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#### **Important Dates**

- October 6th- Fire Truck Visit Prek-3rd Grade
- October 9th- Dress Down Day
- October 10th- Living Rosary
- October 11th- Fall Family Fun Night at Lash Farm
- October 12th-19th- Annual Online Auction
- October 18th- Top Dog Visit and Kentucky Project Donations Due (5th Grade)
- October 23rd-27th- AG Mobile Lab Visit
- October 24th- Dine to Donate- Texas Road house
- October 25th- Sarris Candy- Kick off
- October 27- Dress Down Day

- October 30th- 11:30AM Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 31st- No School
- October 30th- November 3rd- Scholastic Book Fair

Athletics Calendar--Click here to view upcoming athletic events

October Calendar--Click here to view the October Calendar

October Lunch Calendar-- Click here to view the October Lunch Calendar

#### **Principal Notes**

Dear Guardian Families,

Happy October and welcome to Fall! It's hard to believe that we're beginning another new month together. Fall is such a wonderful time, filled with friendship, thankfulness, and family.

The Office of Catholic Schools has asked that we share the following news with families:

"It is with great excitement to announce that we are welcoming a school counselor to our staff beginning the week of October 2nd. The school counselor program began last spring in several diocesan schools with great success. The feedback from staff, students and families was extremely positive and aided greatly to the program coming to fruition. Our school counselor's name is Michelle Cieslewicz and her presence is brought about by a collaborative effort with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Michelle will be present in our school once a week through Spring 2024. The school counselor's focus is to assist all students in acquiring skills they need to be successful (i.e., social skills, interpersonal skills, etc.). This enhanced support will assist student's efforts towards mastery of these skills and growth in self-sufficiency as they mature to graduation and vocation. We look forward to working collaboratively with our community to help refine, improve and uplift this program. We welcome feedback as we move forward together and embrace Christ

while seeking opportunities to learn and grow spiritually and intellectually.

About Michelle: Michelle attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. In addition to many years of experience and several areas of expertise, Michelle is also a diocesan parent. Michelle is a certified yoga instructor, an animal lover, and she enjoys traveling with her family with the goal of someday visiting all 50 states. Michelle looks forward to becoming an active part of our school community. If you have any questions, please direct them to Bob Baum, Director of Counseling Services at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg at (724) 837-1840."

I know you join me is welcoming "Mrs. C" to the QofA community. We are looking forward to working and growing with her!

Enjoy the sights and sounds of October!

Many blessings, Mrs. Filak

#### 2023 Online Auction

Save the Date – October 12th-19th! Our Online Auction is happening soon! Stay tuned for more details and exciting items to bid on to help our wonderful school!



• 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. We are almost there! Deadline has been extended until October 6th, so please send in your donations by Friday!

We appreciate your generosity and plan to make this our best online event yet!

Fall Family Fun Night



#### **Mobile AG Lab Visit**



We are excited that the Mobile AG ED Science Lab will once again be visiting our school the week of October 23rd, thanks to a Farm to School Grant that our school was awarded. Each class will get to visit the lab twice, during the week, and complete various lessons and experiments. In order to make this week run smoothly, we are asking for one volunteer to help with the morning session and one volunteer to help on each day. Below is a sign-up sheet if you are able to volunteer. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054BABA 82EA3F58-44718186-agmobile

#### Dine to Donate

Join Queen of Angels Catholic School at the Greensburg Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, October 24th for a Dining to Donate event. On Tuesday, October 24th from 3:00pm-10:00pm, 10% of your check will go to support Queen of Angels Catholic School. This offer is valid for dine-in or takeout, simply show the flyer below to your server or to-go host, so that our school may receive credit. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you there!



**Eggciting News- Our Chickens are Here!** 





We are so excited to start our partnership with "Rent-the-Chicken" a local farm that is part of a national organization, which loans laying hens to families, schools, and organizations.

Our goal with this project is to provide a practical and engaging way for our students to learn about responsibility, sustainability, and the interconnectedness of all living beings. As our STREAM classes this year begin to focus on agricultural science, QofA students will derive a greater understanding and appreciation for the sources of the foods we eat. As stewards of the chicken flock, students will draw closer to nature and learn valuable

lessons about poultry husbandry. They will engage in many lessons that involve observations and will have opportunities to apply real world math skills as they ensure the safety and wellbeing of our hens! We Welcome your support and involvement in this project. If you have any expertise in chicken husbandry and would like to contribute, please do not hesitate to reach out!

#### Popcorn Fridays!





Our first Popcorn Friday of the year was a great success! Thanks to all of our volunteers for helping to make this possible. If you would like to sign-up to help with future Popcorn Fridays, please click the link below. Also, if your student is unable to eat fresh popped popcorn please let their teacher know and an alternative snack will be provided. Thanks!

Popcorn Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

**St. Francis Courtyard** 







Thanks to the help of some wonderful volunteers our picnic tables have been assembled and our students are getting to enjoy our new St. Francis Courtyard. This

project was made possible thanks to the Diocesan Sustainability Grant that our school was awarded in the spring. We look forward to adding to this relaxing space throughout the year.

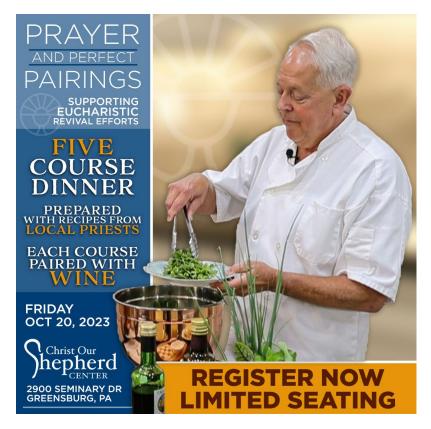
#### CYO Boys' Basketball Registration



All 3rd-4th (Jr. JV), 5th-6th (JV), and 7th and 8th (V) grade boys who are enrolled at Queen of Angels or belong to a supporting a parish are welcome to join our boys' CYO basketball team. Practices will begin soon and the games will run from December to mid-February and the cost of registration is \$85. All participants will also be required to volunteer at the concession stand/gate. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mastalerz at

#### jmastalerz@queenofangelssch.org Basketball Registration Form

#### **Prayer and Perfect Pairings**



Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick and four other priests, for *Prayer and Perfect Pairings on* Friday, October 20, at Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg

Prayer and Perfect Pairings is a five-course dinner featuring delicious recipes created by Diocesan priests. Their recipes are then paired perfectly with wine for your enjoyment. Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish, and Father Daniel J. Ulishney, Pastor at Saint Agnes Parish are among the priest chiefs who have created one

of the courses.

Support for *Prayer and Perfect Pairings* assists the Diocese of Greensburg's evangelization, outreach and communication efforts as part of our Eucharistic Revival.

The evening begins at 5:00 p.m.with a prayer service. The five-course dinner with wine pairings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Each of the 'Priest Chefs' have been assigned their own room at Christ our Shepherd Center. When you purchase your tickets, you can choose to be seated in Monsignor Begolly's room or in Father Ulishney's room -- but hurry - seating is limited.

You may reserve your tickets today for this exceptional evening here.

DioceseofGreensburg,org/PrayerandPerfectPairings

When you purchase your tickets, please be sure to choose your seating 'Priest Chef Option' tab when you check out.

We hope to see you on October 20th.

#### All Saints Trunk or Treat

Two of our supporting parishes are hosting Trunk or Treat Events in honor of All Saints Day! We hope to see you there! If you would like to volunteer to decorate a trunk and pass

### out candy at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Sunday, October 29th please sign up using the following link. <u>Trunk or Treat Sign Up</u>

Please join us:

### October 22nd Resurrection Hall

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

#### For an "All Saints Trunk or Treat"

11:15am - Holy Mass

12:15pm - Children can dress in their costumes and enjoy donuts and cider

12:45-2:00pm - St. Agnes Ministries & our Young Disciples (6th & 7th graders) will feature Various saints and distribute treats from their trunks.



No cost or registration required.

All are welcome. Bring a friend!



10.29.2023 | 1-2:30 PM
SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH
MACK HALL PARKING LOT

There's two ways to participate!

COME IN YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME
(SAINT OR NOT) TO LEARN ABOUT THE
COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND GET
SOME CANDY!



QUESTIONS?
CONTACT SETON PARISH OFFICE 724-864-6364

USING YOUR CREATIVITY, DECORATE
YOUR TRUNK DEDICATED TO A SAINT!
MAKE SURE TO HAVE CANDY OR AN
ACTIVITY FOR OUR 'TRUNK OR
TREATERS!'





SIGN UP TO HOST A SAINT TRUNK BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE OR BY GOING TO:
WWW.TINYURLCOM/ASDTRUNK23

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 <a href="mailto:ctorok@queenofangelssch.org">ctorok@queenofangelssch.org</a>

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

#### 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

#### **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 lectoring, cantoring, and serving. Family and friends are welcomed to join us!

#### **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

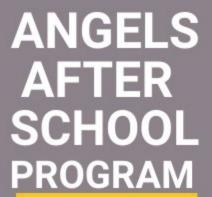
Please note that the school may host dress down days throughout the year to benefit other organizations, such as the Kentucky Project, which are not included in the \$20 pass.

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

#### **Angels After Care**



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
- ✓ Mult-child discount
- ✓ And more...

Multichild Discount



Genefits

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



Call for more Information or register at:

724-978-0144





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

#### **PTO News**

- ~There will be a full PTO Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> in the school auditorium at 7pm
- ~ Please consider donating \$15 per family to support the PTO donations can be sent via FACTS or check or cash designated to Queen of Angels
- ~Volunteers for the Book Fair are needed for the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please email queenofangelspto@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering (updated clearances required).

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:

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