



*From the Desk of the Principal,*

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Dear Parent(s):

We had a great opening day. It was wonderful to have the halls filled with happy, excited children. I was able to visit each classroom, and I even had a chance to visit Miss Brochu's first grade music class and watch her play the ukulele and sing with the class! I am looking forward to our preschools joining us on Monday.

On Tuesday, we have a benefit night at Happy Elephant.

### **Curriculum Night**

**Thursday, August 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Doors will open at 6:15**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this **parent only event**, an evening set aside for parents. Curriculum, programs, expectations, and homework philosophy will be part of the individual teacher presentations. However, please understand that this is not a time for *individual conferences regarding your child's progress*. If you need to discuss a specific concern about your child, please contact the teacher and set up an appointment.

**We still have some classrooms that do not have a lunch supervisor on certain days of the week.** If you are able to fill one of the **several** positions or substitute, please call the school office 847-437-3322 or email Mrs. Bowman- [kbowman@qrcougars.org](mailto:kbowman@qrcougars.org).

### **Calendar**

- 8/21 Opening Day for Preschool
- 8/22 Happy Elephant Benefit
- 8/23 8:15 Opening School Mass
- 8/24 Curriculum Night
- 8/26 Mrs. Ellefson's Tie-dye Event
- 8/30 Virtus Training for any new volunteers ( 6:30-8:30)
- 9/01 Cougar Spirit Day
- 9/04 Labor Day
- 9/05 Band Sign Up
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting ( Church 7:00 p.m.)
- 9/06 7:00 p.m. Parents Club Meeting (Room T)
- 9/07 Internet Safety Training (1-8)
- 9/13 Buona Beef Benefit
- 9/18 Picture Day

## A Few Reminders

**The first bell rings at 7:45. All students are expected to be in their classrooms at 8:00.**

The Drop-Off Zone doors will close at 7:55. If the doors are closed, you will need to park and accompany your child into the building through door 7, **kitchen door**.

**Mrs. Bowman, our school secretary**, has been and will be contacting parents regarding missing paperwork. If you received a call or email from her, please make sure you turn in the missing paperwork.

**FSP Hot Lunch Program**-All orders for the month of September are due by **August 23**. Please remember that we are not able to offer FSP/Hot Lunch on the days our Parent Club offers a Fun Lunch. If you choose not to order Fun Lunch, you will need to send a lunch with your child.

### Volunteer Requirements

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. **The next session at QR is Thursday, August 30.**

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

Archdiocese/Office of Catholic Schools- Link to survey that all families are asked to complete by Sept. 15. <https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/3580050/Federal-Funds-Eligibility-Survey>

**SchoolMessenger:** School Messenger is our way of communicating with all families through an automated calling program and e-blasts (email).

**Current Families:** If you have changed your home phone, cell phone, or email address please let the office know.

### Fundraising

As part of **Pepsi's Recycle Rally**, students are encouraged to collect non-alcoholic beverage containers (**#1 plastic beverage bottles and aluminum cans**) and bring them to school to help our school earn rewards. We have a collection area by door 7. The 2017-18 program kicks off on Sept. 1, but we are always collecting. We earned \$500.00 year, and we hope to move back into the top 10 this year. In addition to the monetary prize, we continue to earn points that are used to 'purchase' items. We were able to purchase two digital cameras for use in the school.

### After School Programs:

Please see the flyer for the after school drama program. As the other flyers are sent to me, I will send home. On **Mondays**, we will have the Amigos Spanish, Drama, and Let's Build-It programs. On **Thursday**, we will offer chess. In addition, Miss Diann will be offering dance class. (Day to be determined-) and Mr. L. will have the Children's Choir. (Day to be determined)

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

Wishing you and your family a great school year!

K. McGinn