



QUEEN OF THE ROSARY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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

Parent(s):

It is hard to believe that we opened our doors one month ago today. This first month of school has flown by. I appreciate all that is being done to keep our doors open. As a community, we need to work together to make sure that we are following all the protocols for a safe environment.

We have new guidelines from the Archdiocese of Chicago regarding sending home a child who exhibits symptoms that could be Covid related. If we send a student home due to symptoms, anyone else who lives in that household must go home as well. If you are calling school and leaving a voice message or emailing to let us know that your child will not be attending school, please make sure to state the reason for the absence. The office will follow up with a call asking:

- Has anyone who lives in your household been ill over the last 14 days?
- Have you been in contact with anyone who became ill over the last 14 days?
- Has anyone you have been in contact with tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Parents will be asked to:

- take and record their children's temperatures every 8 hours starting at 3pm that day
- every 8 hours ask the child/ren if they in any way feel ill specifically ask or observe for
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle soreness or body aches
  - Headache
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

If it is a day that your child attends morning Mass, and he/she is tardy, the child must check in at school and not go directly to church. Once the arrival protocols are complete- mask check, temperature taken, symptom check, and hand sanitizer applied- the parent will then need to bring the child to church. Every effort needs to be made to get here on time.

Just a reminder- During the school day, please remember to call the office from your car versus coming to the door.

A few reminders for e-learners are listed below.

- The **e-Learning page is on the website under the STUDENT TAB**  
[https://www.qrschool.org/for\\_students/e-\\_learning\\_center](https://www.qrschool.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.
- **All** 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. \*If a teacher has scheduled a Zoom session during religion class, which could conflict with the 8:30 a.m. morning prayers and announcements, please have your child attend the religion class. He/she will participate in the morning prayers and announcements with their class.

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

- **If a child is consistently missing Zoom sessions or does not participate in the Session, he/she will be marked absent for the day.**
- **Attendance daily through the QR website. Families are required to log in by 8:15 a.m.**
- 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.

Students in grades 3, 4 & 6 will attend Mass on Tuesday. Parents are welcome to attend the 8:15 a.m. mass, but please remember to sign up online. The sign up is on the QR website- [www.qotr.org](http://www.qotr.org).

**Important-FSP Hot Lunch Update:** If you ordered lunch for September, FSP has indicated that they will not be providing the B option. All students who ordered will receive the A option. Please check the menu to make sure it is something your child will eat.

The free lunch program does not begin until October. Please remember that this program runs only on days we are in session.

**Parent Club** is sponsoring a Drive-In Movie Night that will take place on Friday, October 30. Please see the **flyer** for details for a fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween.

**School Board** -Have a fun virtual Friday night with us on October 2 as we host our first ever "Trivia Night" via KaHoot with categories for everyone... Sports, Disney, The World, Music, and more. Reservations need to be made with the **attached** sheet; simply fill out and print, then send cash or check payable to QR School Attn: Peter Kokenes. See the **flyer** for details.

**Parish News**-On Saturday, September 26, Queen of the Rosary and St. Julian will officially unite. The celebration will begin with a prayer service at St. Julian at 4:00 p.m.. Following the prayer service, there will be a car parade to QR for the Unity Mass that will be celebrated in the parking lot. Attendees will stay in their cars. **All are invited to join us for this celebration. There is no need to sign up for the mass.**

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

If you arrive after 7:55 a.m., and there is not a teacher/staff member at the door, you will need to come to **door 1. Please do not drop your child/ren at another door after 7:55 a.m.**

### . 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.

### Looking Ahead.....

- 9/22 Mass Grades 3,4,6
- 9/25 Mid-trimester
- 9/28 McDonald's Benefit Night
- 9/29 Mass grades 5 & 7
- 10/02 Cougar Spirit Day  
Trivia Night
- 10/06 Mass Grades 2 & 8
- 10/12 Columbus Day/No School
- 10/13 Mass Grades 3,4,6  
School Board Meeting
- 10/14 Parent Club Meeting
- 10/20 Mass Grades 5 & 7
  - Lou Malnati's Benefit Night

10/21 Color Portrait Retakes  
10/22 Early Dismissal  
Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual)  
10/23 Student Non-Attendance  
10/27 Mass Grades 2 & 8  
10/30 Halloween  
Parent Club Event

## 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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