

May 2024

Important Dates

- · May 7th- Dress Down Day
- May 8th- Colonial Day
- Feast of the Ascension- Noon Mass at IC
- May 13th- Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour
- May 13th- Moe's Dine to Donate orders due by noon
- May 14th- Mass at 1:45pm
- May 15th- Moe's Order Pick-Up 5:00-5:30
- May 16th- Invention Convention
- May 17th- Top Dog Dress Down Day- Min. Donation \$2.00 (not included with Dress Down Day Pass)
- May 20th- Legion of Mary
- May 20th- Dress Down Day
- May 21st- May Crowning at 1:15pm
- May 22nd- Party in the Park/Ducky Derby
- May 23rd- PK3 and 8th Grade Last Day
- May 23rd- 11:30am Dismissal & Conferences
- May 24th- PreK4 Last Day
- May 24th- No School K-8th Grade Conference Day
- May 27th- No School Memorial Day
- May 29th- Top Dog Visit
- May 31st- Graduation Mass at 9:30 and 11:30 Dismissal

May Calendar--Click here to view the May 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

Principal Notes

Dear Guardian Families,

As we approach the end of another school year, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and pride as I reflect on the journey we have shared together. The past year has been filled with moments of joy, learning, and spiritual growth. I am again reminded how immensely grateful I am for the opportunity to serve as your principal in our cherished Queen of Angels community.

Throughout the year, our students have continued to inspire us with their enthusiasm for learning, their kindness towards one another, and their unwavering commitment to living out our Catholic faith. It has been a privilege to witness their growth academically, spiritually, and personally, and I am incredibly proud of each one of them.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated teachers, staff, and volunteers for their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to nurturing the hearts, minds, and souls of our students. Their passion for Catholic education, their innovative teaching practices, and their compassionate support create a nurturing and transformative learning environment where every child feels valued, loved, and empowered to grow in faith and knowledge.

As we prepare to bid farewell to another school year, let us take a moment to pause and reflect on the blessings and accomplishments of the past year. From the friendships formed and the milestones achieved to the challenges overcome and the prayers answered, each moment has been a testament to God's grace and the strength of our school community.

As we look ahead to the summer break and the opportunities it brings for rest, reflection, and renewal, I encourage you to continue to nurture your child's faith and love for learning. Whether it's through attending Mass together, participating in service projects, or engaging in meaningful conversations about the values we hold dear, let us continue to cultivate a spirit of faith, love, and service in our homes and communities.

On behalf of the entire Queen of Angels family, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we truly embody the spirit of our Catholic faith, and I am confident that with God's grace, we will continue to inspire hearts, transform lives, and build a brighter future for generations to come.

May God bless you abundantly during the summer months and fill your hearts with joy, peace, and the warmth of His love.

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude,

Mrs. Filak

May Altar



In honor of Mary, our school community has created a May Altar. This space is dedicated to honoring Our Blessed Mother during the month of May. Our students are encouraged to bring flowers and to spend time focusing on Our Lady in prayer. Mary, Queen of Angels, pray for us.

Summer Volunteers Needed



🥮 🥚 Calling All Parent Volunteers: Help Us Make Summer Shine at Queen of Angels! 🌞 📭



As we gear up for the summer break, we're reaching out to our wonderful parent community for support in ensuring that Queen of Angels remains a vibrant and welcoming place for our students when they return in the fall.

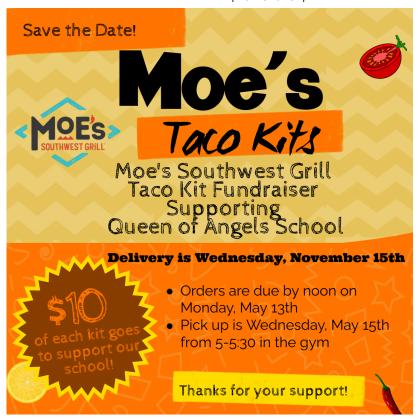
How You Can Help: We're seeking parent volunteers to assist with various summer tasks around the school. Whether it's sprucing up classrooms, organizing libraries, beautifying the grounds, or assisting with administrative projects, your time and talents can make a significant difference in preparing our school for the upcoming academic year.

Sign Up Today: If you're interested in lending a helping hand this summer, please contact Christina ctorok@queenofangelssch.org. We will work around your availability/schedule.

Thank You: We're incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our parent community. Your dedication and involvement enrich the educational experience for all our students, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you for being an integral part of our Q of A family!

Moe's Dine to Donate

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One of our school's most popular Dine to Donate Fundraisers is back! Moe's Taco Kits! For every Taco Kit purchased, \$10 will go directly to support Queen of Angels Catholic School. The perfect option to feed your family, while also supporting our school. Orders can be placed now through noon on Monday, May 13th and orders may be picked up between 5-5:30 on Wednesday, May15th. Place your order today! Thanks for your support! https://form.jotform.com/241075683042150

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.

Don't forget to purchase tickets to our school picnic at Idlewild Park! Our school picnic will be held on Friday, June 21st and we have pavilion B-4 reserved for our school. If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit Idlewild.com/schools and use the promo code queens for June 21st or queensflex for any day through July 14th. We hope to see you there!

Walkathon Pledges

Donate Today for Queen of Angels Walkathon
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Support Our Students

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QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WALKATHON 2024



HELP SUPPORT QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL GO FOR GOLD!

MAKE A DONATION TODAY!



DONATE ONLINE BY
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OR FILL OUT THE ATTACHED
PLEDGE FORM.

~\$5 Kerber's Gift Card



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We're gearing up for an exciting event that will make a real difference in the lives of our students - the Queen of Angels Walkathon! F This annual tradition not only promotes health and wellness but also serves as a vital fundraiser to support our school's programs and initiatives.

How You Can Help: We're calling on all parents, guardians, relatives, friends, and supporters to join us in making this year's Walkathon a success! By pledging your support, you're investing in the future of our students and ensuring they have access to the resources they need to thrive.

How to donate: It's easy to make a donation! Simply visit to https://one.bidpal.net/partyinpark2024/browse/donation make a contribution online to your student's page, or fill out the pledge form that will be sent home and return it to the school office. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact and is greatly appreciated.

Prizes and Incentives: As a token of our gratitude, we're offering exciting prizes and incentives for students who go above and beyond in their fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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#/ Volunteers must have their clearances submitted by May 10th

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.

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. Thank you!

We also will have:

- The Kona Ice Truck
 - Cotton Candy
 - Apple Slices
 - Glitter Tattoos by Designs by Becka
 - If your student is not allowed to have any of the items listed above, please let their teacher know.

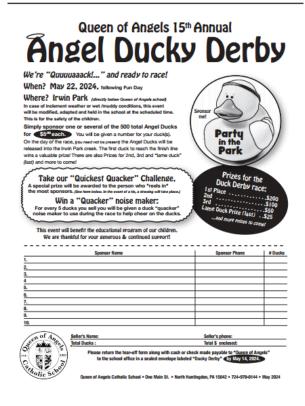
Ducky Derby 2024



Queen of Angels Catholic School 15th Annual Angel Ducky Derby will be held at Irwin Park on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. 500 rubber ducks will be sold for \$5.00 each by our school families. On the day of the race the ducks will be placed in the Irwin Park stream for a race to the finish. Students will be bringing home their sponsor sheets today. The family who sells the most ducks will win a special prize. Every student who sells 5 or more ducks will be given a duck "quacker" to use during the race to help cheer on the ducks. Please join in the fun! Any questions, please contact Mrs. Noblick at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org.

*Cash donations will be.....

1st place \$200 2nd place \$100 3rd place \$ 50 Lame Duck (last) \$25



NexTrex Bench Plastic Collection

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Queen of Angels has some exciting new! As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental education and sustainability, we are delighted to participate in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge.

The NexTrex Recycling Challenge is an initiative aimed at promoting plastic film recycling and reducing our

environmental footprint. Throughout this challenge, we will be collecting plastic film materials, such as grocery bags, bread bags, and other clean and dry plastic film items. If we meet our goal of collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic film in 12 months, we will earn a bench from Trex made out of recycled materials.

How can you participate?

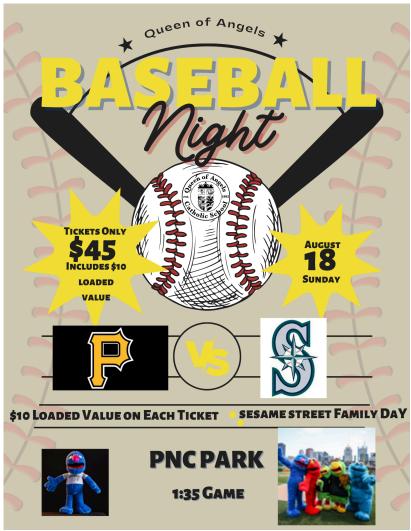
~Start collecting clean and dry plastic film items at home (e.g., grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, etc.).

~Bring your collected plastic film to school and deposit it in our designated collection bins.

Let's work together to make a positive impact on our environment and show our commitment to sustainability!

Thank you for joining us in this important initiative!

Save the Date: Back to School Pirate Game



Join our Queen of Angels Catholic School Community for a fun-filled evening at PNC Park, with a special ticket offer on August 18th when Pittsburgh Pirates take on the Seattle Mariners at 1:35pm! Tickets purchased through our link are \$45 per person, including \$10 of loaded value to be used at the ballpark and portion of all ticket sales will go to support Queen of Angels Catholic School.

Sunday August 18th is also Sesame Street Day and Family Fun Day! Kids 14 and under will receive a Grover Plush and after the game kids are able to run the bases!

Clearances



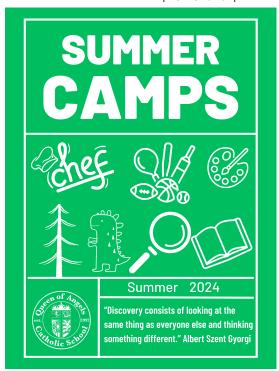
All volunteers must have the following clearances.

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 @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	Fitness	July 15th	3rd-8th

Book Donations



If you have too many books at home, that you would like us to add to the Library, we welcome those books if they fall into the following categories:

Thank you!

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

^{*}hardbacked books

^{*}gently used soft covered books

^{*}no board books



Dear All,

The Diocese of Greensburg is thrilled to welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to our area on June 11&12. Please share the information below with your faith community, use the registration links, and join us for the many activities we have planned!

The pilgrimage is the first of its kind, with groups planning to walk 6,500 miles from city to city, coast to coast. The Diocese of Greensburg is on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, one of the pilgrimage's four procession routes. The route is named after the first American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church and honors her work in laying the foundation for the Catholic school system and for her devotion to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The pilgrims will begin their journey in May in New Haven, Conn., and travel to Washington, D.C. before coming to Greensburg in June and ending in Indianapolis for the National Eucharist Congress in July.

A number of family-oriented events are scheduled in the Diocese to coincide with the Pilgrimage.

Mass and Family, Faith and Fun Night Tuesday, June 11

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Parish, 1011 Mount Pleasant Road, Greensburg

The evening will begin with Mass followed by food trucks, and free events for kids including a bounce house, balloon artist and face painting, plus multimedia displays featuring highlights of Diocesan Eucharistic Revival efforts over the last year.

The first 100 people to register will receive a free t-shirt!

https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/evangelization/eucharistic-revival/mass-and-family-faith-and-fun-night/

Mass, Eucharistic Procession and Italian Lunch

Wednesday, June 12 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish, 553 Patton Ave., Jeannette

Following Mass, pilgrims will process one mile to Ascension Parish, 615 Division St., Jeannette, then have lunch.

The meal consists of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread & dessert. Tickets are \$12. CLICK HERE to purchase a ticket! https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/evangelization/eucharistic-revival/mass-eucharistic-procession-and-italian-lunch/

Adoration and Youth Choir Sendoff

3-5 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish, 308 Second St., Irwin

Following a serene time of reflection and prayer during Adoration, pilgrims will be sent off by a youth choir. An ice cream social will be part of the sendoff.

Children interested in participating in the youth choir must attend a free, one-day Vacation Bible School to prepare for the performance. The flyer is attached! Children from any parish are welcome!

Pizza and Cookie Sales Winners







It's Pizza and Cookie Time !!!!

Thank you to all the families and friends that participated in our recent Mrs. Fields cookie dough and Little Caesars pizza fundraiser. Congratulations to our top sellers:

Marcel Jaffee, Dylan Opel, the Baker Family and the Ulm Family. We appreciate your support!

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.

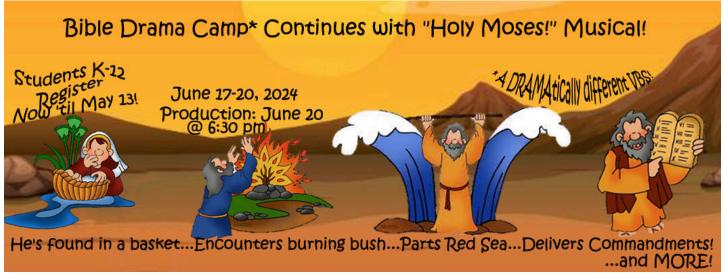
If you are experiencing financial hardship or have any concerns regarding the account balance, please don't hesitate to reach out to the main office.

Vacation Bible Schools



Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception! Our VBS, "Come to the Table" is June 24-27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register your 4-year-old through rising 5th grader at https://www.osvhub.com/.../forms/vacation-bible-school-2024.

Want to volunteer? Youth in grades 6-12 and adults with clearances are welcome! Please fill out this form: https://www.osvhub.com/.../vacation-bible-school....



Registration is live for this year's Bible Drama Camp, June 17-20!

This 4 day Camp is a DRAMAtically different Vacation Bible School and is for all students K-12. Adult volunteers welcome. The musical "Holy Moses" will be on last day of camp. Register your child today, it's always a blast!

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

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