



## April 2024

### Important Dates

- April 3rd- School Resumes from Easter Break
- April 8th- Flexible Instruction Day- Solar Eclipse
- April 10th- Top Dog Therapy Visit
- April 11th- Pens 4 Purpose Q of A Penguin Game
- April 12th- Dress Down Day
- April 12th & 13th- Finding Nemo Jr 7:00pm (1:00pm Dress Rehearsal on Friday)
- April 13th- Iceburgh's Bistro Dine to Donate 11am-3pm
- April 15th- Tickets to Night at the Races Due
- April 17th- Save Day
- April 18th- PTO Middle School Dance 6pm-8pm
- April 22nd- Yearbook Orders Due (\$25)
- April 22nd-April 26th- Iowa Testing (3rd-8th grade)
- April 25th- Dress Down Day and Lego Club
- April 26th- Early Dismissal (PreK 10:30; K-8 11:30)
- April 26th- Night at the Races at Core Event Center
- April 29th- Prek-8th Grade Magic Show

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

## 2024-2025 Registration is Now Open



Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is now open! If you have not re-enrolled your child, please do so as soon as possible. A few of our grade levels are close to capacity.

<https://www.queenofangelssch.org/applications/>

Financial Aid: If you intend to apply for grant and aid for the 24/25 school year, please submit your application through FACTS. You will need to upload your 2022 tax return. The Grant and Aid application can be found on our

website <https://www.queenofangelssch.org/facts-financial-aid/>

Also, please review your current years Facts account for unpaid tuition and incidental charges. All tuition and incidental charges must be paid by May 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mastalerz at [jmastalerz@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:jmastalerz@queenofangelssch.org)

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## **Principal Notes**

Dear Guardian Families,

Happy Easter! As we step into April, I wanted to reflect on the journey we have embarked on together this school year and share some exciting updates and reminders with you.

The Easter season brings a sense of renewal and growth, and here at Queen of Angels, we are embracing this spirit wholeheartedly. Our students continue to blossom academically, spiritually, creatively, and personally. It is a joy to witness their progress each day.

Here are a few highlights and reminders for the month ahead:

- Academic Progress: With the end of the school year drawing nearer, our focus remains on supporting our students' academic growth. We encourage you to stay

engaged in your child's learning journey by reviewing their progress and communicating with teachers about any questions or concerns you may have.

- **Standardized Testing—Grades 3-8:** As we approach IOWA testing season, we are committed to ensuring that our students feel prepared and confident, especially this year as we move to taking the tests online. Please look for future communications regarding testing dates and helpful reminders about how to help your child prepare at home.
- **Spring Activities:** Springtime brings many exciting events and activities for our school community! From the musical to field trips and outdoor learning opportunities, we are dedicated to providing enriching experiences that complement our curriculum and foster a love for learning...and fun!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Our May conference dates provide a wonderful opportunity for collaboration and feedback, I encourage you to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, goals, and areas for growth. Be on the lookout for communication from your child's teacher regarding scheduling days and times!
- **Community Engagement:** Your involvement in our school's community is invaluable, and we are grateful for your continued support. Whether through volunteering or attending school events, your contributions enhance the educational experience for all students. Thank you!

As we navigate the remainder of the school year, let us continue to work together in partnership, fostering a supportive, nurturing, and faith-filled environment, where every child can thrive!

Many blessings,

Mrs. Filak

## **Night at the Races**



## JOIN US FOR A GREAT CAUSE, SUPPORTING OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL!

Queen of Angels families and friends are invited to our first Night at the Races! Friday April 26, 6pm at the Core Event Center (formally Antonelli Event Center)

From the starting gate to the finish line, enjoy a fun evening of racing including:

- Live Horse Racing Simulation!
- Delicious Dining Stations & Cash Bar!
- High-end Raffle Baskets, an alcohol basket raffle and sealed pack of lottery tickets raffles!
- 50/50 opportunities!
- Our Famous Photo Booth And More!
- Dress is casual or wear your favorite hat and track attire!

**Tickets:** Tickets are \$50 AND include dinner, dessert, and one \$25 horse/jockey (first 200 attendees) Purchase your tickets early to secure your spot for a night of fun and fundraising! Deadline to purchase tickets is April 15th

**Spread the Word:** Invite your friends and family to join us! If they can't join us, they can still support the event and buy a horse/jockey for a chance to win a race!

**Sponsor Opportunities:** Sponsorships are vital to our success. There are many sponsor levels. If you are a business owner, or know someone that is, this is a great way to support our school.

Everything you need is here: For ticket information and sponsorship details, please visit <https://one.bidpal.net/qofaraces24/welcome> or contact Christina Torok at [ctorok@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:ctorok@queenofangelssch.org).

We can't wait to see you there!

## Run for the Roses Raffle Tickets



**RUN FOR THE ROSES  
RAFFLE**

**DRAWING: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH & BENEFITS  
QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
WINNER RECEIVES:**

- **PACK OF \$30 LOTTERY TICKETS**
- **PACK OF \$20 LOTTERY TICKETS**
- **\$1,000 CASH**

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 main office. Tickets are \$10 and include 2 numbers.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_



Queen of Angels Catholic School is selling raffle tickets for \$10 each. Each ticket comes with two chances to win! The lucky winner will be drawn on the Kentucky Derby (May 4th) and will receive one sealed package of each \$30 and \$20 scratch-off tickets, along with \$1,000 in cash. It's an opportunity not to be missed!

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 for your convenience. Additionally, tickets are available for purchase directly from the office.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

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## **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](mailto:cpauly@pittsburghpenguins.com).

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

All proceeds support our school.

# **QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

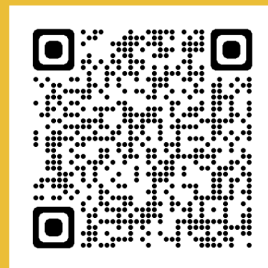


**INVITE &  
SHARE WITH  
FRIENDS!**



**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.

## **IOWA Testing**



- Dates: April 22nd – 26th
- Grades 3-8 • Grades 3, 5, 7 will also take the Cogats
- This year the diocese is moving to online IOWA testing.
- Students will need their headphones to complete testing. Please make sure that your child's headphones, from the beginning of year, are in working condition and at school.
- If you have any specific questions, please contact Karen Longo at [klongo@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:klongo@queenofangelssch.org)

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**Iceburgh Bistro's**





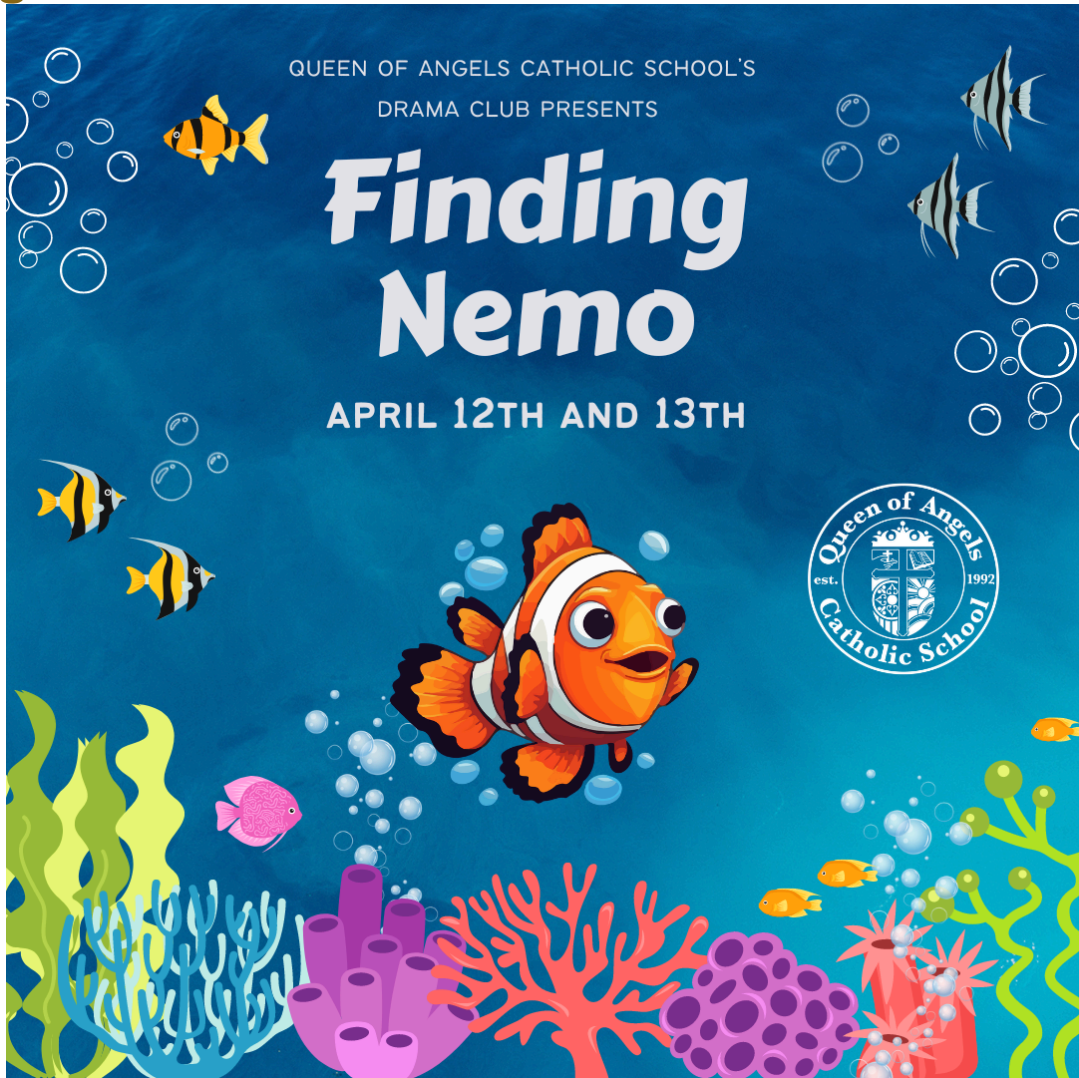
Tired of cooking? Queen of Angels will be holding a Dine-to-Donate event at Iceburgh Bistro on Saturday, April 13th from 11:00am-3:00pm. During this time Iceburgh's Bistro will generously donate 20% of all sales to Queen of Angels Catholic School. Enjoy some great food and help support this worthy cause.

Also, don't forget to purchase your Iceburgh's Bistro gift cards from our scrip program before you head to our Dine to Donate event! The gift cards are available daily in the school office at a 20% rebate.

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## Finding Nemo



Save the date! Queen of Angels Catholic School's Drama Club presents Disney's Finding Nemo Jr.! Performances are April 12th and 13th at 7:00 p.m., and April 12th at 1:00 p.m. in our school's auditorium. Tickets are available at the door for \$5. We are also accepting donations of candy, snacks and beverages for our concession stand.

## Party in the Park T-Shirts



- All students will receive a free t-shirt to wear on this day. Please complete the size form below by April 10th. <https://forms.office.com/r/Sp9YdAUP2Y>
- Due to popular demand, we are now offering the option for families to purchase additional t-shirts for family and friends. T-shirts are \$10 and you will have the option to have your t-shirt decorated by Q of A students or have it sent home plain. If you would like to order additional shirts, please fill out the following link for paid orders by April 10th. <https://forms.office.com/r/X2X0WknXjv>
- Lastly, if you or someone you know would like to sponsor this event and have their company name on the back of our shirts, please have them complete the following sponsor form by April 15th. <https://one.bidpal.net/partyinpark2024/browse/featured>
- Please note that Prek3 does not have school this day, so while they will receive a shirt they won't be participating this year

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## Party in the Park 2024



**Volunteers:** We will need many parent/guardian volunteers to help make this event a success! If you are interested in helping, please sign-up at the following link. Volunteers are needed for the walkathon, field games, snack, and Prek student activities.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054BABA82EA3F58-field#/>

Also, 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](mailto:rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org).

**Tents:** Tents needed! Queen of Angels is in need of tents/canopies for our school's Party in the Park Celebration on Wednesday, May 22nd. If you have tent that we could borrow for the day, please email Christina at [ctorok@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:ctorok@queenofangelssch.org). Thank you

**Meeting:** For those interested in volunteering, we will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd. The meeting is not mandatory, but we will be going over ideas for new field games and ways to improve last year's event.

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## Clearances

# VOLUNTEER



## 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](mailto:@rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org) with any clearance questions.

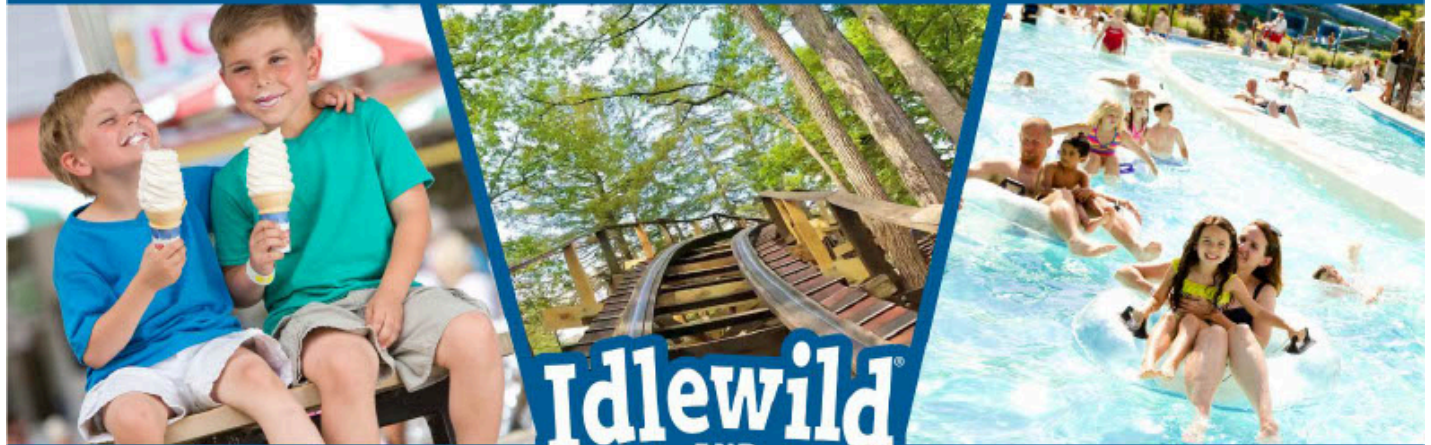
## Summer Camp Information



Queen of Angels is excited to once again be offering summer camps this year. This year's camps will explore, science, art, cooking, baking, dinosaurs, fitness and more! Our current list of camps is below. Please click on the link below to register. Camps do fill up quickly, so don't delay in registering. <https://forms.office.com/r/cffENFnsTk>

Instructor	Theme	Date	Grade Level
Mrs. Croft	Mural Camp	June 17th	5th-8th
Mrs. Steele	Baking Science	June 17th	2nd-8th
Ms. Palermo & Mrs. Salvi	Cooking	June 10th	3rd&4th and 5th-8th
Mrs. Kissel & Ms. Pashel	Dinos and Exploration	June 10th	Kindergarten-2nd
Mrs. Yant and Jacob Yant	Fitness	July 15th	3rd-8th

## School Picnic at Idlewild



# Idlewild<sup>®</sup> -AND- SoakZone<sup>®</sup>

## 2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER JUNE 21, 2024

**\*EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS\***  
**TICKETS ONLY \$29.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>!**  
**PRICE INCREASES TO \$31.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OR LATER**

**PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> FOR AS LOW AS \$29.99:**

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.idlewild.com/schools](http://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 14<sup>TH</sup> FOR \$35.99:**  
(if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 14<sup>th</sup>)

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.idlewild.com/schools](http://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 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

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

Visit [IDLEWILD.COM](http://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.

## PTO Information

The Spring Fling Middle School Dance is coming up quickly!

The dance will take place in the cafeteria, from 6-8pm on Thursday April 18th.

Drop off and pick up will be at the gym doors. Attire will be school approved dress down clothing - no formal wear.

Amelia Steele will be sending out a Google form to the have the 5-8th graders vote on their favorite snacks, and request their favorite songs for the DJ to play!

We will be needing set up, chaperone, and clean up volunteers to help the dance run smoothly!

Set Up/Decorations: 4:30-6pm

Chaperones: 6-8pm

Clean Up: 7:30-8:30pm

Click the Link to Join Us!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA4AF23ABFCE9-48863271-spring>



Save the date for our...

# Spring Fling Dance!

Thursday April 18th

6-8pm

5th-8th Graders

DJ, snacks & fun!

Free Admission

PTO Sponsored



**PTO**

**TREASURER**

**NEEDED!**

The Q of A PTO board is celebrating the imminent retirement of Marcy from our PTO board - she has been such a wonderful part of Queen of Angels, we will miss her ❤️ thank

you Marcy for all of your time and dedication to our school, it has been a joy to work with you!

The position of treasurer needs filled for the 2024-2025 school year. Keeping track of fundraising, donations, dues etc is an important part of the PTO.

We meet every few months to plan various events, and we communicate with one another throughout the months via email!

Please consider nominating yourself to fill this position! We will have the position open from today until Sunday April 7th and then the candidate will be chosen.

Click on this Google form to submit your information:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeS14uSCLf.../viewform...>

## 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.

## Sarris Candy Winners

Sarris Easter Candy Winners

Thank you to our school families and friends for supporting our Sarris Easter Candy sale.

The top sellers were:

#1 Place - The Kiebler Family (Paige Grade 1)

#2 Place - The Watson Family (Harper Grade 4) and Conor (Grade 1)

#3 Place - The Cardiff Family (Eilis Grade Kindergarten)

Our bunny raffle winners were Talia Arndt (Grade PK 4) and Jayne Orbell (Grade 1).

## 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](mailto:ctorok@queenofangelssch.org)

**Our mailing address is:**

One Main St. North Huntingdon, PA 15642

