

#### Mission

Queen of All Saints is a culturally diverse Catholic community dedicated to developing the whole child with compassion and integrity. Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

November 5, 2025 #13

# SAINTS' Scoop Newsletter

Dear Queen of All Saints School Families,

Happy November! It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of the first trimester and that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Where is the time going?

As we wrap up the trimester, we have a few important things upon us, like STAR testing, report cards, and parent-teacher conferences. Please take a moment to read below for details about each of these end-of-trimester items.

**STAR Testing** We've started our Trimester One STAR testing window. This week's focus is math, and we're already seeing growth! It's exciting to see the hard work paying off. Teachers have been very intentional in grouping students and meeting individual needs, and the adaptive software students use is helping to give them that extra layer of individualized instruction.

As we move into the second trimester, the work will become more challenging as new concepts are introduced, and growth can feel slower. That's when perseverance matters most. Perseverance is the steady effort to keep going, even when things become difficult. We don't want the growth to stop here. We want every student to continue to put in the effort and keep the momentum of progress going.

**Parent Teacher Conferences (11/17 - 11/20)** You'll get your child's STAR scores during parent-teacher conferences, along with updates on overall progress. Make sure you sign up, if you haven't already done so. If you need to make a change to your scheduled time, reach out to your child's teacher.

Thank you for partnering with us. Conferences are a great time to have open conversations and set goals together. We are grateful for the strong home-school connection that helps us live out our shared mission each day.

**Report Cards** Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 21.

**Rosary Zoom Next Wednesday, 11/12** @ 7:30 We will pray the rosary for our students, our community, and, for the month of November, all of the souls of our loved ones who have died. We will specifically pray for the people whose pictures are adorning the ofrendas in our hallways.







Don't forget! This Friday is an in-service day for teachers, so students will have the day off.

Our Preschool and Junior Kindergarten teachers will be on campus hosting an Open House Play Date from 8:30 - 12:00. Please spread the word to family and friends with young children. It's a great opportunity to visit our classrooms, let children play with the learning materials, and experience what our wonderful *Little Saints Early Education Program* is all about. Parents can meet the teachers, ask questions, and learn more about what we do.



The rest of our teachers will be at St. Paul School with colleagues from other LCA schools. Together, we'll be learning how to use the iReady adaptive math program more effectively to individualize instruction for our students. We'll also spend time growing together in faith through a shared retreat experience. We're especially excited because it will be led by Mr. Rodney Pierre-Antoine, our former Executive Director. We can't wait to see him again!

In honor of Veterans Day, there will be no school on Monday. Some of our students will be participating in a Veterans Day celebration at Todos Santos Park on Tuesday morning. If your child is in first or second grade, or in the junior high choir, you have already received or will soon receive more details. If you're unsure, please reach out.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Enjoy the long fall weekend!

Warmly, Mrs. Pacheco Principal

#### Notes from the Office

#### **Staff Luncheon**

The 6th Grade class hosted the November Staff Luncheon. Thank you for the Mexican food! Special shout-out to Mrs. Katie Clausen (Caroline's mom) for organizing the luncheon.

#### **Birthday Greetings**

Reserve a special birthday shout-out for your child on the school marquee (Bacon Street side) for \$25 (2 lines). Complete this reservation form now because it's first-come, first-served! Your FACTS account will be charged once you submit your reservation form.

\*The Birthday Sign is a Student Government-run project. If you requested a sign for Thursday, the student officers will put up the sign on Wednesday before school ends, and it will be taken down on Thursday before school ends to put up the birthday sign for the following day.



#### Student Government

By: Miles Reed & Harold Thompson

Good afternoon QAS families,we have a couple of announcements. First off, we hope you had a wonderful Halloween. We have a few things to remind you of!

- 1. There is no school on Friday, the 7th and Monday, the 11th.
- 2. Thanksgiving break will start the last week of November.
- 3. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on the 18th, 19th, and 20th. Last but not least, there will be an evacuation drill on Friday, the 21st along with report cards. Go Saints!



It has been our yearly tradition that we support St. Vincent de Paul's Thanksgiving Food Drive. They are requesting **canned corn and/or canned green beans**. Please send them to the office by Monday, November 17th.



#### PACE (Parents' Association for Catholic Education)

Thank you to everyone who attended the PACE Zoom meeting last Monday. Here's the <u>slideshow</u> that was presented.

#### 🎉 DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER

A Virtual Fundraising program that allows organizations to sell gourmet popcorn.

Raise Funds. Have Fun. Earn Big. We're teaming up with Double Good Popcorn to raise money — and we need your help!

## 100% Virtual. 100% Delicious.

- Sell premium, small-batch popcorn through the Double Good app
- Keep 50% of every dollar sold, used towards your mandatory \$450 Fundraising Agreement
- 4 days only fast, fun, and effective
- Popcorn is shipped directly to your supporters

Fundraiser Dates: **November 17th to 21st** and November 26th to 30th (new event code for these dates will be sent out)

## Mow to Join:

- 1. Download the **Double Good app**
- 2. Enter our event code: YMN ATT
- 3. Set up your pop-up store
- 4. Share your link with friends and family



**Our Goal:** Help us raise funds for Queen of All Saints. Every bag sold brings us closer! Let's pop for a purpose!

For questions, contact: Anita Cisneros, pace@queenofallsaints.org

#### Save the Date



Saturday, December 13th - Breakfast with Santa

#### **Dine and Donate**

Join us for the afternoon or evening to celebrate with community, food, and drinks this Saturday, November 8th, from 3:00-10:00 pm. Families had such fun playing SINGO last Spring, so we're bringing it back! It starts at 7:00 pm.



#### Saints Fiesta Bowl Auction

The <u>Saints Fiesta Bowl website</u> is officially open. Purchase your tickets now! Ticket prices go up on December 1st.

The ticket link can also be found on the school website.



#### **Auction Donation**

We are looking for donations for our annual auction, The Saints Fiesta Bowl! Do you have any of the following and would be willing to donate them to our event? If so, please email auction@queenofallsaints.org

- Vacation home rental
- Tickets to a sporting event, experience, or show
- Overnight stay at a hotel
- Air miles to a destination
- Passes to an amusement park 🎢
- Disneyland tickets
- Sports Memorabilia
- Puppies 🐶
- .....possibilities are endless!!

#### **Raffle Tickets**

If you would like to sell more raffle tickets, please feel free to drop by the office.

Each family is required to sell a booklet. Please read the paragraph below taken from the <u>2025–2026 Family Handbook</u>, page 14.

"As part of family participation, **each family is required to sell one packet of raffle tickets**. This first packet does not go toward fundraising commitments. However, 50% of every raffle ticket or packet sold after the first packet is credited to fundraising accounts."

#### **Golden Free Dress Pass**

The <u>Golden Free Dress Pass</u> is still available! Your child(ren) can wear free dress every Monday or Tuesday (your choice) for the entire school year!

#### CYO Basketball

We need help on the basketball courts!! We need volunteers to be gym monitors at our CYO basketball games. You don't need to have a player on CYO to participate, but you can. Come watch the games while getting hours. All schools are required to lend volunteers for this task, so let's do our part and show them how QAS shows up. Once you sign up, you will be contacted with further instructions, but read below for a snapshot of a gym monitor's responsibilities. Thank you! Go Saints!!!

#### **GYM MONITOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

-Maintain a safe environment for participants, coaches, and spectators.

- Always wear the red jacket while on duty and remain in the gym at all times while games are being played.
- Keep non-players off the floor during halftime and between games. Includes keeping spectators off the baseline during games.
- Arriving teams should not be bouncing balls in the gym during game or match play
   ask their coaches to have them stop or direct them to the lobby or outside.
- Assist the referee when requested.
- Assist with any spills or safety concerns on the court during games.
- Give coaches the game scoresheet

If at any time you feel unable to control a situation, contact the Athletic Director, a Coach, or a Referee when the game is not in play.





Here are this weekend's basketball schedule. Let us support our **SAINTS!** 

2nd Grade Boys

vs. St. Agnes Sunday, November 9th at 12:00 pm Clayton Valley Charter

**High School** 

2nd Grade Girls

B vs. St. Francis Sunday, November 9th at 12:00 pm Clayton Community

Center 2

3rd Grade Boys

B vs. St. Bonaventure Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 pm St. Francis Gym W vs. St. Agnes (G)

Sunday, November 9th at 1:00 pm St. Francis Gym

3rd Grade Girls

W vs. Immaculate Heart Saturday, November 9th at 1:00 pm Clayton Community

Center 2

4th Grade Girls - Bronze Division

vs. Santa Maria Sunday, November 9th at 3:15 pm Tice Valley Gym 1

4th/5th Grade Boys - National Division

vs. Holy Rosary Saturday, November 8th at 1:00 pm Holy Rosary

**Junior High Girls** 

vs. St. Joan of Arc Sunday, November 9th at 6:30 pm Tice Valley Gym 2

6th Grade Boys - American Division

vs. St. Francis Sunday, November 9th at 5:15 pm St. Francis Gym

7th Grade Boys - American Division

vs. St. Francis Sunday, November 9th at 4:00 pm St. Francis Gym

8th Grade Boys - American Division

vs. Good Shepherd Saturday, November 8th at 12:15 pm Pittsburg Youth

**Development Center** 

If you have any questions, please contact the athletic director, Ms. Pomeroy.



#### Sermons4kids

In Heaven Forever - Heaven will be amazing (Luke 20:27-40)

Riddles have been around since the time of Jesus. Maybe longer than that. One day, Jesus was approached by a group of Sadducees — religious leaders who did not believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven.

The Sadducees were trying to trick Jesus into agreeing that there was no resurrection. They asked him to answer this riddle: "The law of Moses says that if a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died. Then the third brother married her. This continued until all seven brothers had married the same woman. Finally, the woman also died. So tell us, whose wife will she be after the resurrection since all seven were married to her!"

My, that is a tricky riddle, isn't it? Listen to Jesus' answer.

Jesus said, "Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those who are raised from the dead will not marry or be married. Not only that, but they will never die again. They will live forever as the children of God." (Luke 20:36)

After Jesus answered their riddle so wisely, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Now, you and I know that Jesus promised us that if we love him and trust in him, we will live forever in heaven with him. Isn't it sad that some people do not believe there is a resurrection and eternal life in heaven? Oh, that reminds me of one more riddle!

Q. Why were the people in today's Bible lesson called Sadducees?

A. Since they didn't believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven, they were "Sad, you see!"

Dear Father, we are happy today that you have promised us eternal life in heaven. Thank you that heaven is going to be amazing! In Jesus' name, amen.

#### Weekly Calendar

**Thursday, November 6th** Regular School Day 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Extended Care is OPEN until 5:30 pm

Friday, November 7th No School - Teacher In-Service

**Saturday, November 8th** Dine and Donate at Roadside 22

3:00 - 10:00 pm

Singo starts at 7:00 pm

Monday, November 10th No School - Veteran's Day

Monday, November 17 to Pare Thursday, November 20th

Parent-Teacher Conference Week

Friday, November 21st Emergency Evacuation Drill

12:00 pm dismissal

Extended Care is CLOSED

November 24th to 28th No School - Thanksgiving Break



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Instagram: queenofallsaints concord and qaslilsaints

Check out and Like our Facebook page

#### Diocesan School Prayer Calendar

November 5th - Parents and Guardians

November 6th - Children

November 7th - Teachers

November 8th - Pastors and Principals

November 9th - Grandparents

November 10th - Peace

November 11th - Forgiveness

## Virtue of the Week - Circumspection

The Virtue of Circumspection Also known as: Carefulness

#### **Definition of Circumspection:**

Careful consideration of circumstances and consequences

#### **Prayer for Circumspection:**

Dear Jesus, my actions affect not just myself, but others. Please give me the wisdom to think before acting. Please give me the gift of counsel, that I may act in the best way at each moment of the day.

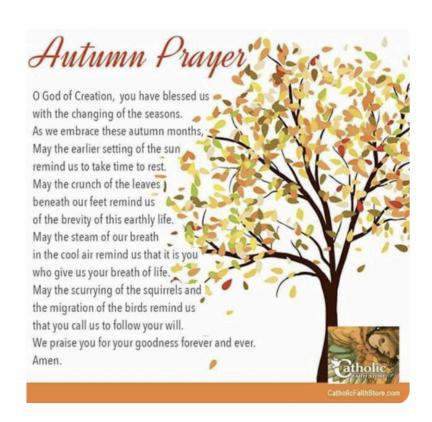
#### **Circumspection Looks Like:**

Asking for advice from an older, trusted person

#### **Circumspection Sounds Like:**

• May I ask you for advice about something?







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Queen of All Saints School was founded in September 1948 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. As the first Catholic School in Contra Costa County, we are excited to celebrate over 75 years of excellence.

- Teaching and modeling Catholic values and traditions
- · Supporting families as the primary educators of their children
- · Strong academic core curriculum and enrichment programs
- Commitment to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social-emotional development of each child.
- · Encouraging responsible involvement in the community

In recognition of over 75 years of religious education and academic excellence, we invite you to purchase a commemorative brick for the brick walkway leading up to the school's entrance. Your brick is a unique opportunity to honor family, students, alums, faculty, staff, and community members to commemorate their time as part of the Queen of All Saints School and Parish communities. Your gift will be a remembrance that will last a lifetime to be admired by generations.

Your Name Business Name	 	
Address		
City & State		
Phone		
E-mail		

Mail this form along with your check or money order to:

Queen of All Saints School 2391 Grant Street Concord, CA 94520

For more information contact the school office at (925) 685-8700 or order your brick online at qasconcord.org TODAY!

#### SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

QAS students get special pricing: 1 day: \$95, 2 days: \$185, 3 days: \$275

Looking for additional basketball training during Thanksgiving break? Check out the Mercado Basketball Camp! You'll be joined by other athletes from around the Bay Area with AAU and CYO experience. Invite is for boys and girls, ages 5-14. For any questions or inquiries, please feel free to reach out to Coach Phil 510-295-9429 (5th grade QAS coach), who will be one of the coaches at the camp. For reference, please visit Mercado Basketball's Instagram Page: @MercadoBasketball



#### HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS













Open House

CARONDELET

Sunday, November 16 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Join us for our **Open House!** This is a perfect day for prospective families to witness the Carondelet spirit in full swing. You'll experience:

- An energetic rally in our gym
- Performances by our choir, cheer, and dance teams
- → Hands-on demo lessons
- Conversations with club leaders, faculty, and coaches
- A firsthand look at our community of heart, faith, courage, and excellence

For more information, visit:

CarondeletHS.org/Apply

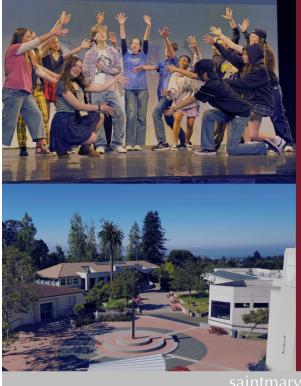
Register Today!



## ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Admissions Morning Coffee	<ul><li>September 25</li><li>October 2</li><li>October 16</li><li>October 30</li><li>All 8:00 - 8:45 AM</li></ul>	Learn about Saint Mary's programs and the admissions process steps from our Director of Admissions.	
Virtual Information Night	November 18, 2025 6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom	Learn about Saint Mary's philosophy, programs, and admissions information.	
HSPT Workshop	December 6, 2025 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hosted by Classroom Matters	

Sign up for events through our inquiry form here!



## ▶ OPEN HOUSE

- 🖮 Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025
- 1:00 3:00 PM
- Saint Mary's

Meet our outstanding faculty, program directors, and athletic coaches. Explore our 13-acre campus, including our brand new science lab, newly renovated gym with the addition of the Panther Store, updated plaza, and athletic field with a beautiful view of the Berkeley Hills. Also, check out our classrooms, art studio, and chapel. Talk to current Saint Mary's students who share your interests.

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