



August 2023

Important Dates

- August 4th, 5th, and 6th- 60th Annual St. Agnes Bazaar
- August 8th- New Student Ice Cream Social 6:00-7:00pm
- August 9th- The FIREPIT Dine to Donate
- August 17th- Kindergarten Orientation 6:00pm
- August 21st- Meet the Teacher Event
- August 24th- First Day of School (1/2 Day and Modified PreK)
- August 25th- First Day of School for MWF PreK4 Students (Modified Schedule)

Principal Welcome

Dear Guardian Families,

We hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer, filled with much relaxation, adventure, and most of all, quality time together. As we begin a new school year, we are excited to have our students back in the classrooms, ready to embark on new learning experiences and on creating lasting memories.

This year, we will be sharing school information monthly through this new format! The “Guardian Gazette” will be your one-stop shop for important school-wide information! You’ll still be receiving weekly emails or newsletters from your classroom teachers, but our hope in this new format is to minimize the number of weekly blasts and to streamline communication a bit more.

In this edition of the Guardian Gazette, you will find important information about the start of school year, including key dates, upcoming events, and reminders about school policies and procedures. We encourage you to read through this newsletter carefully to stay informed and prepared for the exciting times ahead.

We want to extend a very warm welcome to all new students and their families who have joined our school community this year. We are thrilled to have you as part of our Guardian family and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you!

Enjoy the last remaining weeks of summer. We'll see you on August 21st for our Meet and Greet!!

Go Guardians!

Mrs. Filak

Ice Cream Social



**QUEEN OF ANGELS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S**

**NEW STUDENT
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

COME MEET NEW STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND
REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS SCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONS.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH
6PM-7PM**

**SPONSORED BY THE
QUEEN OF ANGELS
PTO**

Queen of Angels PTO is sponsoring an ice cream social for new students and their families. We look forward to meeting our new school families.

Kindergarten Orientation



Kindergarten students and their families are invited to attend our Kindergarten Orientation Event on Thursday, August 17th at 6pm. Students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher, visit their classroom, ride a school bus, and more! If you are able to attend please RSVP by August 10th to Christina at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org. We look forward to meeting you!

Meet and Greet

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MEET & GREET EVENT

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST
2:00-3:00 AND 5:00-6:30**

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ★ MEET YOUR STUDENT'S NEW TEACHER
- ★ DROP OFF SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- ★ HELP SET UP YOUR STUDENT'S LOCKER
- ★ OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE PTO & FIND OUT ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL GUESTS

A BALLOON ARTIST AND FOOD TRUCK WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE GYM DURING THE EVENING SESSION

Queen of Angels will host a Meet and Greet Event for all school families on Monday, August 21st. During this event students and families will have the opportunity to meet their teachers, drop off school supplies, setup lockers, and find out more information about our school's PTO and volunteer opportunities. We will have two sessions available for families: an afternoon session from 2pm-3pm and an evening session from 5pm-6:30pm. During the evening session we will also have a balloon artist for kids and a food truck available.

60th St. Agnes Bazaar

60th Annual St. Agnes Bazaar

11400 St. Agnes Ln.
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

Rain or Shine!

August 4, 5, & 6 2023

Friday:	5:00 p.m. to close
Saturday:	5:00 p.m. to close
Sunday:	4:00 p.m. to close



Children's Tent

and much more!

\$5,000 Raffle Ticket

Basket Raffle

Ethnic Foods

Freshly made Baked Goods, Belgian Waffles, Funnel Cakes, French Fries, Italian Roast Beef, Chicken Wings, Lemonade, *Kerber's* Ice Cream



Rides

Poker

Bingo

Games of Skill and Chance

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Live D.J.	4:00 pm Dinner until sold out	4:00 pm Dinner until sold out The GBoyz

Dining Room/Ethnic Foods opens 1 hour before bazaar each day and sells out quickly!

Queen of Angels Catholic School - St. Agnes Parish have asked our parents to coordinate and volunteer again this year at the St. Agnes Bazaar – Children’s Corner on August 4th, 5th, and 6th. So I am asking for your help. We will be responsible for all the games under the Children’s Tent. I have worked at the St. Agnes Bazaar for over 36 years and have enjoyed every minute of this ministry. Please call me at 724-331-6216 or e-mail me at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org and let me know when you are available to help!! Thank you for your help and support! – Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick

Oh! The Places You'll Go!

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-Dr. Seuss

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Take a picture wearing your Q of A Spirit wear this summer and email ctorok@queenofangelssch.org. Win a prize for furthest and for most unique photo.

Prizes will be awarded at the start of the school year

Summer contest

As the summer winds down, don't forget to send your Q of A spirit wear pictures to ctorok@queenofangelssch.org. Prizes will be awarded at the start of the school year for the furthest and most unique photo! We can't wait to see what everyone did this summer!



Join Queen of Angels Catholic School at The FirePit on Wednesday, August 9th for a Dining to Donate event. On Wednesday, August 9th from 11:30am-8:30pm, 20% of your check will go to support Queen of Angels Catholic School. This event is dine-in only and you must present the flyer (printed or digital) for our school to receive credit. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you there!

DINE TO DONATE

THE FIREPIT
WOOD FIRED GRILL

Help support
Queen of Angels Catholic School
Wednesday, August 9th
from 11:30am-8:30pm
at The Firepit! During this event
20%* of food sales will be donated
to our school with the presentation
of this flyer. Dine-in only.

THANK YOU!

*20% donation excludes tax, gratuity, and
beverages

Toddler Two Program

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



TODDLER-TWO PROGRAM

This "Toddler Time" Parent/Child Program is designed for children and their parent or caregiver to come together to play and learn.

A typical session will include: Exploratory Play, Arts & Crafts, Circle Time (a gentle introduction to group time) and Snack.

- ✓ WHO: 2-3 year old children with a parent or caregiver (Must be 2 before session starts)
- ✓ WHERE: Queen of Angels Catholic School
- ✓ WHEN: 1 hour class – Monday AND/OR Wednesday
TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- ✓ SESSIONS AVAILABLE: Each session is 8 weeks
Fall Oct 2nd/4th- Dec 4th/6th
Winter - Jan 8th/10th- Feb 26th/28th
Spring- March 4th/6th- May 6th/8th
- ✓ Cost per session: \$80 for 1 day per week or \$150 for 2 days per week



ENROLL TODAY!



Join Queen of Angels Catholic School for our Toddler Two Program. This "Toddler Time" Parent/Child Program is designed for children and their parent or caregiver to come together to play and learn.

A typical session will include: Exploratory Play, Arts & Crafts, Circle Time (a gentle introduction to group time) and Snack. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/R3SC5w5cef>

CYO Fall Sports Registration:



CALLING ALL CHEERLEADERS! Registration is open for the 2023-2024 Queen of Angels Cheerleading Season. The deadline is Friday, August 11, 2023. Interested students in Kindergarten – 8th grade must attend Queen of Angels Catholic School or be an active member of one of the local Catholic Churches to be eligible to participate. Cheerleaders practice after school once each month in August, September and October and cheer at two games each month in November, December and January. Registration fee is \$75 per student payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School. Contact Coach Jen at jmiele@dioceseofgreensburg.org for registration forms. We welcome your cheerleader!

Cross Country Registration



Queen of Angels is now accepting registration for our CYO Cross Country Program. We welcome all children in grades K-8 who attend Queen of Angels Catholic School or belong to one of our supporting parishes. The season will officially begin the first week of August. Practices will be held 2-3 times per week at various locations in the Irwin area – Oak Hollow Park, Indian Lake, St Agnes Church grounds. Cross Country meets are on Sunday afternoons starting September 10. Meets are held at GCC, Geibel Catholic School or Kunkle Park. No experience is necessary and everyone competes (there is no bench). If you have any questions please contact Jason Holderbaum at jasonhbaum@comcast.net or complete the following form to register. <https://forms.office.com/r/nheb2eFDRx>

Girls Basketball Registration



Queen of Angels is now accepting registrations for our school's CYO Girls Basketball Team. All 3rd-4th grade (Jr. JV) and 5th-6th (JV) grade girls who are enrolled at Queen of Angels or belong to a supporting a parish are welcome to join. The season runs from August-November and the cost of registration is \$85. All participants will also be required to volunteer at the concession stand/gate. Please use the following link to register.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JmV94wrvJR>

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mastalerz at jmastalerz@queenofangelssch.org

Transportation Requests:

If your student(s) need to ride the bus this year and you have not already filled out your [transportation form](#), please do so ASAP. If you have any questions, please email Stacy Novak snovak@queenofangelssch.org or Michele Yakel at myakel@queenofangelssch.org

Uniform Policy & Uniform Room



As you begin to try on clothes for this coming school year, please remember to donate clean uniforms that no longer fit to our school's uniform room. Uniform pieces may be dropped off to the school office throughout the summer and families may "shop" this room Monday-Thursday from 8am-1pm. Also, please note that the red uniform shirts from two years ago will no longer meet uniform guidelines. For any questions about uniforms, please visit our

[Dress Code Policy](#) or to purchase uniforms please visit our school's [Log Cabin webpage](#). Uniform shirts may also be embroidered at Impressions in Thread in downtown Irwin.

Dress Down Day Program

NEW ANNUAL DRESS-DOWN DAY PASS

2023-2024 School Year

New for the 2023-2024 School Year! Students have the opportunity to purchase a yearly dress down pass for \$20. This will give them the opportunity to dress down 18 times throughout the school year and on their birthday/half birthday. If your child's birthday falls on a weekend, they may dress down on a Monday or Friday.

Please note that class birthday dress down days will no longer be available. Students may still pay on individual dress down days for a cost of \$2.00.

Dress Down Day Dates Include:

- September: 8th and 21st
- October: 9th and 27th
- November: 10th and 29th
- December: 1st and 11th
- January: 12th and 24th
- February: 13th and 29th
- March: 8th and 18th
- April: 8th and 25th
- May: 7th and 20th
- Your student's birthday/half-birthday

Please note that the school may host dress down days throughout the year to benefit other organizations, such as the Kentucky Project, which are not included in the \$20 pass.

Please scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/9YLnBU2id> to purchase your yearly dress down day pass! You can choose to pay by cash/check, or to be billed through FACTS.



This year, Queen of Angels is excited to announce that we will now be offering the option to make one easy payment in the beginning of the year for all of the school sponsored dress down days. No more searching for \$1.00 in the morning or worrying about your child turning in their money. For \$20 students will receive 18 dress

down days and the opportunity to dress down on their birthday/half birthday. Please note that class birthday dress down days will no longer be an option and additional charity dress down days may be held throughout the year that aren't included-- such as the Kentucky Project Christmas Collection. Please fill out the following form to purchase an annual pass.

<https://forms.office.com/r/9YLmnBU2id>

Summer Improvements

Our school's faculty and staff have been busy this summer getting classrooms ready for the fall. In addition to cleaning and waxing floors, we are excited to announce:

- K-4th grade classrooms will be receiving new classroom furniture
- New flooring will be installed in the Exploration Lab
- The first phase of our St. Francis Courtyard transformation is underway with the installation of the artificial turf scheduled to take place in August



School Supply Lists



School Supply Lists can be found at the following link:
<https://www.queenofangelssch.org/supply-lists/>

Volunteering



NAME _____

Diocesan Clearances and Trainings

The Diocese of Greensburg requires all, school employees and all volunteers to have all of the following clearances and trainings prior to work or ministry in the diocese. †

- [Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct](#)
- [PA Mandated Reporter Training](#)
- [VIRTUS Training](#) - Every Five Years
- [PA Criminal History Check Form](#) - Every Five Years

- [PA Child Abuse Form](#) - Every Five Years
- [FBI Fingerprint Check](#) - Every Five Years. Initial submission must be done through screening agency. Then every five years screening agency submission **OR** an [Affidavit for volunteers only](#) ‡.
- [ACT 24 Clearance](#)



† CYO Coaches MUST obtain FBI Fingerprint Clearance every five years. They cannot submit a Volunteer Affidavit.

Additional Clearances for Catholic Schools Coaches

In addition to the Diocesan Clearances listed above, employees and volunteers working in our Catholic schools are required to also have the following clearances, based on Position.

CYO Coaches (Volunteer, Age 18+)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT 24 Clearance • Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Acknowledgement Form • Code of Conduct for Coaches • Concussion in Sports Training Program Online • Play Like a Champion Today Coaches Clinic • CYO Coaches MUST obtain FBI Fingerprint Clearance every five years. They cannot submit a Volunteer Affidavit.

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Please contact Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick at rnoblick@queenofangelsch.org with any clearance questions.

SAVE THE DATE



Queen of Angels Annual Virtual Auction will be held October 12th-19th! If you are interested in sponsoring this event or donating an item, please contact Christina at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org. Stay tuned for more details!

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR



Queen of Angels Catholic School

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the first Tuesday of the month by 3:00 p.m.

Please send items for publication consideration to ctorok@queenofangelssch.org

Our mailing address is:

One Main St. North Huntingdon, PA 15642

