



QUEEN OF THE ROSARY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish



From the Desk of the Principal
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PDF of Newsletter

Parent(s):

On behalf of the teachers and staff, I wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours and the coming year be filled with happiness.

The Chotas and Zych families won the school's **Cougar Raffle** Christmas drawing! Each family will be receiving a check for \$500.00. The second drawing will take place in April.

Thank you to Mrs. Maldonado and 5th grade for leading yesterday's Advent Prayer Service for the Third Week of Advent, which can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/shfqGVdUud4>

Tomorrow is an early dismissal: 1:15 p.m. for preschool and 1:30 p.m. for K-8. From January 4 through January 15, all schools in the Archdiocese, including QR, will be in remote learning. These two weeks of remote learning are not an extended break for students. Classes will be in session daily and students are expected to log in for class. Morning prayers and announcements will be at 8:00 a.m. Teachers will send Zoom links and information to students/families. It is extremely important that each family be back home by Jan. 4 for the start of virtual learning. This will allow students to quarantine ahead of the start of in-person classes on Jan. 19.

A link to the Christmas program for grades K-8 will be emailed later today. Even with all the restrictions on actual singing, the students were able to show their musical talents through Boomwhackers, marching, dancing, ringing bells, and keeping the beat. Thank you, Miss Izewski and students, for your creativity.

Our Countdown to Christmas has been fun!

Congratulations to our Grand Raffle Winners

\$10,000- Paul and Beth Labant

\$3,000- The Acinco Family

\$500- Leslie Facusher

\$500- Kim Duttinger

\$500- Jerre Uriste

Thank you to all who supported the Grand Raffle fundraiser by purchasing and selling extra tickets.

It is hard to believe, but it is time to begin preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. The initial **Re-registration form** will be included in the January 7th newsletter. **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 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>

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 20 : **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The reading for Sunday's Mass can be found here: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122020.cfm>



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

Think about- The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

On this final Sunday of Advent, Sunday's Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

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** (1:15 p.m. preschool)
 12/19 Winter Break Begins (12/19 -1/3)
 01/04 School Resumes as Remote Learning for All
 01/06 Parent Club Meeting
 01/08 Cougar Spirit Day
 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
 01/23 Parent Club Event
 01/28 Re-registration Due
 01/31 Catholic Schools Week Begins
 10:30 a.m. Mass (sign up required)

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.