

#### January 2024

#### **Important Dates**

- January 6th: Cheerleading Recognition Day at 11:00am
- January 8th/10th: Toddler Two Winter Session begins.
- January 10th: Save Day!
- January 12th: Dress Down Day
- January 15th: No School
- January 18th: Top Dog Visit
- January 24th: Dress Down Day
- January 25th: Dine to Donate at Jersey Mike's
- January 28th-February 3rd- Catholic Schools Week

January Calendar--Click here to view the January Calendars

## **Principal Notes**

Dear Guardian Families,

Happy New Year! As we bid farewell to the old and usher in the new, I extend my warmest wishes for a 2024 for you and your family filled with love, joy, friendship, peace, and goodwill.

We have many exciting and memorable experiences planned for this month,

especially as we celebrate our school during Catholic Schools Week! Stay tuned for more details about the events for that week.

As the winter season begins, I'd like to share a few reminders to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students and school community. Please take a moment to review and discuss these with your children!

- 1. <u>Dress for the Weather</u>: With colder temperatures, it's crucial to be prepared for being outdoors at bus stops or even traveling into the school. Hats, gloves, and winter coats are our friends this time of year!
- 2. <u>Footwear</u>: Snow boots are acceptable to wear to school, however, please make sure that your child brings a pair of school shoes to change into upon arrival.
- 3. <u>Arrival and Dismissal</u>: Please be extra mindful of other cars, students, and buses during drop-off and pick-up times. We want to make sure everyone is safe as they enter and exit the school.
- 4. <u>Health Precautions</u>: Cold and flu season is upon us! If your child is feeling unwell, please give them the time at home to rest and recover. Students who have been out sick should not return to school until they are fever-free, without the aide of fever-reducing medication, for 24 hours. If your child has had a stomach virus, a 24-hour period free of symptoms is necessary. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration for the greater school community. Reminding your child to practice good hygiene by regular hand washing, using sanitizer, and covering coughs and sneezes is always a good idea.
- 5. <u>Changes in Schedule</u>: In the event of severe weather conditions, we may need to implement delays or closures for the safety of our students and staff. Stay informed about any changes through the school's use of PowerSchool and Messenger.
- 6. <u>Emergency Contact Information</u>: Please ensure that your contact information is on file is up to date. In case of any weather-related issues, we need to be able to reach you promptly.

As we begin this new year together, all of us at Queen of Angels would like to say "thank you" for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We are looking forward to another year of collaboration, achievement, and growth!

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Filak

# **Prospective Student Open House**

**Queen of Angels Catholic School** 

# Prospective Student





Full Day Prek and Kindergarten



After School Care



PreK-8th Grade
Thursday, February 1st 5:15-6:15pm

Register online at www.queenofangelssch.org

New families will have their registration fee waived when they show this card.



Financial Aid Available

Explore a world of academic excellence and faith-based learning at Queen of Angels Catholic School. Join us for our Open House on Thursday, February 1st from 5:15pm-6:30pm. Discover a nurturing environment, dedicated teachers, and a curriculum that fosters both education and spiritual growth. We welcome all families to come and experience the warmth of our school community. RSVP today and take the first step toward a holistic education for your child.

Visit QueenofAngelssch.org to register for our open house or schedule a private

tour.

## **Jersey Mike's Dine to Donate**



Tired of leftovers? We can help! Queen of Angels is holding a Dine-to-Donate event at the North Huntingdon Jersey Mike's on Thursday, January 25th! Mention or present the flyer in store or order online Jersey Mike's will donate 15% of your sale to the Queen of Angels Catholic School! Valid from 4pm-8pm on 1/25 only. Flyer will be shared when we receive it from Jersey Mike's.

#### **Science Fair Information**

Calling all friends of Queen of Angels with a love and knowledge of Science! We need judges for our 5th - 8th grade Science Fair, which is taking place during Catholic School's Week, the week of January29th.

Please contact Christine Salvi at csalvi@queenofangelssch.org if you can share your time by being a judge.

We are also holding an Elementary Science Fair for kindergarten - 4th graders during Catholic School's Week!

Please see the email that was sent out with additional information on guidelines and registration.

#### **Toddler Two Winter Session**



**ENROLL TODAY!** 

Join Queen of Angels Catholic School for our Winter Toddler Two Session, which runs from January 8<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup>/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

# **Volleyball Registration**



Queen of Angels is now accepting registrations for our girls Volleyball Program. The season runs from February to April and is open to girls in 3rd-8th grade. The registration fee is \$85 and you must be an active parishioner or attend Queen of Angels Catholic School to participate. Registration closes on Feb 15th. All participants will also be required to volunteer at the concession stand/gate. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mastalerz at imastalerz@queenofangelssch.org.

Volleyball Registration Link

#### **Eagle Scout Prayer Garden**

Hello my name is Paxton Stauffer, I am a Boy Scout in Troop 257, Parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish, and 412 youth group member working on my Eagle Scout project. I have been inspired to renovate a Prayer garden for Queen of Angels. And I need your help! I need to raise \$350 to build benches for the garden. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please make all checks payable to Queen of Angels school. Thank you!

# Lego Club



Queen of Angels is excited to announce that our school's Lego Club will be starting up again in January. Lego Club is held the last Thursday of the month from 3pm-4pm. It is \$12 per session, which includes snack. After care is also available to 5:30pm for those that need it. If your student is interested in attending, please register at the following link. <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/4y9TgbKi2T">https://forms.office.com/r/4y9TgbKi2T</a>

# **Spring Event**

Queen of Angels is excited to be planning our spring event and we would love to hear from our school community as to what you would like to see at our event. As a reminder our event will be held at Antonelli Event Center on Friday, April 26th and will include our famous luxury basket raffle. Please click the following link to share what theme you like the best.

**Spring Event Survey** 



**Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast** 



The Diocese of Greensburg is excited to celebrate excellence in teaching in the Catholic schools by recognizing exceptional educators with a Golden Apple Award. Award winners will be honored during the sixth annual A Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast on March 14, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in Stratigo's Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will serve as the keynote speaker and Dr. Nancy Rottler, Superintendent of Catholic schools, will deliver a welcome and state of the schools address. Jennifer Miele, CCO, will serve as the emcee for this exciting event. Proceeds from A Celebration of Catholic Schools directly benefit our students, teachers and schools diocesan-wide.

To purchase tickets and for information about sponsorship, please visit https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/schools/celebration-of-catholic-education/tickets-and-sponsorships/



To nominate one of our amazing teachers for the prestigious Golden Apple Award, please visit. The deadline to nominate in **January 8th** <a href="https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/schools/celebration-of-catholic-education/golden-apple-award/">https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/schools/celebration-of-catholic-education/golden-apple-award/</a>

#### **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 <u>Affidavit for volunteers</u> ‡ in lieu of the FBI Fingerprint Check.

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

#### 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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 .	