



September 2023

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Important Dates

- September 5th-Lottery Calendar Request Kickoff
- September 8th- Dress Down Day
- September 20th- Picture Day
- September 21st- Dress Down Day
- September 22nd- Lottery Calendar Requests Due
- September 26th-Open House at 6pm
- September 27th- No School Teacher ACT 80 Day
- September 27th- Dine to Donate at NHT Panera
- September 28th-Top Dog Therapy Visit

Athletics Calendar--[Click here to view upcoming athletic events](#)

September Calendar--[Click here to view the September Calendar](#)

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Principal Notes

Dear Guardian Families,

Welcome to the month of September! We hope the start of the school year has been a smooth for you and your children. We couldn't be happier to have the building alive again with laughter, smiling faces, and excitement for a new year together!

As we settle into the month, please keep in mind these few important reminders and updates:

Uniform Reminder: This is a kind reminder to families that our school uniform policy is in full effect. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate uniform each day. This includes proper footwear. Uniforms not only create a sense of unity and pride among our students, but they also promote a positive and focused learning environment. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Day of Service: In remembrance of the acts of service and valor we witnessed on September 11, 2001, our school community will be taking part in acts of service on September 11th this year. We hope to make the Day of Service an annual event in recognition of Patriots' Day.

Upcoming Events: Looking ahead, our Student Open House will be held on September 26th from 6:00-7:00. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see all over the wonderful things your child has worked on during the first month of school!

Finally, I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to all of you. Your continued partnership and support are integral to the success of our students. The positive, nurturing, and faith-center environment we strive to create would not be possible without your involvement and dedication. Together, we can empower our children to reach their full potential. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff. We are here to support you and your child throughout the school year. Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment to our Queen of Angels community. Together, let us make this a remarkable year of growth and achievement for our students!

Go Guardians!
Mrs. Filak

Meet Our New Staff



Meet Our New Staff!

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Abigail Buzzle

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Ms. Buzzle joins us this year at QofA in our fourth-grade classroom. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education (PreK-4) and Special Education PreK-12 from Slippery Rock University. Ms. Buzzle completed her student teaching in fourth grade at Hempfield School District and most recently taught at The Goddard School in Murrysville!

Samantha Pashel

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Ms. Pashel will be in dual positions for the 2023-2024 school year at Queen of Angels: she will co-teaching with Mrs. Cycak in Preschool and PreK AND will be teaching religion for grades 5-8! She is a graduate of Saint Vincent College, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education (PreK-4). Ms. Pashel also completed her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at St. Vincent. She has spent her career in Catholic education, teaching in both PreK and Kindergarten classrooms. Ms. Pashel also has several years of experience with youth and campus ministries.

Maria Korn

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Mrs. Korn will be joining our Middle School team this year as she teaches our 5-8 ELA classes. She received her Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from the University of Pittsburgh and her Master's Degree in Literature and Criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Korn has her Pennsylvania Teaching Certification in 7-12 English and recently taught 7th and 8th grade ELA at Franklin Regional School District.

Saying Goodbye...

Mrs. McLellan

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Mrs. McLellan has decided, after 49 years of teaching, to retire. She spent the last 10 years of her career at Queen of Angels, working with remediation and enrichment students, and even was known to teach a math class or two. Mrs. McLellan will be spending her retirement traveling around the world with her daughter and grandchildren!




Queen of Angels Catholic School is excited to introduce our new staff for the 2023-2024 school year!

2023 Online Auction


Save the Date

*Queen of Angels
Catholic School's
Annual Online Auction*


OCTOBER 12-19, 2023



GROWING HEARTS. GROWING MINDS. GROWING COMMUNITY.



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO PARTICIPATE!



- **Save the Date – October 12th-19th!** Our Virtual Auction is happening soon! Stay tuned for more details and exciting items to bid on to help our wonderful school!
- **Your opinion counts!** Please consider taking the survey below to let us know what you would like to see in our upcoming auction. <https://forms.office.com/r/nsfeCnT9Q4>
- **Sponsors/Donation-** If you are interested in sponsoring our online auction or donating an item, simply click on the sponsor link or contact Christina at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org. We are always looking for unique donations to add to our auction including sports memorabilia, event tickets, or getaways. [Sponsor Forms](#)
- **School Contest- Get ready for the magic!** We are collecting donations/gift cards for our online auction. If our school reaches its goal of **\$2,000**, we're hosting an all-school assembly featuring the very popular magician, Steve Haberman. Please send in your donation by September 30th. **We appreciate your generosity and plan to make this our best online event yet!**

Open House



Join us for our Prek-8th grade open house on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00pm. You will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and what they have been working on for the first month of school. We hope to see you there!

Dine to Donate



Join Queen of Angels Catholic School at the North Huntingdon Panera on Wednesday, September 27th for a Dining to Donate event. On Wednesday, September 27th from 8:00am-8:00pm, 20% of your check will go to support Queen of Angels Catholic School. If ordering online, please use code FUND4U. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you there!



Help support us!

Queen of Angels Catholic School

20%
OF SALES
WILL BE
DONATED

September 27, 2023
8:00 am to 8:00 pm EDT
8901 Route 30

Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App,
or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

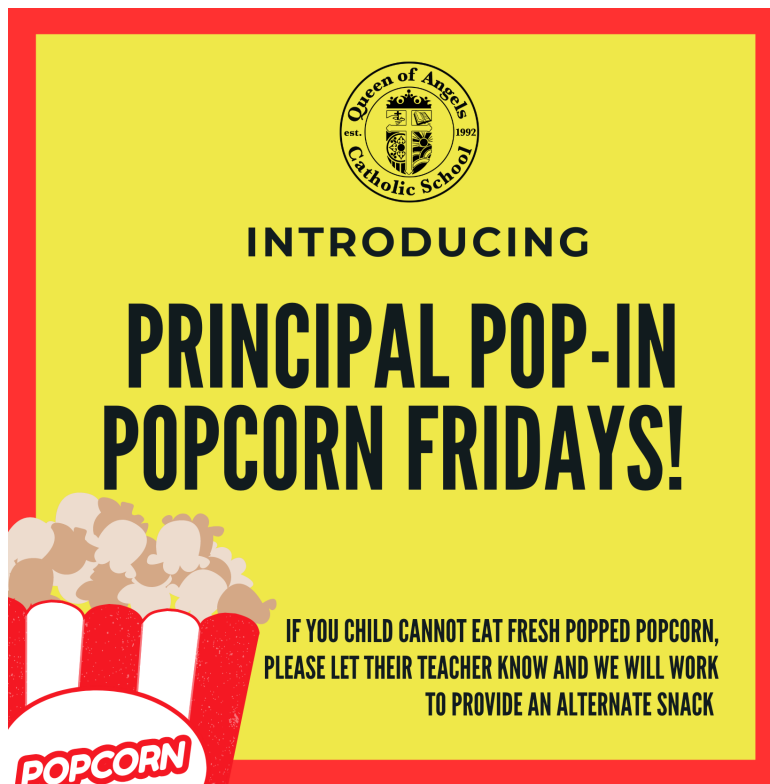
Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.**

Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

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*Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions/>. **Services vary by café.

Popcorn Fridays!



We are excited to announce that Popcorn Fridays will be returning to Queen of Angels this year. Two Fridays a month students will be served fresh popped popcorn in their classrooms. Mrs. Filak will also take turns "popping" into different classrooms during this time to visit and/or read to students. If you would like to help with this event, please sign-up below. Volunteers will be needed for approximately 1.5 hours on a Friday afternoon to help pop, bag, and deliver popcorn to classrooms. Thanks in advance for helping to bring back this tradition.

[Popcorn Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet](#)

Angels After Care

ANGELS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades: Prek- 6th

MONDAY - FRIDAY 2:30 - 5:30
NOT AVAILABLE ON HALF
DAYS OR SNOW DAYS

CARE BEGINS ON MONDAY,
AUGUST 28TH.



PROGRAM INCLUDES

- ✓ Homework help
- ✓ Open gym and physical activity
- ✓ Snack
- ✓ Flexible dismissal times
- ✓ Multi-child discount
- ✓ And more...

**Multi-child
Discount**



Benefits


Provides a safe and caring environment for students after school hours.



Call for more Information or register at:

724-978-0144

One Main St
North Huntingdon, PA 15642
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 www.queenofangelssch.org

Please complete the following form prior to attendance in the program. A \$25 non-refundable registration fee per family must be submitted along with registration. Make checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School. For each child, please give name, grade and birthdate. After care starts on Monday, August 28th.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Eqs6kJFvTS>

Service Saturday



Volunteers are needed to help assemble furniture, move uniforms, spruce up our campus, and more!

If you are able to help, please sign-up on the link below.

VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE UPDATED CLEARANCES. STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH A PARENT/GUARDIAN. FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CTOROK@QUEENOFANGELSSCH.ORG

Please let us know if you can lend a hand assembling furniture, sprucing up campus and moving uniforms! Students are welcome to help, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Volunteers must have clearances. If you have any questions regarding clearances, please contact Ruth Ann Noblick at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org There is a job for everyone!

[Service Saturday Sign-Up](#)

Volunteering-Get Involved!



Queen of Angels has a lot of fun things planned for this school year and we need your help to make them all possible! At Queen of Angels Catholic School, parent volunteers are essential to run our PTO, Athletics Association, help with fundraising activities, and other special events throughout the year. Parent volunteers provide huge relief and support to the community. A lot of the activities and opportunities provided for our children at school cannot be accomplished without the help of volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, please look at the list below and the calendar of upcoming events to see how you can help. Also, if you have another skill/talent that you would like to share with our school community please let us know---we are always eager to welcome volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Lunchroom monitors
- Homeroom parents
- Volunteers at class parties
- Chaperones for Field Trips
- Coaches for athletics
- Assist or run after school clubs
- Help at school events (drama club plays, etc.)
- Help with a fundraiser
- Landscaping/decorating the school grounds
- Be a science fair judge
- And more!

Upcoming Event Calendar

If you or a family member is interested in volunteering their time, please email Christina Torok at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org

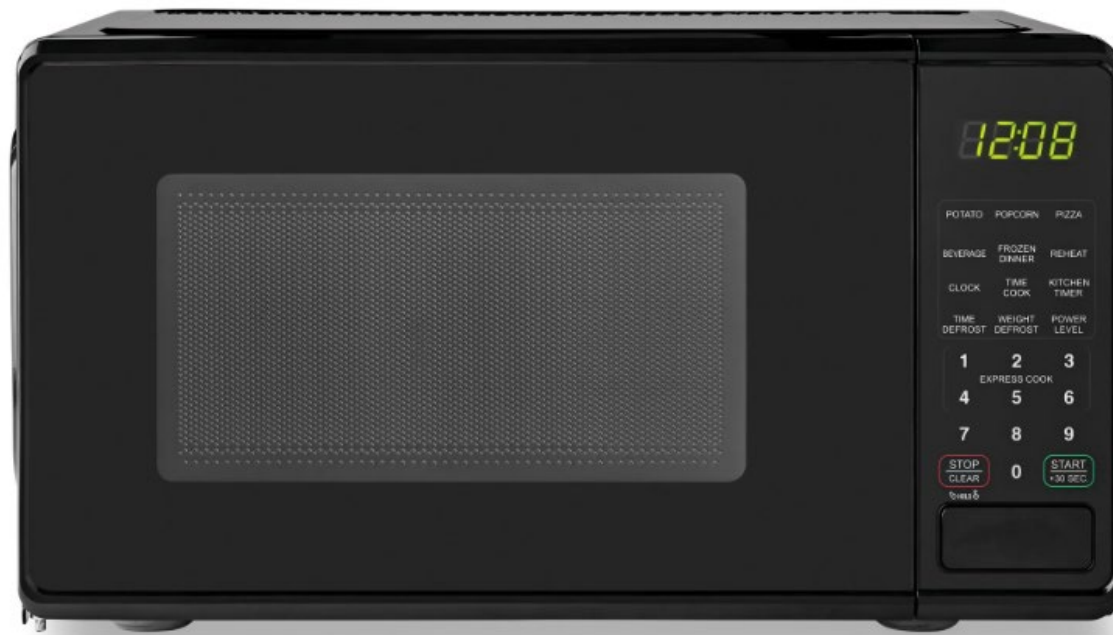
As a reminder all volunteers are required to have updated clearances.

The list of clearances needed can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about your clearances please contact Ruth Ann Noblick at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org

Cafeteria Microwaves

We are excited to announce that we now have two microwaves in the cafeteria for students to use during lunch.

- Students in grades 3rd-8th will be allowed to reheat simple meals during lunchtime (ramen noodles, easy mac, etc.)
- We ask that you do not send frozen meals with your child and that reheating doesn't take more than around 3 minutes.



Lottery Calendars

2024 brings us another great "Pot of Gold" Lottery Calendar and 365 chances of winning! Proceeds from this major fundraising event are a valuable source of income for Queen of Angels. Calendars are \$30 each and run from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. 365 prizes totaling over \$13,000 and ranging from \$25 to \$200 are available. Win once and

the calendar pays for itself! The three digit daily number of the PA Lottery 7:00 PM drawing (excludes Double Draw second drawings) will determine the winner. Last year we sold all 1,000 calendars and raised \$11,000!! This year's goal is to sell all 1,000 calendars again. The success of this annual fundraiser is a direct result of your commitment and dedication. Our lottery calendars make wonderful gifts for the holidays; it's never too early to shop. Support our school and give a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year! **PLEASE NOTE ... NO 2024 calendars will be sent home unless requested! Order forms will be sent home the week of September 5. Any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Noblick, Calendar Coordinator, at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org or 724-331-6216.**

Maintenance Staff Changes



This summer we said goodbye to Miss Cindy who has been an integral part of our maintenance staff for the last five years. We wish her well and hope she enjoys retirement.

This summer we also welcomed two new faces to our maintenance/custodial team Mr. John Mumpower & Mr. Don Messick. Be sure to say hello to them when you see them around the building.

Chick-Fil-A



Our school will once again be offering Chick-Fil-A as a lunch option once a month. Chick-Fil-A will be available the 1st Tuesday of each month starting in October. If you would like your child to purchase chick-fil-a, they have to sign-up the Friday before. The Dates will be as followed: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2. and 5/7.

The following will be available to order:

- **Original Sandwich- \$5.00**
- **5- Count Regular Nuggets- \$3.50**
- **8-count Regular Nuggets- \$5,00**
- **8-count Grilled Nuggets- \$6.00**
- **Side salad with 1 Dressing (Ranch or Lite Italian)- \$4.25**

CYO NIGHT

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR FALL CYO SPORTS NIGHT @ **GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

- All CYO attendees will receive a FREE GCC spirit item.
- Be a part of the “tunnel” that welcomes our Centurion Varsity Football team to the field to begin the game starting @ 6:30 pm. *Meet on the track by the goalposts.*
- Half-time recognition for each school.
- At the start of the 3rd Quarter, our CYO cheerleaders are invited to join our GCC Varsity cheerleaders for the “Centurion Rumble.”
- Free admission if you wear your team jersey, school colors, or school spirit wear.



WHEN & WHERE?

GCCHS STADIUM
911 Armory Drive, Greensburg
Friday, Sept. 22, 2023
Kickoff is at 7 pm

Contact Elyse Bogner for more information
ebogner@gcchs.org or 724.834-0310

Mass



Our school community gathers together to celebrate Mass weekly in the auditorium. Mass is usually held on Tuesday at 1:45pm and is celebrated by one of the priests from our supporting parishes. Each grade level takes turns lecturing, cantoring, and serving. Family and friends are welcomed to join us!

Kentucky Project



Did you know that Queen of Angels School sponsors a family through the Kentucky Project? The Kentucky Project is an outreach ministry, from St. Barbara's parish, dedicated to Christ's command to feed the hungry and driven by the Holy Spirit to nourish the poor and marginalized families in Southeastern Kentucky. Each month a different grade level collects food donations to be sent to our adopted family and we receive periodic updates on how they are doing. This year is our 18th year of involvement with the Kentucky Project, and we thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile project throughout this school year.

Yearbooks

2023-2024 Yearbooks have been distributed to all families that were ordered during last school year. A few extra books are available in the school office for \$25.00. If you missed placing your order and are interested in all those great memories, please send a check payable to Queen of Angels for \$25.00 to Mrs. Noblick's attention and your book will be sent home.

Fall Family Fun Night

Queen of Angels Catholic School's

Fall Family Fun Night

Corn Maze | Farm Animals | Hayrides | Pumpkins

11
Oct. 2023
5:30pm-9pm

Lash Family Farm
246 Dairy Lane
West Newton, PA 15089

**\$5
Cash
Entry
Fee**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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/9YLmnBU2id> 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>

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>

PTO News

Everyone's In!! You are all welcome, and invited to be a part of Queen of Angel's PTO! We are looking forward to a fun school year, and we would love for you to join us. Please consider sending in a donation of \$15 per family to support the PTO - you can send your donation via FACTS, cash, or check made out to Queen of Angels. All funds donated and fundraised by the PTO goes directly back to the school in the form of support to teachers and the students.

As we look ahead to all of the fun activities: Scholastic Book Fair, Christmas Elves R Us, National Hot Pretzel Day, Bingo, Teacher

Appreciation etc. we need your help! Please take a look at the chair positions (on our Google form below) that need filled, and fill it out if you can help for these events!

[PTO Volunteer Google Form](#)

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

