

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):

Happy New Year! Wishing you and your family a wonderful new year.

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. 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.

Classes will be in session daily, and students are expected to log in and stay online for each class. Please review the e-learning reminders with your child/ren.

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. All attendees need to be signed in by 8:00 a.m. - screens on, audio muted. The link will be emailed to families and posted in my folder on the e-learning page of the website:

https://grschool.org/for_students/e-_learning_center_

Per the Archdiocese requirement, teachers are also working from home. Teachers will send Zoom links and information to students/families.

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

It is time to begin preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. The initial **Re-registration** form will be included in next week's 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 next **restaurant benefit** takes place on January 13 at the Itasca Buona Beef. See the flyer for details.

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.



Friday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

The readings can be found here: https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010121.cfm

Sunday, January 3: Epiphany of the Lord

The reading for can be found here: https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010321.cfm



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 past years, we still have a lot to be grateful for and will celebrate the community we have built!

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." The theme recognizes that Catholic school, like the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution, **but it is the people.** As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same.

Parish News- Weekly bulletin: https://www.qotr.org/bulletin-1

Looking Ahead...

01/04 School Resumes as Remote Learning for All

01/06 Parent Club Meeting

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
- 01/23 Parent Club Event
- 01/28 Re-registration Due
- 01/31 Catholic Schools Week Begins

10:30 a.m. Mass (sign up required)

Open registration begins

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

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