



From the Desk of the Principal Ms. Kathleen McGinn www.qrschool.org

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Parent(s):

Today is our benefit at Happy Elephant! Many thanks to the Johnson family for hosting this fundraiser for the school!

It's been a busy week at school with lots of new routines to learn, and our students have been troopers. We are getting the hang of social distancing and mask wearing.

Next week, our students will begin attending morning mass. However, due to restrictions on numbers, we will need to hold off having the whole school attend. At this time, grades 2 & 8 will attend on Tuesday, grades 3,4, & 6 will attend on Sept.1, and grades 5 & 7 on Sept. 8.

Our curriculum night is on Thursday, August 27, and it will be virtual. The meeting portion will be on Facebook and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for the group meeting where you will have a chance to meet all the staff, hear from our pastor Fr. Dan, school board, and parent club. Teachers will be setting up Zoom sessions to share information with families. These will be scheduled on a few different days to avoid having sessions going on at the same time. Please look for an email invitation with the date/time/link to the session.

Mrs. Jackie O'Connor finished cleaning up the church gardens/grounds, and she has now moved to the school! She has spent many hours working on the front of the school pulling weeds, trimming, edging and planting! The front of the school looks wonderful. We are blessed to have so many caring people.

The St. Julian's Women's Club surprised our classroom teachers with a card and check to help with purchasing supplies for their classrooms. In addition, they donated two cases of copy paper. Again, we are blessed to part of this parish.

I am grateful to all our volunteers who have helped in so many ways- moving furniture, cleaning up the playground, attaching shields to desks, marking floors and more! You made it possible for us to open on our original start date.

FSP, our hot lunch provider, is having some issues and has delayed opening their ordering portal. We will let you know when you may begin ordering. Please see the attached for ordering. https://www.qrschool.org/for_parents/hot_lunch

We did begin milk service on Monday. If you forgot to order milk for your children, please complete the order form and submit next week. Order form is on the school website under the parent tab/forms.

E-Learners- It was great seeing the students this morning! Thank you to all who were able to pick up books this week. If you missed Tuesday's pick up, please plan to pick up books tomorrow. Please remember to have your child sign in every morning and attend morning prayers/announcements. This is a time that I will set aside each day to check in with the students. The link for the Zoom sessions was sent via email yesterday and will work through October. If you need the link, please send me an email. Look for an email tomorrow with additional information.

Celebrating Birthdays at School- At this time, we have been asked to refrain from passing out any type of treats for birthdays. When the restriction is lifted, we will let you know.

Booster Club Information

Hello and welcome back from the Booster Club!

This year, the Booster Club will be directing all profits made to maintaining a clean and safe environment for all students and staff. This is a large expense for the school to undertake and we are happy to help. So please take a look at our current online order!!

Our fall **Gym Uniform order is live and orders will be taken through August 30th**. This year, we have a few new items. Our sweatpants are a new brand! These will fit the kids much better and be more comfortable as they are wearing them throughout the school day. We have also added two new spirit wear t-shirts. In lieu of the back to school night, we are having our back to school spirit t-shirt available during this fall order. Be sure to order your t-shirts now as they are a limited edition and will not be offered later in the school year.

All spring Gym Uniform Orders should be passed out by the end of the week. If you do not have your order, please contact Cheri Cage, clcage@hotmail.com

As always, no late orders will be accepted. No refunds available. https://apparel.grschool.org

Parish News

Our parish is open for weekend masses. Due to restrictions on numbers, you do need to sign up to attend a weekend Mass at Queen of the Rosary or St. Julian. The link to the sign-up sheet can be found on the QR website- www.qotr.org

Volunteers are needed to assist with weekend masses, especially with checking in and cleaning after a service. This is a great opportunity to help our parish. Please consider volunteering. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we welcome your assistance. Please email: qrcares@archchicago.org.

Reconciliation-

Queen of the Rosary

Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Please line up with your car in the front of the church

and enter the main vestibule when it is your turn.

Short clip by Fr. Dan on what you can expect

St. Julian Eymard

Saturdays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm in Shea Hall.

The line will form in the vestibule; enter Shea Hall when it is your turn.

We respect your privacy and everyone's well-being. You do not need to sign up online, but to comply with contact tracing, you will be asked your first name, the first initial of your last name and telephone number. Thank you for keeping everyone healthy.

Please remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands and maintain 6 ft. social distancing.

Daily Masses

Queen of the Rosary Campus

Tuesdays at 8:15 am (to coincide with the QR School Mass)

St. Julian Eymard Campus

Thursdays at 8:15 am

Sign up for Daily Mass

Daily Masses will continue to be livestreamed on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday via Facebook. To join, simply <u>click here</u> to be taken to the Facebook page.

Clarifications/Previous Information

Students and staff are required to wear **masks**. A face shield may not be worn in place of a mask. A **gaiter** may be worn in place of a mask. Please make sure that it is snug and stays in place. As of last week, the Archdiocese said that **masks with valves/vents cannot be worn**.

Temperatures will be taken upon arrival at school. Parents are asked to take their child's temperature each morning before leaving for school. If your child has a temperature over 100.4, he/she must remain at home.

K-8 students will wear PE clothes on the days that they have PE. PE will be held outside, weather permitting, and masks can be removed when 6 ft. apart. When in the classroom, activities will be modified to meet the requirements. Gym clothes need to be in good repair throughout the year. Students are not to have holes/tears in their clothing. The uniform shirt for gym is gray, not blue.

Recycle Rally- Please continue to collect cans/bottles, but **we have run out of storage at school.** If you collect, you will need to store at home until the 2020 contest begins

Sports Program:

Due to Covid, the Archdiocese of Chicago's athletic program is still in limbo. There is a great possibility that we won't have a fall season; however, if we do get permission to begin the season, parents will be contacted.

Looking Ahead.....

8/20 Benefit at Happy Elephant 8/25 Mass Grades 2 & 8 8/27 Curriculum Night @ 6:30 p.m. 9/01 Mass Grades 3,4,6 9/04 Cougar Spirit Day 9/08 Mass Grades 5 & 7 9/07 No School –Labor Day School Board- Committee Meeting Day 9/08 9/09 Parent Club Meeting (Virtual) School Picture Day 9/14 9/15 Mass grades 2 & 8 Buona Benefit 9/22 Mass Grades 3,4,6

Volunteer Requirements

Mass grades 5 & 7

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.

During this time of social distancing, Virtus is offering online training. If you are planning to volunteer, please register on the Virtus website and select the online training option.

You must create an account to attend an online session. (https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/)

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

Regards,

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