

February 2024

Important Dates

- February 7th-Top Dog Visit
- February 13th- Dress Down Day (\$2 without pass)
- February 14th- Ash Wednesday Mass at 1:30 & Save Day
- February 15th- Kentucky Project Food Donations Due 1st Grade
- February 16th- Stations of the Cross at 2:25
- February 17th- Boys JV Basketball Tournament at GCC
- February 19th- No School
- February 20th- Dine to Donate at Chipotle
- February 21st- Sarris Candy Orders Due
- February 23rd- Stations of the Cross at 2:25
- February 29th- Dress Down Day (\$2 without pass)
- February 29th- Lego Club

February Calendar--Click here to view the February Calendars

Principal Notes

Dear Guardian Families,

Happy February! This special month is a time for spreading love, kindness, and celebrating the spirit of community.

Catholic Schools Week was a huge success!! From our visit with the retired Sisters at Caritas Christi, to celebrating the decades on Decade Day, to a new favorite tradition, Penny Wars, to our

super fun pep rally and kickball game on Spirit Day. We celebrated our school and community with tremendous pride. Thank you to everyone who helped to make CSW such a special week.

As we look to February, a few highlights...

- 1. Black History Month: February marks the observance of Black History Month, a time to honor the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history. Keep an eye out for lots of educational experiences celebrating the rich heritage and important milestones of the Black community.
- 2. Lent: Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th. We will gather together on Wednesday for our traditional Ash Wednesday service and we encourage you to join us on this special day. As we do during each Lent, students will be participating in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday. We will also be observing "Reflection Fridays," where we encourage students to move quietly in the hallways throughout the day, reflecting on what God is calling us to live and learn during the 40 days of Lent.
- 3. Valentine's Day Celebrations: Because Lent begins on February 14th this year, classroom celebrations will be held on Tuesday, February 13th. Classroom teachers and Homeroom Ambassadors will be in touch with families with details for each class.
- 4. Winter Wellness: As we navigate the winter season, it is essentials to prioritize wellness and self-care. Encourage your child to dress warmly, stay hydrated, and practice good hygiene habits to stay healthy during the colder months.
- 5. National Literacy Month: February is also National Literacy Month, emphasizing the importance of literacy and reading skills development. We encourage families to engage in literacy activities at home and foster a love for reading in their children. Look for fun literacy-themed activities here at QofA!

Thank you for you	ur continued par	tnership in you	r child's education	journey. Wishing	g you a February
filled with warmth	i, love, and mear	ningful connect	ions.		

God Bless,

Mrs. Filak

2024-2025 Registration is Now Open



Enroll by March 15th

Register your student for the 2024-2025 school year by Friday, March 15th and you will be entered into a raffle for a \$250 tuition credit. Winner will be randomly selected and announced on Monday, March 18th.



*Office must receive registration form and \$100 fee by March 15th and tuition credit cannot exceed amount owed

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We are happy to have your child here at Queen of Angels Catholic School and we hope that they will be re-enrolling with us for the 2024-2025 school year. As we prepare for the upcoming year, it is very important to us that we give our current families and students the first opportunity for enrollment. Please complete the steps below to secure your spot for next year. If you re-enroll by March 15th, you will be entered into a \$250 tuition

credit drawing.

To complete re-enrollment please complete the following steps:

Visit Applications – Queen of Angels

(<u>https://www.queenofangelssch.org/online-returning-student-registration-form/</u>) and complete the returning student registration form.

Submit your \$100 registration fee by check or authorize it to billed through FACTS

If you do not wish to re-enroll your student(s), we ask that you complete the form so we can update our records.

*As a reminder: Applying for Financial Aid and Re-enrolling for the 2024-2024 school year are two different items to prepare for the upcoming school year.

We look forward to welcoming you back next year!

FACTS Application

If you intend to apply for grant and aid for the 24/25 school year, please submit your application through FACTS by March 15. You will need to upload your 2022 tax return. Grant and Aid applications completed by March 15 will receive their \$35 fee credited back on 24/25 tuition. The Grant and Aid application can be found on our website under My QofA/parents/FACTS and Financial Aid.

Mardi Gras Raffle Tickets

Exciting news! Queen of Angels Catholic School is selling raffle tickets for \$10, and each ticket comes with two chances to win! The lucky winner will be drawn on Mardi Gras (February 13th) and will receive one sealed package of each \$10 and \$20 scratch-off tickets, along with \$1,000 in cash.

How to Purchase:

If you would like to purchase tickets, simply send cash or a check in an envelope to the main office, indicating how many tickets you would like. We will then send them home with your student. Tickets are also available for purchase directly from the office. Tickets are also available at Immaculate Conception and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Offices.

Thank you for your continued support!

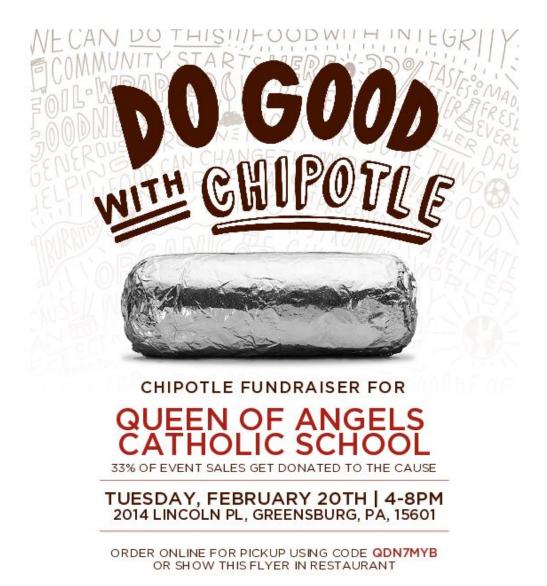


Guardians Have Heart!



Funds collected for the Guardian Fund will be used to help families with extraordinary expenses (not tuition).

Chipotle Dine to Donate





For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Need a quick dinner idea? Queen of Angels will be holding a Dine-to-Donate event at Chipotle on Tuesday, February 20th from 4pm-8pm. Visit the Greenburg Chipotle or order online using promo code QDN7MYB and they'll donate a percent of your sale to support our school. Enjoy some

great food and help support this worthy cause.

Sarris Candy Order



It's Time to order Sarris Easter Candy!

ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE Wednesday, February 21st

*Make your check payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School. One check is recommended... not cash please! There will be prizes for the top three highest sales

- #1st place \$30.00 in Scrips
- #2nd place \$20.00 in Scrips
- #3rd place \$10.00 in Scrips

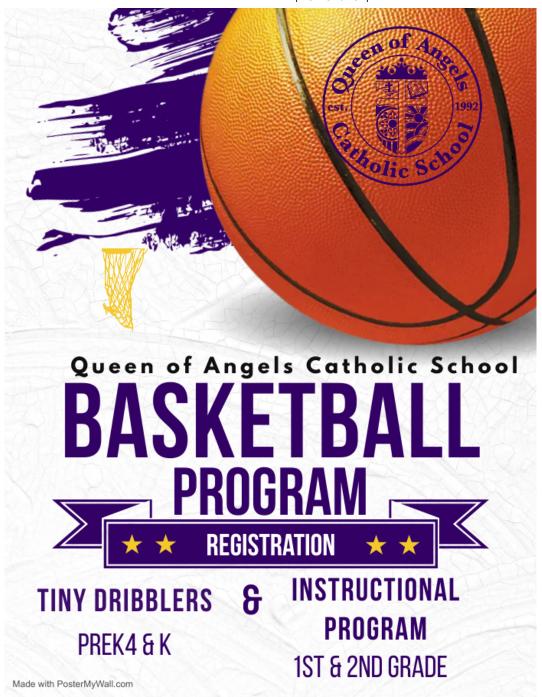
Two large chocolate Bunnies will be raffled for ALL participants.

If you have friends or relatives that do not live locally, they may order ON-LINE ORDER www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com #10-1221 Our Goal this year is to sell \$12,000. Please help us reach our goal!

ALSO ... looking ahead we will be selling Little Caesars Pizza and

Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough March 4-15

Tiny Dribblers and Instructional Basketball



Queen of Angels is now accepting registrations for our Tiny Dribblers and Instructional Basketball program. Tiny Dribblers is for students in PreK4 and Kindergarten and Instructional Basketball is for students in 1st and 2nd grade. Sessions will be on Saturday mornings from Feb 17 through Mar 23 and will be held in the Q of A gymnasium. Instructional Basketball will be from 9am-10am and Tiny Dribblers will be from 10am-11am. The registration fee is \$50. If you have additional questions, please contact Joanne Mastalerz at jmastalerz@queenofanglessch.org

Click to register: https://forms.office.com/r/LXngDDtTz2

School Picnic at Idlewild



2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER JUNE 21, 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS

TICKETS ONLY \$29.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30TH!

PRICE INCREASES TO \$31.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1ST OR LATER

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 21st FOR AS LOW AS \$29.99:

STEP 1: Go to www.idlewild.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity

STEP 3: Enter Promo Code queens in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'

STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE, then click 'Continue'

STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JULY 14TH FOR \$35.99:

(if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 14th)

STEP 1: Go to www.idlewild.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity

STEP 3: Enter Promo Code queensflex in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH
JULY 14th TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'

STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE, then click 'Continue'

STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets! *Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase March 1st – June 30th.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.

Visit IDLEWILD.COM for up-to-date park operating dates and hours. Park operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Online offer only. No refunds or rainchecks for online purchases.

Spring Pictures



Save the Date ... SPRING Pictures for Pre-K 3 - Grades 8 will be Wednesday March 6th

Finding Nemo Jr. Wishlist



Save the date! Our school's Drama Club Production of *Finding Nemo Jr* will be held on April 12th and 13th and we need your help! If you would like to purchase items for our show, please visit the Amazon Wishlist below. Thanks!

https://a.co/cyHJ47l

Lego Club



Our next session of the Lego Club will be held on Thursday, February 29th. 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. https://forms.office.com/r/4y9TgbKi2T

Spring Event



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/

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
- <u>FBI Fingerprint Check</u> 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</u>
 <u>volunteers</u> ‡ in lieu of the FBI Fingerprint Check.

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

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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