** All students should wear black bottoms (pants or skirts) and dressy red, green, or white tops. No T-shirts please!

- Band students should report to the band room at 6:15 p.m. These are the only students who are to be in the building before 6:40 p.m.
- All other students should report to their homeroom at 6:40 pm for the evening concert. Please note: **The doors will not open before 6:40 p.m. for students and guests attending the performance.**
- On the day/evening of the performance, all guests are asked to use door 7, the door closest to the kitchen.

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 28, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week, the national celebration of Catholic education. Our celebration begins with 10:00 a.m. mass, followed by an **Open House** for current families, prospective students & families, parishioners, and the community.

In order for our school to have a successful Open House, assistance is needed in the following areas: set-up, kitchen help, servers, tour guides, and clean up. See the **flyer** for details.

Please note: re-registration forms are being sent home on Thursday, January 4. **If you are registering a student new to the school- preschool or any other grade- you will need to come in and fill out registration paperwork.** You need to bring in a copy of the birth and baptismal certificates.



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.

December Art Appreciation - We are still missing volunteers for a few classes. 2E and 5V. Link to sign up is below.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/KWPKH>

January Art Appreciation

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/TAPMQ>

Save the Date

Saturday, January 20

Ladies Night 2018: Wine and Paint

Saturday, March 3

Spring Fundraiser

Calendar

December and January

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 a.m. Mass

- 1:35 p.m. Dismissal (**Bus Service and Extended Care**)
- Christmas Break Begins

1/04 School Resumes for Students (**No bus to or from school**)

Registration Forms for 2018-19 Going Home

1/05 No Bus Service

Cougars Spirit Day

1/06 Basketball Games

1/08 Leona's Restaurant Benefit

1/10 8:15 School Mass

- Home Basketball Games
- 1/12 Mid-Trimester
- 1/14 Pinewood Derby
- 1/15 No School
- 1/17 8:15 School Mass
- 1/18 St. James Food Drive
 - Home Basketball Games
- 1/19 Fun Lunch
- 1/20 Ladies Night Out
- 1/24 8:15 School Mass
- 1/25 Science Fair (12:30-2:00) and (6:30-7:30)
- 1/25 2018-19 Registration Forms Due Back
- 1/28 Catholic Schools Week Begins
 - 10:00 a.m. Family Mass
 - 11:00 a.m. Open House
- 1/29 Home Basketball Games
- 1/30 NCEA Day of Giving
- 1/31 8:15 School Mass
 - Buffalo Wild Wings Benefit
 - Home Games

A Few Reminders

- Fun Lunch: 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.
- Information on the new Tax Credit Scholarship can be found on the Archdiocese website: <https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships/frequently-asked-questions>
- Per our handbook: A weather-related closing by District 59 will be used as a guide in determining the closing of Queen of the Rosary School. However, if District 59 is closed and Queen of the Rosary is open, there will be no bus transportation.
- On Thursday, January 4, classes resume for students. Since the district is not in session, we do not have bus service to or from school.

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.

May your Christmas be filled with the peace God sent in Jesus Christ.

Regards,

K. McGinn