



### 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

### December 9, 2020

Dear Queen of All Saints School Families,

Happy second week of Advent! This past Sunday we lit the second purple candle, which is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. On Tuesday of this second week of Advent, we celebrated the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this special day we recalled that God protected Mary from all stain of original sin from the moment of her conception and life in her mother's womb. We also remembered Mary’s words as the angel Gabriel appears to announce that she will bear a son and he will be called the Son of God, “May it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38



As we continue our Advent journey, we pray that we will be like Mary, open to God's call and willing to cooperate with whatever is God's plan for our lives.

With blessings and gratitude,

*Mrs. Lucia Prince*



## Winter 2021 Return to School Survey

As we prepare for in-person and distance learning in January, all families are asked to complete the short [Google Survey](#) to state their intentions. Please complete the survey by next Wednesday, December 16 so the teachers can begin planning for our in-person and distance learners.

## **Important Reminders & Information:**

***For your convenience and easy reference, we will continue publishing these reminders in the weekly Scoop. You will be notified of any updates or changes.***

### **Students who are ill/injured with non-covid symptoms:**

Per the school reopening parent meeting, students who are staying home for the day due to non-covid related illness are to focus on resting and getting better and are not to Zoom with their class. They will return to school when they are feeling better and will complete any missed work at that time.

### **Early or Extended Vacation:**

Per our Family Handbook, when families elect to take an extended vacation the teachers do not provide classwork or homework packets for the student(s). Per our Distance Learning policy, student(s) who are on vacation will not be allowed to zoom in with their teacher. Distance Learning is reserved for families who have chosen to not return to school or for students who are required to quarantine or self-isolate.

While on vacation, your child(ren) may check their Google Classroom, SeeSaw, or other online platforms their class is using, do their work at their own pace, and submit the work accordingly, but they will not Zoom with their class. Please refer to the Vacation Policy below taken from the [Family Handbook](#), page 41.

### **School Status**

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](mailto:queenofallsaints@csdo.org).

### **Travel Advisory**

\*\*\*As of today, 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.

Please see the *Recommendations for Staying Safe from COVID-19 During the Holidays*, concerning holiday travel in several languages, including [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Tagalog](#).

**VACATION POLICY/HOMEWORK DURING VACATION ABSENCE** Absence for other reasons (unexcused absences): Absences for vacations beyond those indicated on the school calendar are not excused. When parents wish to take their child out of school for several days for personal reasons, the Principal and the teachers should be contacted within a reasonable amount of time prior to the planned trip. At this time, the Principal will advise the parents on the effects of an absence on the student's schoolwork. The final decision for absenteeism, however, is the responsibility of the parent. Specific assignments will not be given to the student prior to the trips, and teachers should not be asked. Assignments whose due dates have been given to the class prior to the absence are to be met by the student, either by submitting the assignment prior to the absence or by making arrangements to ensure the assignment arrives to the teacher on the due date. If these assignments are not turned in by the

designated date, zero credit will be earned. In addition, students should be prepared to take ALL missed tests and quizzes (regardless of the date assigned) on the day he/she returns to school as tests and quizzes will be administered in a timely manner. Upon return, a student will have 24-hours to turn in all missed daily work and homework assigned during their absence to receive full credit.

### **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 the 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.

### **Front Office**

#### **Family Service Hour**

Click this [link](#) to log your hours (first blue button on the right) and to see the hours you have logged, click on this [link](#).

### **Advisory School Board (ASB)**

#### **Logging Auction Volunteer Hours**

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). Click on this [link](#) to audit your 2020-2021 Auction Hours.

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.

Spirit Store- 

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.

**Memorial Brick Campaign-** 

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](mailto:erleen.richards@gmail.com).

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

**Parent Association for Catholic Education (PACE)**



**Drive-Thru Donuts with Santa!**

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible!

If you attended the event, your digital photo with Santa will be sent to the email you provided by next Friday, December 18th.

**Double Good Popcorn Delivery Update**

Popcorn was distributed on Monday through the afternoon car-line. If you did not receive your popcorn or your family is distance learning, please contact Mrs. Francisco to arrange pick-up through the office.



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

**Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, December 10th -  
Tuesday, December 15th**

Regular class 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Don't forget to bring snacks & lunch!

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

**Friday, December 18th**

Christmas Program  
12:00 Dismissal

**December 21, 2020 - January 4, 2021**

Christmas Break - No School

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

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

*All students must be picked up every day at dismissal as **Extended Care will not be available at this time.***



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- **Instagram:** queenofallsaints\_concord
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/QASConcord>

### **Diocesan School Prayer Calendar**

We ask that we pray together for these intentions:

December 10th - Peace

December 11th - Forgiveness

December 12th - The Lonely

December 13th - The Sick

December 14th - The Hungry

December 15th - Those who are bullied and treated unfairly

December 16th - The Homeless


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**11 Days of Christmas**

Make it a December to Remember

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	1	2	3	4
				<p>ELF DAY! WEAR YOUR MOST ELF-LIKE OUTFIT!</p>  <p>DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR SHOE IN THE HALLWAY FOR SAINT NICHOLAS!</p>
7	8	9	10	11
<p>CATCH ME, CATCH ME, IF YOU CAN!</p>  <p>THERE ARE – PAPER GINGERBREAD PEOPLE HIDDEN AROUND YES, FIND THEM AND RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE FOR A PRIZE.</p>	<p>MELE KALIKIMAKAI WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAWAIIAN OUTFIT TO MAKE YOU THINK OF WARMER WEATHER!</p> 	<p>WELLNESS WEDNESDAY! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE WORKOUT GEAR!</p> 	<p>WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS! WEAR YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS SOCKS TODAY!</p> 	<p>FA-LA-LA-LA-LA FLANNEL WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FLANNEL TO SCHOOL TODAY!</p> 

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14	15	16	17	18
<p>SANTA CAN'T GET HERE FAST ENOUGH!</p> <p>WEAR A SANTA HAT TO SCHOOL AND ENJOY A CHRISTMAS COOKIE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!</p>	<p>JINGLE AND MINGLE WITH YOUR FRIENDS TODAY ON TACKY SWEATER TUESDAY! TEACHERS, PLEASE TAKE A PICTURE AND SEND IT TO MRS. FRENCH!</p> <p><i>Ugly Christmas Sweater</i></p> 	<p>POLAR EXPRESS! WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS PJS TODAY AND ENJOY A HOT CHOCOLATE WITH YOUR CLASSMATES!</p> 	<p>CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY!</p>  <p>WATCH ONE OF THE CHRISTMAS CLASSICS WITH YOUR CLASSMATES AND TEACHER.</p>	<p>WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST! TODAY WE WILL WATCH THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VIRTUALLY AND PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF BABY JESUS</p> 



Dear Parents,

We hope everyone is doing well and staying safe during these challenging times. We just wanted to remind you of a few deadlines approaching. The application deadline is this Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you register for the High School Placement Test and complete the student and parent questionnaires by December 11<sup>th</sup>. The recommendations from the school and transcripts are not due until February 5<sup>th</sup>.

The High School Placement Test is on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and will be **virtual** this year. We will be sending another email regarding the High School Placement Exam in early January with specific details for the day. If your son needs Extended Time for the Placement Exam please log into your portal and upload the necessary documents by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Also, Financial Aid Applications are available on our admissions website.

If you have additional questions about the admission process please contact us.

Thank you,

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Megan Lopoz