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Important Dates

- December 1st- Dress Down Day
- December 6th- Sarris Candy Pick Up 10am-4pm
- December 8th- Feast of Immaculate Conception- Mass at Noon at IC
- December 11th- Dress Down Day
- December 13th- Applebee's Dine to Donate
- December 14th- Prek3 K-8th Grade Elves 'R US and Christmas Dress Down Day
- December 15th- Prek4 Elves 'R Us
- December 18th- K-8th grade Christmas Show at 6:30pm
- December 19th- Pajama Day
- December 20th- Early Dismissal 10:30 PK/ 11:30 K-8th Grade
- December 21st- January 2nd- No School Christmas Break

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

Principal Notes

Dear Guardian Families,

Welcome to December! This month is such a joyous time of the year, filled with warmth and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's birth. As we enter the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. May this December bring you moments of joy, togetherness, and the opportunity to create lasting memories with your loved ones.

December is also a time for reflection. Again, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Guardian community — students, parents, teachers, and staff — for your unwavering support throughout the year. Together, we have created a vibrant and caring educational community that values learning, collaboration, and mutual respect.

This month, we celebrate the achievements of our students. Whether it's academic accomplishments, artistic expressions, or acts of kindness, each achievement contributes to the rich tapestry of our school community. We are immensely proud of the dedication and hard work demonstrated by our students.

We have exciting events planned for December, including our all-school Christmas concert on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:30 PM. We encourage your participation as we come together to celebrate the spirit of the season.

In the spirit of giving, we encourage families to consider ways to give back to the community this month. Whether it's through

volunteering at our parishes, supporting local charities, or extending a helping hand to neighbors in need, small acts of kindness can make a significant difference.

As we look forward to Christmas Break, please be reminded that Queen of Angels will be closed from Wednesday, December 20, 2023, to Tuesday, January 2, 2024. It's a time for rest, rejuvenation, and quality time with family and friends. May it be a period of joy and relaxation for everyone.

On behalf of the entire QofA team, I wish you a happy and joyous December, filled with love, laughter, cherished moments, and God's peace. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community.

Merry Christmas,
Mrs. Filak

Annual Christmas Concert



You're invited to join our Kindergarten-8th grade students in this year's Christmas Concert ***It's Christmas Everywhere.*** This year's show explores Christmas carols and holiday traditions from around the world. We hope you can join on us on Monday, December 18th at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 5:15, so families are able to view student artwork and classroom doors, before the show. The PTO will also be

selling tickets for the raffle baskets this evening.

Applebee's Dine to Donate



Dining to **DONATE**

**APPLEBEE'S WILL DONATE 15%
OF YOUR CHECK TO:**

**QUEEN OF ANGELS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Date: 12/13/2023
Time: 11am–Close**

**APPLEBEE'S NHT
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Irwin, PA 15642**

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Order online at [Applebees.com](https://applebees.com) or through our mobile app and:

- Select location listed above
- Choose your menu items
- At checkout, enter code: **DOINGOOD**
 - A penny will be deducted from your total to allow us to track your order
- Checkout and pickup order at designated time

Valid on dine-in and To Go orders, not valid on delivery. Valid at location listed above on scheduled date only. 15% donation excludes tax and gratuity.

Please consider supporting Queen of Angels Catholic School at the North Huntingdon Applebee's on Wednesday, December 13th from 11am- to close at our Dining to Donate event. During this event 15% of your check will go to support Queen of Angels Catholic School. Please show the flyer below or use code DOINGOOD for our school to receive credit. Thanks for your support!

Toddler Two Winter Session

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 Winter Toddler Two Session, which runs from January 8th/10th to February 26th/28th. 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> or call the school office at 724-978-0144 to register.

Catholic Schools Week Speakers



In honor of Catholic Schools Week, Queen of Angels Catholic School is looking for families to speak after Masses on the weekend of January 27th & 28th. Ideally, both parent and student will provide a brief testimonial about Q of A. If you (or your student) is willing to speak, please sign up using the link below. A short script will be provided by the diocese for students to use or your family may choose to write their own. Thank you!

[Catholic Schools Week Sign -Up](#)

Lottery Calendars



Only 100 Lottery Calendars to Sell. 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. The three digit Daily Number of the PA Lottery 7:00 PM drawing (excludes Double Draw second drawings) will determine the winner.

Our lottery calendars make wonderful gifts for the holidays. Support our school and give a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year!

If you would like to purchase calendars, please contact Ruth Ann Noblick Calendar Coordinator, at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org or 724-331-6216. ALL calendar stubs and payment ARE DUE ASAP!

Volunteer Clearances



All volunteers must have the following clearances.

The Diocese of Greensburg requires all clergy, parish, cemetery, 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](#) – Employees – Every Five Years.
 - Volunteers – Every Five Years; new and continuing volunteers who have been a continuous resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the last ten years or more may complete an [Affidavit for volunteers](#) ‡ in lieu of the FBI Fingerprint Check.

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

End of Year Giving



As we approach the end of 2023, we invite you to be a part of our Year-End Giving Campaign. Your contribution plays a crucial role in sustaining our efforts and propelling us into an even more impactful 2024. If you would still like to make a donation in the 2023 tax year, please consider supporting this year's fund-a-need campaign, which focuses on helping our amazing teachers! **All gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2024. Donations can also be made online through the following link. Thanks for your support!**



Click the picture to make a donation

Light Up Night

We had a wonderful time getting into the holiday spirit at Irwin's Light Up Night Parade! Our floats looked amazing, our light-up wands were a hit with the spectators, and our students that walked were perfect angels. It was so wonderful to see our school community gather together for this annual event and we are already looking forward to next year's parade! Thanks for all that attended and those that made this year such a success!





PTO News

We still need a few more volunteers for Elves R Us! Take a look and sign up to join us:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0D4AA4AF23ABFECE9-45988348-elves>

The PTO would like to thank everyone who donated towards the awesome Rudolph Razzle Dazzle Raffle baskets!

Beginning Wednesday, December 13th, tickets go on sale for the raffle! \$10 per ticket, 8 chances to win! Simply send a marked envelope to school with your child, Dec 13-15, and PTO members will record the ticket stubs while your child places tickets for the baskets of their choice. Tickets will also be sold before the Christmas Concert on Monday, December 18th. The winners will be chosen that night at the end of the concert!

Pictures of the baskets will be posted and shared December 6-8th, we can't wait to share them with you!!

Save the Date

Save the date for our QofA Night Out on Friday, April 26th at Antonelli Event Center. More details in the new year!

**QUEEN OF ANGELS
COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT!!**

**APRIL
26
2024**

Antonelli Event Center



MORE DETAILS TO COME

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

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
