



From the Desk of the Principal,
Ms. Kathleen McGinn
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December 7, 2017

Dear Parent(s):

Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent: **PEACE**

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”
Colossians 3:15

On Monday, under the direction of Mrs. Petric and Mrs. Minard, our second graders will lead the school's **8:00 a.m. Advent Prayer Service** that will take place in the lobby of the school. This week, our third graders did an excellent job leading the prayer service. In addition, Miss Brochu accompanied on the piano, and Mieko S. and Michelle N. coordinated the chime players. As always, parents are invited to join us in prayer.

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Students and staff will be attending **Mass at 12:15.**

Our Christmas collection for **St. James Food Drive** takes place **next Thursday.**

Thank you to our Athletic Director Mr. Maday for organizing the weekend basketball games.

Our second and third grade Girl Scout troop **Mitten Drive** wraps up tomorrow.

Many thanks to those who were able to attend the benefit at Frankie's Pizza. The next benefit takes place on Monday, Dec. 18 at the Itasca Buona Beef.

Please complete and return the Letter of Intent 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.

It's time to Rally for the Recycle Rally! We are currently in 14th place, and we need to move up on the Leader Board. Please see the flyer for our latest challenge and the chance for the school to earn an Out of Uniform day in January.

Fall **after school enrichment** classes are wrapping up. Monday was the last class for Spanish and Build-It, and the last session for chess is Thursday, Dec. 14. Winter/Spring offerings will include the following: **Mondays- Spanish and Cooking and Thursdays -Chess and Drama.** Included in this week's newsletter is the flyer for the K-5 cooking class that will be offered. As information on the other programs becomes available, it will be sent home.

The K-5th and 7th graders are working hard to prepare for the **Christmas Program** that will take place on **Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. (rehearsal performance) and 7:00 p.m.** Although the QR Band and Bell Chimes will perform in their own programs, the Band and Chimes choir will each perform one song.

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

Props: 5th grade should **bring Christmas/fun socks**, and **4th grade should bring sunglasses**. These can be brought to school at any point and put in the music room for safe-keeping, but they must be brought in by the beginning of the day on December 14th.

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.



Save the Date! 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 next Spring Fundraiser meeting takes place today at 6:00 p.m. in room K. The committee is looking for additional volunteers. Please consider coming to this month's meeting.

The **December Fun Lunch** takes place on Friday, Dec. 15. Orders are due back on or before Dec. 11.

QR Santa's Secret Shoppe 2017

On December 11-12th, students will visit QR's special holiday store and do their own Christmas shopping. After shopping they will enjoy treats from Santa's Kitchen. Santa's Shoppe Envelopes/Shopping Lists will be sent home with your child next week.

Santa's Secret Shoppe is an event presented by QR PARENTS CLUB for the enjoyment of QR students and their families. Shopping schedules are currently being coordinated with the faculty. We are looking for some volunteers to make these two days a fun and festive occasion for our children. All volunteers must be VIRTUS/CANT compliant. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Bonacci at kgeraty@noctrl.edu or Cheri Cage at clcage@hotmail.com

Learn about and sign up for Santa Shoppe volunteering opportunities here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094daaaf28a6fa7-qrsanta2>

Save the Date

Saturday, January 20

Ladies Night 2018: Wine and Paint

Saturday, March 3

Spring Fundraiser

Calendar

December

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

12/08 Basketball Games

12/08 12:15 p.m. Mass (Holy Day)

12/11 8:00 a.m. Advent Prayer Service (lobby)

Santa Shoppe

12/12 Santa Shoppe

7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

12/13 8:15 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Hand Chime Concert (school lobby)

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 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)

1/05 No Bus Service

Cougars Spirit Day

1/06 Basketball Games

1/08 Leona's Restaurant Benefit

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.
- December 19 is an Early Dismissal Day. 1:30 p.m. dismissal for preschool and 1:35 p.m. for K-8
- 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.

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

Regards,

K. McGinn