



March 2024

Important Dates

- March 4th- Mrs. Fields/Little Caesar's Kickoff
- March 6th- Spring Picture Day
- March 6th-20th -Spirit Wear Sale
- March 7th- Top Dog Visit
- March 8th- Dress Down Day (\$2 without pass)
- March 13th- Save Day
- March 14th- Kentucky Project Donations Due (Kindergarten)
- March 14th- Reading Workshop with Mrs. Longo
- March 18th- Dress Down Day
- March 18th- 18th- Mrs. Fields/Little Caesar's Orders are Due
- March 20th- Sarris Candy Pickup (10am-4pm)
- March 21st- Dine to Donate at the FirePit
- March 21st- Lego Club
- March 26th- 11:30am dismissal k-8 and 10:30am dismissal Prek
- March 27th- April 2nd- Easter Break

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

Principal Notes

Dear Guardian Families,

Welcome to March! Last month, our friend Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early Spring. I know we're all hoping he is right! Spring always brings the promise of new life, renewal, and more

sunlight. We are excited to welcome this new season of hope with all of you.

Speaking of seasons, our enrollment and re-enrollment season is in full swing! After another successful Open House and daily inquiry calls and tours, we have had 24 new students register to join us for 2024-2025 school year since January! We're continuing to grow, both in enrollment and in our program offerings. We are so happy that you along with us on this journey!

With the end of this school year quickly approaching, and with the increase of enrollment, it is time for us to begin the process of student placement for the new school year. As stated in our Handbook, the placement of students each year is a task that Queen of Angels Catholic School staff takes very seriously. It is a lengthy, complicated, and thorough process, which we believe is essential to create well-balanced classes. For reference, Queen of Angels Catholic School's placement process considers the following:

Teacher Knowledge of Students

After working together for a full school year (over 1,000 hours), teachers have in-depth knowledge of students' learning styles, academic strengths and needs, personalities, friendships, and social interactions, including possible difficulties. All this information is taken into consideration when making placements.

Peers

Fostering social emotional development and leadership is of great importance for our students. We know that students are often nervous about starting a new year in a new classroom, so we try our best to have at least one or two familiar faces in each child's class. However, we also know that it may sometimes be a disadvantage to have too many friends or even "best" friends together for another year. It discourages making new friends and broadening a child's social circle and skills.

Balancing Classes

It is important that each class at a grade level is similarly composed. We strive to balance boys, girls, academic abilities, health concerns, behavior issues, languages spoken, and students with special needs. Because of these and other variables that go into the careful consideration of the make-up of each class, parent requests for a specific teacher cannot be a factor in our educator's decisions for placing your child in a class. In the same light, teachers cannot guarantee a particular placement for a child. Your child's best interest is always our primary concern. Class placements are a team effort and are not final until the first day of school. These procedures have been carefully refined and implemented and they ensure that we create the most supportive and optimal learning environment for all the students at Queen of Angels Catholic School.

I hope you find a recall of this information helpful and that it provides some insight into the process we follow to make Queen of Angels a place where all students can thrive.

Lastly, as we begin to conclude our journey through Lent, may our hearts continue to be open to receive the boundless love of God, knowing that His sacrifice brings us redemption and His grace

fills us with hope. As we prepare for Easter, may we be ever mindful of the immeasurable love that led Christ to the cross and the glorious triumph of His resurrection.

In His Love,

Mrs. Filak

Read Across America Celebration Calling All Bakers!



Faculty, Staff, Students, and Families are welcome to participate in our First "Book-themed" cake decorating contest. All you need to do is bake a cake and decorate it to represent a scene or character from a favorite children's book.

The rules for the event are simple. Register at the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/waicR2i2KK> if you wish to participate in the contest. Bring in your "Book-themed" cake to the main by 9:00am,

Monday, March 4th. Please have your cake properly covered in a box or with clear plastic wrap.

Please do not put your name on your cake; you will be assigned a number for your cake submission. Cake size can be 9x13 sheet, or 8-9inch round, or 12 cupcakes or smaller. Only one cake per person and no commercially decorated cakes allowed! Please no bigger than 9x13 sheet cake. Cakes will be on display all week!

Read Across America Week

We will also be hosting our first Read Across America Cake Decorating Contest!
Please see the attached flyer for more information!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03.04	03.05	03.06	03.07	03.08
DR. SEUSS DRESS DOWN DAY	READ UNDER THE STARS	READ TO A FRIEND	FOX IN SOCKS	FUTURE CAREER DRESS UP DAY
				
Wear your Dr. Seuss Shirts	Bring a flashlight to read with at school.	Students will read with their buddies	Wear your crazy socks and bring in a pair of new socks to donate to those in need	Come to school dressed up as what you would like to be when you grow up. Please limit accessories

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Iceburgh's Scrip Gift Cards Now Available



Queen of Angels is excited to announce that we now have \$25 gift cards to Iceburgh's Bistro available as part of our Scrip Program. The gift cards are available daily in the school office at a 20% rebate.

Lunch Account Balance



We wanted to send out a friendly reminder to review your child's lunch account balance.

Ensuring that all students have access to nutritious meals is a priority for us, and maintaining positive balances helps support this effort. We kindly request that you take a moment to review and replenish your child's lunch account balance at your earliest convenience.

If you are experiencing financial hardship or have any concerns regarding the account balance, please don't hesitate to reach out to the main office.

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

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

Submit your \$100 registration fee by check or authorize it to be 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.

Spring Guardian Spirit Wear Sale

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S SPIRIT WEAR SALE



Sale ends at 7am on March 18th

Exciting news! Queen of Angels is excited to announce that our Spring Spirit Wear Sale starts on March 6th! Please click on the link below to order your Guardian apparel. Items are available now through 7am on March 18th. Orders will be distributed through the school and should arrive the second week of April . Go Guardians!

<https://epspiritwear.com/collections/queen-of-angels>

Thank you for your continued support!

Spring Pictures

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING PICTURES

**Picture Day for Queen Of Angels Catholic School
is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 and this
event's Order Code is 85352ZF.**

Online ordering is available before and after Picture Day. Shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed after Picture Day.

Reading Workshop with Mrs. Longo

HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO

READ



Thursday, March 14th at 6:30pm

Queen of Angels School Library

* Who: PreK, K and First Grade Families

* What: Learning strategies to help your child read

* Led By: Mrs. Longo



Mrs. Longo will be hosting a "Helping Your Child Learn to Read" session for parents on March 14th at 6:30 in the library for parents with students in PK, K, and 1.

Mrs. Longo will cover the process of learning to read and write, and she share some strategies that can be used to support learning at home. We hope to see you there!

Pens 4 Purpose Game

Want to see a Pens game? Want to help Queen of Angels Catholic School? Now you can do both.

Join the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday, April 11th when they host the Detroit Red Wings for a 7pm puck drop. When tickets are purchased through the link below, a portion of each ticket sold will be donated back to Queen of Angels! If you have any question when purchasing tickets, please reach out to Caroline, our Pittsburgh Penguin representative, at cpauly@pittsburghpenguins.com.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/PenguinsQueenofAngels041124>

All proceeds support our school.

**QUEEN OF ANGELS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**INVITE &
SHARE WITH
FRIENDS!**

**PENS
4
PURPOSE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH @ 7PM
VS. DETROIT RED WINGS
YOUTH HOCKEY NIGHT**

**WHEN TICKETS ARE PURCHASED THROUGH
OUR LINK, A PORTION OF EACH TICKET SOLD
WILL BE DONATED BACK TO Q OF A.**

Please feel free to share this post. There is no need to be affiliated with Queen of Angels to purchase tickets, anyone can purchase. All proceeds support our school. If you want to sit together with a group, please purchase tickets together.

FirePit Dine to Donate



Tired of cooking? Queen of Angels will be holding a Dine-to-Donate event

at The FirePit on Thursday, March 21st from 11:30am-8:30pm. Present this flyer on March 21st, and The FirePit will donate 20% of your meal to Queen of Angels Catholic School. Enjoy some great food and help support this worthy cause.

Sarris Candy Order



Sarris Candy Order pick up will be held from 10am-4pm on Wednesday, March 20th.

Mrs. Fields and Little Caesar's



It's Pizza and Cookie Time !!!!

Orders Open March 4th
Orders are Due March 18th
Delivery April 15th-19th

On-line ordering at PizzaKit.Com Click "Products" then select "Shop" and then

"Support A Seller You Know" Our fundraiser ID is 434621

For "Oh, My Goodness" item ordering go to OnlineFundraisingStore.Com to register and take orders

online. It is easy and takes just a few minutes. Our School / Group ID is PMGTS24QUEE. Register with your parent information and email address; you will receive a confirmation email in a few minutes. Follow that link to register your student information.

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'

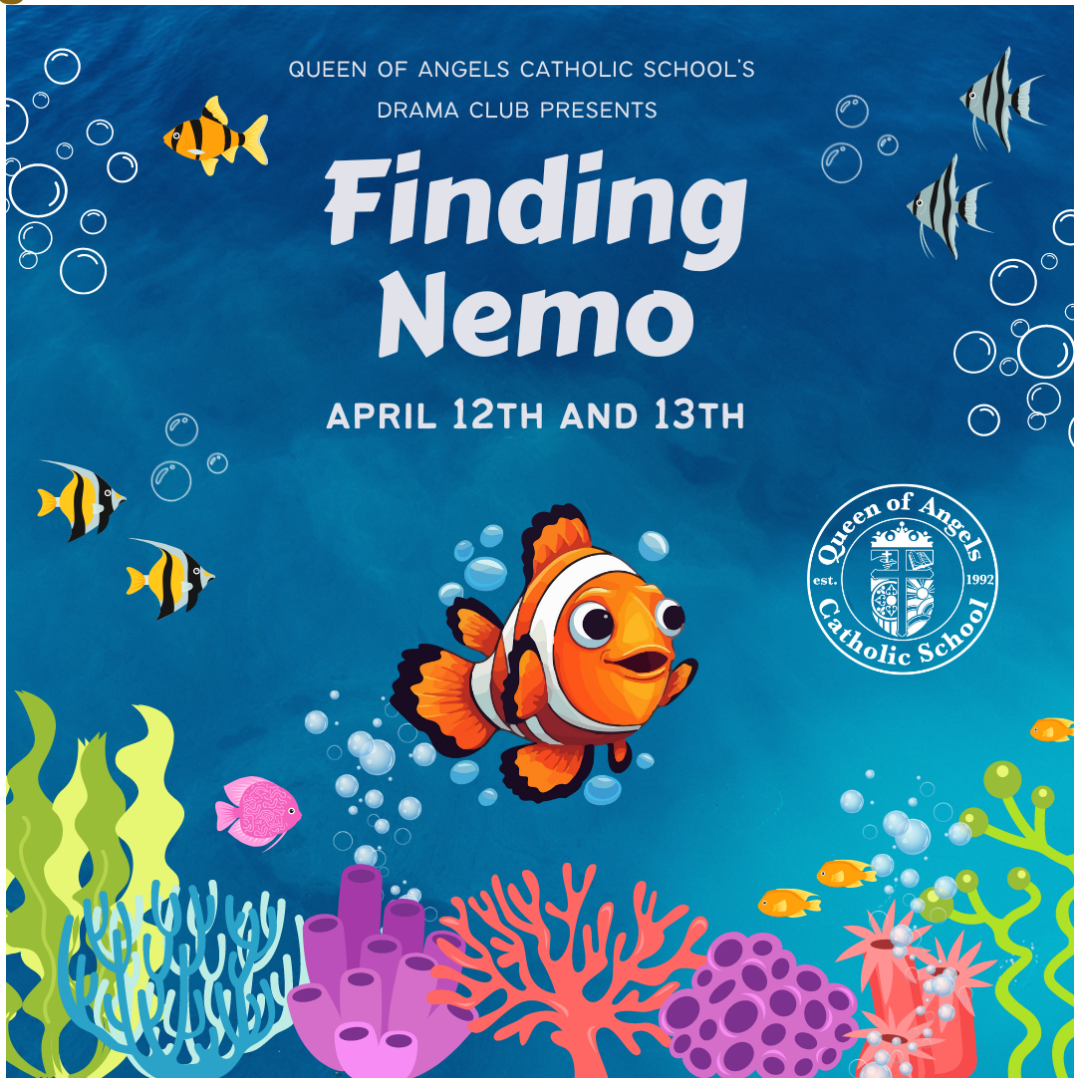
STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

**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.

Finding Nemo



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>

Artist in Residency



Queen of Angels is excited to announce that we are going to be participating in an Artist in Residence program through Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. Amy Roadman, a mosaic artist, will be spending 20 school days with us over the next few months creating a mosaic in our school near the front entrance. Every class in kindergarten - 8th grade will have the chance to work with Amy, and contribute to the mosaic during their regular Art or STREAM class. Preschoolers will get to meet Amy and participate in some way as well!

Our 8th graders will take the lead in planning this collaborative work of art and this will be their legacy project this year.

Spring Event

Queen of Angels spring event will be...A Night at the Races! Look for more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities in the next few weeks! Thanks to everyone that voted!

NIGHT AT THE Races

Join us for an evening filled with excitement,
entertainment, and fun!

Friday, April 26th
Antonelli Event Center
Tickets available soon!



Don't miss out on this exciting event with your
Queen of Angels Family!



Party in the Park- Ducky Derby



Save the Date! This year's Party in the Park will be held at Irwin Park on Wednesday, May 22nd. We will need many parent/guardian volunteers to help make this event a success! If you are interested in helping, please make sure that you have clearances on file with our school office. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Noblick at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org.

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
- [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@queenofangelssch.org with any clearance questions.

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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