

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish



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

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Parent(s):

Miss Ragusin's fourth grade students did a wonderful job leading us in prayer yesterday. The class led the Advent Prayer Service for the Second Week of Advent.

Tomorrow is our monthly Cougar celebration and Spirit Day. Students may show their QR pride by wearing **any** QR logo shirt or sweatshirt with jeans, **QR** sweatpants/QR pajama pants. If you don't have spirit wear, gym shirts can be worn. The Cougar celebration will take place immediately following morning prayers. No out of uniform passes can be used. This is a day for all the students to show their QR spirit.

A revised copy of the Trimester 1 Honor Roll for grades 5-8 can be found here.

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. (<u>https://qrschool.org/support_g_r/2020_grand_raffle/grand_raffle_ticket_order_form_</u>)

Remember our **Beauty of the Nativity** submissions are due on Dec. 14. We are looking forward to hearing all of our families share their favorite part of the Nativity story.

On Wednesday, we kicked off our **Countdown to Christmas** with the all school contest, "Do you know that Tune?" The classroom that was the correct number caller with the correct title won an out of uniform pass for the class. Winning classes: 2E, 4G, 6P, D, and 3I. More fun activities are planned to help bring a little Christmas joy!

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament has a parish evening of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun scheduled for Dec. 20. Families are invited to watch a virtual retelling of the Nativity Story, and immediately following there is Bingo for all! You do need to pre-register using the link below. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-ocomeall

Parent Club Staff Christmas Bonus letter can be found here.

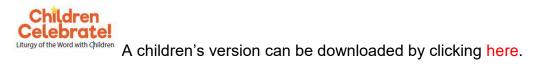
The show must go on....Although we cannot have our usual Christmas Program, and we still have many restrictions on spacing and actual singing, Miss Izewski is working on a Christmas (Virtual) Program. The students are being recorded and a video will be complied and shared with families.

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, December 13 : Third Sunday of Advent

The reading for Sunday's Mass can be found here: <u>https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121320.cfm</u>



Think about- The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*. We light the pink candle as a reminder that Advent is a season of joy. This week, John tells us that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

Connection for children-

(Grades 1, 2 and 3). John the Baptist told the people that the one they were looking for was in their midst; they just had not recognized him. We can learn to recognize Jesus' presence in our world because we have learned about Jesus from the Bible and from the Church.

(Grades 4, 5, and 6) It is important to let them know that our faith in Jesus is credible because it is founded on our experience of Jesus.

(Grades 7 and 8) Help them to appreciate the importance of Scripture, the Church, and the witness of others as they learn to recognize and believe in Jesus, the Son of God.

From Loyola Press

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 8:00 a.m. All attendees need to be signed in by 8:00 a.m. - screens on, audio muted.

Parish News-

Looking Ahead.....

- 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-tentative date
- 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:
 - \circ Fever
 - \circ Cough
 - Shortness of breath

- Fatigue
- Muscle soreness or body aches
- \circ Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- \circ Sore throat
- \circ Congestion
- Nausea or vomiting
- \circ 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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