



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*.

SAINTS' Scoop Newsletter

November 18, 2020

Dear Queen of All Saints School Families,

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, the teachers, staff, and I wish you and your family many blessings. I would like to extend my gratitude for the amazing job the teachers and staff have been doing to meet the needs of our in-person and at-home learners. The road hasn't been without its bumps, but with a positive attitude and innovative approach, they have worked hard to overcome each obstacle. I am also grateful for all of our school families who continue to partner with and trust in us. A spirit of collaboration and loving unity has never been more important to our mission.

So, on behalf of the entire school community, I would like to wish each of you and your families a very blessed, healthy, safe, and happy Thanksgiving.



With blessings and gratitude,

Mrs. Lucia Prince

Important Information:

There have been many questions surrounding the new announcement from Governor Newsom regarding the county's move into the "purple tier." Attached to this Scoop is a letter from LCA Executive Director Rodney Pierre-Antoine where he states, "Our school reopening plans have been in alignment with California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Yesterday, Governor Newsom announced that 28 counties, based on California's Blueprint have been reclassified into the purple tier, this includes both Alameda and ContraCosta Counties. Per the Blueprint, and County guidelines, schools that have reopened for in-person instruction are not required to close, even if their county moves back to the Widespread (purple) tier."

Unless otherwise directed, Queen of All Saints will remain open for in-person instruction. You will be notified immediately via School Messenger (email, text, and or phone call) if there are any changes. Families who choose to move from in-person instruction back to distance learning should inform the school as soon as possible with an email sent to queenofallsaints@csdo.org.

***There is no prohibition on family travel during the holidays. Nevertheless, the goal of the school is to maintain a COVID-19 safe school, so travel over the holidays is strongly discouraged. ([Governor Newsom Travel Advisory](#).) Families have a responsibility for assuring their children come to school only if they are free of COVID-19 symptoms. Please remember that If students show COVID-19 symptoms while attending school, they will be removed from school promptly.

I have hyperlinked the Alameda and Contra Costa County health guidance, *Recommendations for Staying Safe from COVID-19 During the Holidays*, concerning holiday travel in several languages, including [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Tagalog](#).

Rainy Day Optional Early Dismissal Car Line

We have received quite a bit of positive feedback on our newly implemented optional early dismissal on rainy days. Because we are not able to gather all of the children under covered shelter in the car line while also maintaining physical distancing protocols, we required a process that would keep the children safe and dry while also ensuring a smooth and efficient dismissal and car line. Starting carline dismissal at 2:30 for families who opt to arrive early has helped us keep students safe and dry and has eased carline congestion on rainy days.

- Rainy Day Early Dismissal is Optional - families may still elect to arrive at 3:00 for regular dismissal time.
- A Rainy Day Optional Early Dismissal Car Line email will be sent out by 1:30 p.m. if we feel that it will be raining during Car Line. Directions will be embedded in the email.
- To assist staff and teachers during this process, please have your family sign in your dashboard where it is easily visible. Quickly seeing your family name and student grade makes for a quicker dismissal process as teachers use their walkie-talkies to dismiss students from their classrooms.
- On Rainy Day Dismissal, Car Line gates remain open for our regular 3:00 dismissal.

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Fundraising Statements are going home with your students together with their report card on Friday, November 20. This statement will reflect the Auction Raffle ticket sales. Please email me if you need clarification on the statement

Also, you can log on to the [Service Hours Spreadsheet](#) to audit the hours you have completed. If you turned in receipts to the office, we are still in the process of inputting it online. Please email Mrs. Francisco at pfrancisco@cndo.org if you have any questions about your Family Service Hours.

Thank you to all who made our auction a success this year. With the hard working team lead by Erleen Richards, we are proud to announce that our 2020 Annual Auction contributed a profit of \$25,340 to the school's operating budget.

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Thank you to all our families and community for supporting our 2020 Auction! We could not have done this without you! We hope we will be able to provide more opportunities this school year to continue to help and support our school.



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If you have volunteered or donated toward the auction, fill out this online [Auction Volunteer Form](#) (Receipts for purchases need to be turned into the office to verify)

If you are unable to keep your volunteer time, please contact us as soon as possible to allow for other parent volunteers to help. Thank you!

We want to hear from you! Please fill out this [7 question survey](#) regarding the auction. All responses are anonymous.

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Did you know we have an apparel store where you can order your Saints spirit wear? Check out our [Saints Spirit Store](#) and see items available to order and be shipped directly to you. Are there items you would like to suggest to have included? Please reach out to us! With every purchase, our school also receives 5% back."

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If you would like to order a memorial brick during this next phase, please go to [Memorial Brick Campaign](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to ASB President Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com.

Next ASB meeting will be held on December 15th at 6:00 pm

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Please join us for a fun drive-thru event! Cost is \$15 per car and families will receive 1 dozen Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Donuts, a fun craft for the kids, a picture with Santa, and more! Please see the flyer on page 6 for more information!



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pre-order your donuts. Please note that tickets WILL NOT be available at the “door” this year.

If you will be attending, you must sign-up for your arrival time here (payment must be received in the office before the date of the event): <https://bit.ly/SantaDriveThruSlots>

There are still opportunities to volunteer for this event! Please sign-up here:

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PACE helps QAS families reach their annual fundraising goal with these delicious popcorn treats! 50% of sales go toward your annual fundraising commitment. Order forms and details have been distributed. If you need another order form please call the school office for more information. Orders are due **NO LATER THAN November 20th** (no exceptions) and will be delivered to the school in time for Christmas!

Our next PACE meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM.
All are welcome!

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Whole Class meets 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
All students must bring a bagged/boxed lunch

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Distance Learners - [Morning announcements](#) at 8:10 am

12:00 Dismissal

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Thanksgiving Break - No School

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School resumes 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (all learners)

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*All students must be picked up every day at dismissal as **Gzvpgf gf 'Ect g'y klpqv'dg'cxkrdig'bv'vj ku' vto g0***



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We ask that we pray together for these intentions:

November 18th - Those who have died

November 19th - Public Servants

November 20th - Armed Services

November 21st - The Gift of Wisdom

November 22nd - The Gift of Understanding

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November 23rd - The Gift of Knowledge

November 24th - The Gift of Counsel

November 25th - Dignity of the Human Person

