

# Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish



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

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#### **PDF of Newsletter**

Parent(s):

It has been great having the students and staff back in the building!

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 or wear spirit wear to show their pride and be recognizable to all parishioners. Registration for the Masses will open on Wed., January 27.

Please remember that if you opt for eLearning, you are committing for the whole trimester. Our eLearning program is not set up to have students hop in and hop out or go day by day. We have some classrooms that only have in-person learners and are not set up for daily e-learning. A child who is called in absent for a day or two does not automatically jump into e-learning for that day. If your child is an in-person learner and guarantined, he/she does need to go to eLearning.

Quarantine vs. Isolation- If a family member is Covid positive in your house, there is a difference between quarantining and isolating that impacts the length of time a student needs to remain out of school. A Covid positive person should be isolated- **no contact with the family, use disposable utensils, separate bathrooms**. If this can be done, the student's time out of school is 14 days. If this is not possible, it is 10 days plus another 14. The actual quarantine does not begin until the Covid positive person no longer has an active case.

FSP February hot lunch orders are due by noon today.

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 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.

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, February 11 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. This winter conference is optional. Due to restrictions on in-person meetings, our conferences will be virtual. Scheduling of your child(ren)'s conference will take place online through SignUP Genius.

Please use this link: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/8050544AFAB23A31-parent">https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/8050544AFAB23A31-parent</a>

- Once you are on the SignUp Genius site, please scroll down to find the name/s of the teacher/s you would like to see. (Names are in alphabetical order).
- Review the available time slots under that teacher and click on the 'sign up' button to sign up for that time.
- You will receive a reminder notice from SignUp Genius of the times you selected a day before conferences.
- Actual conferences will be 10 minutes in length. Reserving time slots are on a first come, first served basis. Please sign up for a conference before Thursday, January 28.
- The Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the day of conferences to meet virtually.

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 24 Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples. Imagine what Jesus' presence and invitation to these first followers must have been like that they responded by leaving their livelihood to become his disciples. How might our life change if we understood the Kingdom of God to be as important and immediate in our lives? Ask God to help you experience the Kingdom of God with such immediacy. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. (Taken from Loyola Press)

The readings can found here: https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012421.cfm



A children's version can be downloaded by clicking here.

Parish News- Weekly bulletin:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5dc8762fc64bbb6f82efc4ba/t/5ff9d6884decc12906f8c343/1610208909555/January+10%2C+2021.pdf



The Scholastic Book Fair is back! While the Fair will be exclusively held online this year, we still plan on making it a fun and joyous experience for our students to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

Our customized QR homepage features:

- A fully Virtual Fair so you and your kids can experience the magic of the school shopping experience
- Browse over 200 titles by grade, meet popular authors, and discover the comfort and joy of our Fair
- Direct access to over 6,000 additional titles with family-friendly prices, at the Scholastic online store

Save these dates and view our school's Fair site:

Fair Dates: January 27, 2021-February 9, 2021

Virtual Store: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/grschool

We can't wait to "see" you at the Fair! Thank you for your support of QR and Happy Reading!

Mary Schnitzer
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## Looking Ahead...

01/18 Martin Luther King Day (No classes)

01/21 Elk Grove Food Pantry Collection

FSP Feb. Hot Lunch Orders Due

01/26 Mass grades 2/8

01/28 Re-registration Due

01/29 Change 4 Change Day w/ a Twist

• Bring \$1.00 for the school library. If we raise \$150.00, everyone is out of uniform on Thursday.

## 01/31 Catholic Schools Week Begins

5:00 p.m. Mass at QR (Sat.)

8:30 am Mass at St. Julian

10:30 a.m. Mass at QR

12:30 p.m. Mass at St. Julian

Mass (sign up required)

Open registration begins

Virtual Open House

2/01 Academic Bowls

McDonald's Benefit

2/02 Mass Grades 3/4/6

Bingo

Parent Club Providing Treat

Talent Show (Virtual)

2/03 Book Fair- Guest Reader

PJ's and Movies

2/04 Games (Gr. 5-8)

Dance Party (Prek-4)

No Uniforms...If we reached the goal of collecting \$150.00 on Monday!

2/05 Cougar Spirit Day

Book Fair Treat Day

Students Writing Thank You Cards

2/06 Ladies' Night Out

#### **Clarifications/ Reminders**

Parent Club- Looking for board members for the 2021-2022 school year. See the attached for more information.

## **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 a.m. (Gr. 5-8) 8:15 a.m. (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: <a href="https://grschool.org/for\_students/e-learning\_center">https://grschool.org/for\_students/e-learning\_center</a>

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
  - o Shortness of breath
  - Fatique
  - 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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