

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish



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

January 7, 2021

#### **PDF of Newsletter**

Parent(s):

Although we would rather be in-person, our remote learning seems to be going well. The staff and I are looking forward to having everyone back in the building on the 19<sup>th</sup>! Tomorrow is our monthly spirit day/ cougar celebration. I will be using the parish Zoom account that will allow up to 300 participants; we can all be on together! I encourage all students to wear spirit wear tomorrow. The Zoom information will be sent out later today.

Please continue to contact me to report if your child/ren has/have been exposed to someone COVID positive. I will need to report it to the AoC COVID Task Force.

The **re-registration** form for the 2020-2021 school year can be found here. If you are registering a student new to the school- **preschool or any other grade**- you will need to email Mrs. Bowman (after January 7) to request new student paperwork. Please be aware that many of our classrooms are at capacity with waiting lists so timely registration is important. All current families who are returning next year are asked to turn in the re-registration form and fee (\$125.00) **on or before Thursday, January 28**. Submitting your re- registration ensures a spot for your child/ren. Open registration, registration for new families/new students, will begin on Sunday, January 31.

Our next **restaurant benefit** takes place on Wednesday, January 13 at the Itasca Buona Beef. See the flyer for details.

The second (optional) parent-teacher conference will take place on Thursday, Feb. 11. Similar to how we held conferences in November, the conferences will be held over Zoom. Dismissal on the 11<sup>th</sup> is at 11:00 a.m. No extended care. Information will be sent out next week regarding the scheduling of conferences.

FSP February hot lunch orders are due by noon January 21.



For those who are not ready to attend Mass in person, the parish does live stream the weekend Mass; a link can be found on the QOTR website: www.qotr.org. Please make sure your child attends Sunday Mass virtually or in-person.

Sunday, January 10: Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist. The readings can found here:

**Children Celebrate!** Liturgy of the Word with Children A children's version can be downloaded by clicking here.



Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at Queen of the Rosary School outstanding, begins on Sunday, January 31. Although this year's celebration will look much different than in past years, we still have a lot to be grateful for and will celebrate the community we have built!

To kick off Catholic Schools Week, we encourage families to attend any of the parish Masses- 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at QR and 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the St. Julian Campus. As always, we ask that students attend in uniform to show their pride. Registration for the Masses will open on Wed., January 27.

The teachers and I are finalizing plans for the week and will be sharing with students/families shortly. We do have some fun activities in the works!

Parish News- Weekly bulletin:

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#### Looking Ahead...

- 01/08 Cougar Spirit Day (virtual) Mid-Trimester 2
- 01/13 Buona Benefit Night
- 01/18 Martin Luther King Day (No classes)
- 01/19 Classes Resume in Person Mass Grades 5/7
- 01/21 Elk Grove Food Pantry Collection FSP Feb. Hot Lunch Orders Due
- 01/23 Parent Club Event
- 01/28 Re-registration Due
- 01/31 Catholic Schools Week Begins Mass (sign up required)

### **Clarifications/ Reminders**

#### **E-Learning Reminders**

Students 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. Please, no silly names.
- 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.
- Virtual backgrounds need to be appropriate and not distracting to other learners.

## Any misconduct during the Session will be subject to discipline according to the Queen of the Rosary Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy.

Attendance needs to be submitted by 8:15 a.m. daily. If your child does not check in, he/she will be marked absent for the day. Mrs. Bowman is monitoring attendance and logging it into Power School. If your child is sick and unable to attend class, please call the school to report the absence.

\*Morning prayers and announcements begin at 8:00 a.m. During remote learning, morning prayers/announcements are taking place in two groupings: 7:55 (Gr. 5-8) 8:15 (K-4) All attendees need to be signed in by 8:00 a.m. - screens on, audio muted. Information is posted in my folder on the e-learning page of the website: <u>https://grschool.org/for\_students/e-\_learning\_center</u>

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
  - o Headache
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - o Diarrhea

#### **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.

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

Regards,

K. McGinn

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