



QUEEN OF THE ROSARY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



From the Desk of the Principal  
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### PDF of Newsletter

Parent(s):

Our arrival and dismissal has improved. I do ask that you have your child/ren ready to exit the vehicle at dropoff. He/she should have his/her backpack and lunch and have said their good-byes while waiting to exit. We have had a few cases of students not having a mask. Please make sure your child/ren is/are wearing the mask when they exit the car. Students should not exit their car until the bell rings or the teacher/staff member appears at the door. This includes the children who are using Victoria Lane. We need to avoid having the students clustered together. I know it is difficult, but we need to social distance.

If we all do our best to social distance and follow all the protocols, it will help us to stay open. That is our goal.

Many thanks to Fr. Dan and Fr. Louis for celebrating Tuesday's school Mass. Our second and eighth graders were in attendance. I am grateful to our parishioners who greeted, sanitized, ushered, and cleaned after the Mass. Without their assistance, the children would not be able to attend Mass. We are looking for a way to livestream the Mass so that the students who are in school will be able to participate. Grades 3,4, and 6 attend on Tuesday. If you plan to attend the Mass, you must sign up on the parish website: [www.qotr.org](http://www.qotr.org).

You may have seen the beautiful gardening work done in the front of the school by Mrs. O'Connor, but many of you may not have seen all the work done on the playground by the **Bald, Prodanov, Scanlan and Gorail families**. These families have been pulling weeds for weeks. It is not too late to help with this project.

Curriculum night is tonight. 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.

Zoom Sessions (Teachers have emailed the Zoom log in information.)

Mrs. Petric 8-27-20 @ 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. DiBella 8-28-20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Wassenaar 8-27-20 @ 5:00 p.m.

Miss Ragusin            8-27-20 @ 5:00 p.m. In Person  
                                 @ 5:30 p.m. e-Learners

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>Grade            8-27-20 @ 7:15 p.m. - Group meeting with the following teachers: Mrs. Maldonado, Miss Nagle, Miss Ragauskis, Miss Izewski and Mr. McDonough.

Zoom sessions for preschool, kindergarten and first grade have already taken place.

The **Handbook has been updated** and can be found **here**. Please note the changes in green due to COVID19 and the highlighted areas.

**FSP Hot Lunch** ordering for October starts September 1<sup>st</sup> and closes September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Please see the attached for ordering.** [https://www.grschool.org/for\\_parents/hot\\_lunch](https://www.grschool.org/for_parents/hot_lunch)

Our first **Cougar Spirit** day will take place on **Friday, September 4**. Students may show their QR pride by wearing **any** QR logo shirt or sweatshirt with jeans, **school shorts or QR sweatpants/QR pajama pants**. If you don't have spirit wear, gym shirts can be worn.

### **Booster Club News**

Our fall **Gym Uniform order is live and orders will be taken through August 30th**. The two new spirit wear shirts are available for purchase. Ordering and payment is done online. Please remember no late orders are accepted and there are no refunds on items that are purchased. <https://apparel.grschool.org>

### **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 (QR pajama pants are allowed) are not acceptable attire. **Leggings are permitted with a tunic top. Out of uniform passes are not to be used on days we attend mass.**
- 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.

**E-Learners** The e-Learning page is on the website under the **STUDENT TAB** ([https://www.grschool.org/for\\_students/e-\\_learning\\_center](https://www.grschool.org/for_students/e-_learning_center) )

E-learners are required to be **checked in** daily on the school's website no later than 8:15 a.m. each day we are in session. **One form for each child is needed.** Submitting this form means that you acknowledge the student whose attendance is being submitted is working on assignments. If your child is not checked in, he/she will be marked absent for the day. If your child is ill, please call the office and let Mrs. Bowman know.

Students are expected to be working on school assignments between the hours of 8:00 a.m. -2:40 p.m. each day we are in session.

Students are **required** to participate in morning announcements and prayers. This will be broadcast through Zoom daily at 8:30 a.m. each morning, as this will be a time that I can check in with the children.

The only exception to this is when a teacher has scheduled a religion class - Zoom meeting at the same time.

E-Learners are expected to be engaged in learning activities throughout the school day and comply with the following requirements during all Sessions:

- All students must be dressed appropriately for school during the Session. Refer to handbooks for out of uniform days. I encourage you to have your child wear a school shirt.
- Students need to be seated at a desk/table/appropriate work area during a Session. (Not in or on a bed.)
- All books and materials must be at the designated learning area and readily available during a Session.
- **No eating or drinking while in a Session.**
- Prior to joining a Session, ensure that your student is in a private location and that his or her device is not visible to the public.
- Log in with first name and last initial for the Session.
- Keep video on during the Session.
- A virtual background may be used, but it must be appropriate and not switched during the lesson.
- Please minimize all background noise and activity during the Session. We want these Sessions to maximize student learning.
- Any misconduct during the Session will be subject to discipline according to the Queen of the Rosary Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy.

## Parish News

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, and a great way for our junior high students to earn service hours.** Please consider volunteering. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we welcome your assistance. Please email: [grcares@archchicago.org](mailto:grcares@archchicago.org)

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](http://www.qotr.org)

## Clarifications/Previous 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.

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.

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.** There has been a change in the program. PepsiCo has cancelled the Challenge League contest, but is still awarding points for items collected. Points can be used to purchase items through their catalog, including gift cards that I have used to purchase items for the school.

**Sports Program:** Due to COVID, the Archdiocese of Chicago's athletic program is still on hold.

## Looking Ahead.....

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

- Buona Benefit

9/22 Mass Grades 3,4,6  
9/25 Mid-trimester  
9/28 McDonald's Benefit Night  
9/29 Mass grades 5 & 7

## 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.

**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,

K. McGinn

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