



QUEEN OF THE ROSARY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## *Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish*



From the Desk of the Principal  
Ms. Kathleen McGinn  
[www.grschool.org](http://www.grschool.org)

December 3, 2020

### **PDF of Newsletter**

Parent(s):

Our monthly Cougar Spirit Day has been moved to Friday, Dec. 11. We would like to celebrate in school instead of remotely.

We return to **in-person** learning on Monday, December 7, with a half day dismissal on Wednesday, Dec. 9 and 16. All regular afternoon dismissal procedures will be used. Preschool will dismiss at 10:45 a.m. and K-8 students will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. Students who ordered hot lunch will receive their lunch to go, as will student who ordered milk.

Morning prayers will return to 8:00 a.m. next week.

Please remember if a child travels to a 'hot' state, the child will need to quarantine for 14 days upon his/her return. Florida is on the list.

- <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance/>

On December 8, we have a benefit night at Café Zupa in Schaumburg from 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. See the **flyer** for more information.

The **Grand Raffle** drawing has been extended to Dec. 13. If you need tickets, please let us know. Tickets may be purchased online, by school families, and even those who don't live in this area. ([https://grschool.org/support\\_q\\_r/2020\\_grand\\_raffle/grand\\_raffle\\_ticket\\_order\\_form\\_](https://grschool.org/support_q_r/2020_grand_raffle/grand_raffle_ticket_order_form_))

Parent Club Staff Christmas Bonus letter can be found **here**.

Report cards and athletic wear orders not picked up this week will be sent home Monday with your child/ren. Please sign and return the report card envelope no later than Wednesday.

Trimester 1 Honor Roll can be found **here**.

If your child receives milk at lunch, you are able to pick up the milk through tomorrow, Friday, December 4. You may pick milk up between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For those who ordered hot lunch, it is available, heated and ready for pick up between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Being remote does present some challenges. I am grateful to the Arciniegas, Axberg, and Kindle/Gasero families for responding to my last minute plea for help to record pieces for Wednesday's Advent Prayer Service, and to Mrs. Nagle for combining the recorded Flipgrid clips into a movie. Miss Ragusin's fourth grade will lead the Second Week of Advent Prayer Service that will take place on Wed., Dec. 9, and Mrs. Maldonado's 5<sup>th</sup> grade will lead the prayer service for the Third Week of Advent.

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](http://www.qotr.org). Please make sure your child attends Sunday Mass virtually or in-person.



Sunday, December 6 : **Second Sunday of Advent**

The reading for Sunday's Mass can be found here: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120620.cfm>



A children's version can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

**Think about-** John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit

### **Connection for children-**

(Grades 1, 2, and 3) Young children learn to be faithful followers of Jesus by following the examples of the people in their lives. We can show them that their faithfulness to Jesus can also serve as an example to others, preparing the way for Jesus.

(Grades 4, 5, and 6) During the season of Advent, older children observe many people making preparations for our celebration of Christmas. We can invite these children to reflect upon how these actions might help us to prepare the way for Jesus. We can also remind them that Advent calls us to prepare the way for Jesus by renewing our lives through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

(Grades 7 and 8) Especially during this time of the year, young people are inundated with consumer messages from retail advertisers trying to influence shoppers who are buying gifts for the holidays. During Advent, we can help young people focus on a different message by reflecting on the example of John the Baptist when considering how to "prepare the way of the Lord" in our own lives.

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### **E-Learners**

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/ren do not check in, they will be marked absent for the day. Mrs. Bowman is monitoring attendance and logging it into Power School. Morning prayers and announcements begin at 8:30 a.m. All attendees need to be signed in by 8:25 a.m. - screens on, audio muted.

### **Parish News-**

**Season of Giving-** Please read the **attached** communication from our parish.

### **Looking Ahead.....**

12/08 Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Gr 2 & 8 Mass

12/09 10:45 a.m. dismissal preschool  
11:00 a.m. dismissal K-8  
No Extended Care

12/11 Cougar Spirit Day

12/13 Grand Raffle Drawing

12/16 10:45 a.m. dismissal preschool  
11:00 a.m. dismissal K-8  
No Extended Care

12/17 Christmas (Virtual) Program

12/18 **1:30 p.m. Dismissal**

12/19 Winter Break Begins (12/19 -1/3)

01/04 School Resumes as Remote Learning for All

01/18 Martin Luther King Day (No classes)

01/19 Classes Resume in Person

### **Clarifications/Previous Information**

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

### 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

Twitter- @cougars



## 5 BEHAVIORS TO KEEP US SAFE

As a member of our community, I will...

1. Wear a mask
2. Keep my distance
3. Wash and sanitize my hands
4. Stay home if I am sick
5. Get tested if I exhibit symptoms

...because protecting others in our  
community is my responsibility, too.