



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

May 19, 2021

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

We are in the final countdown of the 2020-2021 school year, and what an amazing year it has been! In more than any other year, our school community truly lived its mission, philosophy, and charism. Faculty, staff, and families embraced changes that put safety and the well-being of our community first, welcomed in Loving Unity many new students whose families were looking for a stable academic experience, and greeted each day with a smile knowing that we are creating an environment for all to thrive. I would not have wanted to have traveled this journey with any other team of teachers or staff. Every member of the QAS staff gave everything they had, social-emotionally, spiritually, professionally, and personally to make this year a success.

We will be entering our accreditation year during the 2021-2022 school year. As part of the accreditation process that takes place every six years, the school sets goals and an action plan that guides the school in continual school improvement. Since our last accreditation, the teachers, staff, and parent community have helped us successfully complete all of the goals that were set forth in the previous accreditation. I am grateful for the ways in which the teachers and staff enthusiastically and methodically worked on achieving these goals, and I appreciate their partnership and collaboration.

But, now as we embark on the journey for our upcoming accreditation and embrace our new goals for school improvement, we will be making this journey with a faculty and staff made up of many new team members. In welcoming this new team of teachers who will help us move forward with our goals, innovative programs, and curriculum, we will be saying goodbye and wishing a fond farewell to several beloved members of our faculty. Our teachers and staff are much-loved members of our school community, making it difficult for us to imagine school without them. However, when you have great love and admiration, you must also be willing to let go and let our teachers grow in their craft and follow their hearts and ambitions.

See page 2 of the Scoop for a tribute to all of our teachers and staff, those who are moving on, and those who will be returning to school next year, and read what each team member is looking forward to in the coming year and beyond.

With blessings and gratitude,
Lucia Prince



QAS Teacher and Staff Tribute

Mrs. Kristina Spink - I am glad to be returning this fall to my 5th year as a Queen of All Saints staff member and my 2nd year as the Preschool Director. I am looking forward to managing a larger teaching team as our capacity grows and as we prepare to possibly develop the preschool program into two classrooms. We are also working on eventually expanding our enrollment to include toddler-aged students.

Mrs. Tracy Martin - Next year my hope for our preschool children is to find joy and comfort in making new friends and growing in knowledge and their Catholic faith. By providing a safe learning environment, we strive to support parents' educational aspirations for their child to bring out the unique 'little scientist' that dwells within each one of them.

Ms. Elise Cox - I am so excited to embark on my third year with our warm, generous, and Christ-centered Queen of All Saints family! Although I have loved teaching TK, I will be teaching second grade during the 2021-22 year. See you in the fall!

Ms. Sophie Hill - I love Kindergarten and being a part of so many beginning learning experiences. I am excited for both past and new students to blossom next year. I can't wait to spend my third year at QAS growing with you!

Mrs. Stephanie Pacheco - I have truly enjoyed my first year at Queen of All Saints. This community is a family that I am proud and delighted to be a part of. I am so glad that I am here and look forward to a new class of first graders to get to know next year!!

Ms. Lucy Akaba - Thank you for being so warm and welcoming! I have loved my time at QAS and growing and learning with my students. Next year, I will be teaching 1st grade and moving closer to my sister, brother in law, and new baby nephew in Southern California. I will forever have a special place in my heart for my class and the QAS community!

Mrs. Mary McMillan - After five years of teaching third grade here at Queen of All Saints, I am excited to continue teaching at QAS and exploring new territory, and begin teaching at a higher grade level. I look forward to the many opportunities it will bring for me as a teacher and a budding leader. I love our school community, so I am blessed to return for another year of adventure!

Mr. Carlos Santana - Calling QAS home for the past 5 years has truly been an honor and privilege. The community has given me everything, from being a student teacher to a full-time instructor, and I am blessed to have been a part of it all. Next year, I will be taking what I have learned from QAS, to serve another school community. I will always cherish the memories I have with you all, and I wish you all the best. Blessings always!

Ms. Chelsea Ouimet - Thank you for welcoming me into your school community and for allowing me to teach your wonderful 5th Graders as a first year teacher. I will not be returning to Queen of All Saints next year as I continue to explore my options for the 2021-2022 school year. Your students and the memories we made this year will always be with me!

Mr. Luis Ordaz - Despite this difficult year, we strived together and as a result, we thrived together. Even though my personal journey at Queen of All Saints is coming to an end, I leave this community secure in the knowledge that I am a much better educator and person for having been part of it for the last four years. Thank you for the great memories and God bless you all.

Mr. Rob Perez - I would like to say thank you to the Queen of All Saints family for all of the support and blessings over these last 8 years. I have enjoyed every minute of my time here at Queen of All Saints and will truly miss all the wonderful people here. My next chapter will take me to the Sacramento Diocese where I will be the STEM Coordinator for St. Dominic's School in Benicia.

Mrs. Megan French - The last 8 years have been such a blessing. I consider myself lucky to be able to end my time at Queen of All Saints with the Class of 2021-- my very first class way back in 2013! My next chapter will take me back home to the Diocese of Sacramento where I have accepted a Principal position. I will always look back on my time at QAS as some of the most special in my entire life and I will cherish the memories that I have made with each of you.

Mrs. Cassie Wick - I am excited to be returning to QAS next year as the Jr. High math teacher and as a homeroom teacher. It will be wonderful to be back in the classroom starting from Day 1 of the new school year. We have a lot of new experiences and opportunities planned for next year and I look forward to going through them with you all.

Ms. Marty Gillman - This year has been an exciting year for me. I have been able to teach in all grades TK-8! My love for QAS continues to grow each and every year and I anticipate next year will be the same.

Ms. Lori Johnston - I am so blessed to have spent the last 14 years (off and on) with the amazing talent that makes up our student body. It was an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity to bring out the creative side of all of your children. I am continuing my journey in Portland, Oregon as of June 15th. I have my family there and a fantastic job waiting for me. I wish for everyone a future full of all things ART!

Mr. John Schonder - I am very excited about returning for my 4th year at Queen of All Saints school as the P.E. teacher. Working with Mr. Bill and the wood shop we will be building and installing some new P.E. equipment to help enrich the program. Students will be introduced to grade level appropriate nutrition, health education, and mindfulness concepts within the regular P.E. curriculum. Its going to be a fun and exciting 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Patricia Francisco - The 2020-2021 school year is my first year as a full-time school secretary. I truly enjoy being able to interact not only with the students, teachers & staff but with the parents as well. I'm looking forward to getting to know new families and continue to be part of the QAS community as a staff member and a parent too!

Mrs. Janet O'Connor - It is hard to believe I have just ended my 11th year working with the Queen of All Saints Community. The families and teachers bring joy to my days here. Next year I look forward to my expanded responsibilities with Lumen Christi Academies Network of schools and the support I will provide to our community.

Mr. Bill DeSmet - It is my intent to return as your Facilities manager. I am looking to expand my role as woodshop supervisor with a heavy emphasis on the industrial arts. Working with my hands has served me well throughout my life. Understanding the connection of heart, head and hands has helped me realize the Divine nature of the gifts I have received. It is my hope that using and sharing my talents will inspire you to explore your creative side.

Mr. Ron Minges - I am looking forward to returning to QAS next year. As the school's safety coordinator, I am hoping COVID has reached a level that we can begin to rebound from current restrictions. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to work with the students, staff, and parents. I want to keep QAS a safe, fun and healthy learning environment for all of us.

Mrs. Kensey Mires - For next year I'm excited to see the students slowly come back to a sense of normal school life. I'm excited for them to view their school as a safe, fun, welcoming place to be, and I'm excited that I have the responsibility to foster that feeling for them.

Mrs. Susy Cano - I have had a wonderful year meeting school families and staff. I look forward to another great year assisting in the classroom and aiding in the growth of the students.

Mrs. Carla Malouf - Being a part of the QAS community has allowed me to share my passion for education and teaching with the students, families and fellow teachers. I look forward to meeting and creating memories with new families and children next year, as well as starting my family's journey within the school!

Mrs. Ann York - I am excited to experience Queen of All Saints school from beginning to end. I am excited to experience all the traditions the school has enjoyed over the years but were put on hold because of Covid restrictions. I am excited to see how much the students have changed over the summer and their excitement for a new year of learning. I look forward to getting up every day because I love my job!

2021-2022 Calendar

- We will have a 5-day school week- in-person school only. We will not offer distance learning.
- Uniform Sale at school: Tuesday, July 27, 9:00 a.m. - Noon
- The first day of school is Thursday, August 19th, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday schedule: Every first Wednesday of the month is 12:00 dismissal. All other Wednesdays will be an early 1:30 dismissal for teacher work afternoons to prepare for our Spring 2022 WCEA/WASC Accreditation and for LCA Professional Development and workdays
- Extended Care will be offered daily at 7:10 a.m. and following dismissal until 5:30 p.m.

Student Learning Expectations (SLEs)

Every morning during our Morning Announcements, the students recite the main components of what it means to be a SAINT. As SAINTS we are:

- Skillful Communicators
- Active Responsible Citizens
- Independent Lifelong Learners
- Nurturing Community
- Thoughtful, Faith-Filled People of God
- Stewards of the Earth

For the month of May we will focus on being a SAINT in the classroom.

From the Desk of Mrs. O'Connor

PowerSchool Registration

Thank you to those families who have completed their Registration on PowerSchool for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have yet to complete your registration, and need assistance, please call the school office, or send an email to queenoffallsaints@cndo.org

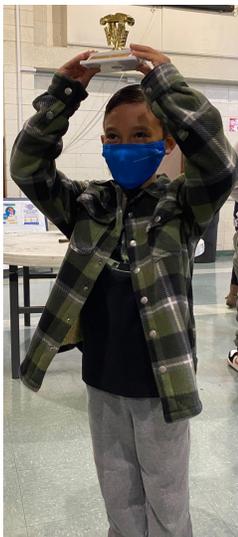
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2021-2022 Service Hours

You may start logging in hours you worked on starting the month of May to be credited to the following school year. We encourage you to get a headstart on your service hours as gift card donations we recently offered this year due to the pandemic will no longer be available unless it is requested by the event hosts.

Click this [link](#) to log in your hours and this [link](#) to view the spreadsheet and see the hours you have logged it. These links are also available on the school website, under Parents and [Volunteer Requirements](#).

Pinewood Derby



Congratulations to Brandon Berg-LeDoux for winning the Pinewood Derby last Saturday! It was fun watching all 22 cars made by students and families compete and race. We hope to see more families join the Derby next year!



Advisory School Board (ASB)



Spring Event- 
We need your help. A few spots are still available. Please use this [BINGO Volunteer Sign-Up](#) if you would like to help. Get a jump start on 2021-2022 Service Hours.

We are excited to see everyone that will be joining us on Bingo Night this Friday. Check-in begins at 5pm. Prizes will be given to those lucky winners!

Memorial Brick Campaign-

Bricks have arrived! If you ordered a brick and would like the opportunity to view it before being laid into the ground, please email Erleen Richards. Bricks will be placed in the walkway to the office after the end of the school year.



Alumni-

Alumni photos that were taken are up on our [school website](#). If you would like your photo taken please use [this form](#). Don't forget to join our [Queen of All Saints School Alumni](#) group on Facebook.

Spirit Store- 

Our online SAINTS Spirit Store is always open. Click on [SAINTS Spirit Store](#) and see items available to order and be shipped directly to you. With every purchase, our school also receives 5% back.

Our next Board meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 25th at 6pm.

Parent Association for Catholic Education (PACE)

Our next general PACE meeting is tomorrow, May 20th at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events

Monday, May 17th - Friday, May 21st	Parent Appreciation Week 2 more days of surprises for Parents
Thursday, May 20th - Tuesday, May 25th	Regular class 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Don't forget to bring snacks & lunch!
Friday, May 21st	Bingo Night (Adults only) Check-in starts at 5:00 pm
Monday, May 24th - Friday, May 28th	Multicultural Week
Wednesday, May 26th	8:30 am Family Mass on the school lawn
Tuesday, June 8th	Field Day

*All students must be picked up every day at dismissal as **Extended Care is not 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:

May 19th - Public Servants

May 20th - Armed Services

May 21st - The Gift of Wisdom

May 22nd - The Gift of Understanding

May 23rd - The Gift of Knowledge

May 24th - The Gift of Counsel

May 25th - Dignity of the Human Person



MULTICULTURAL WEEK

MONDAY - STUDENTS WILL SAY A PRAYER IN HONOR OF THEIR COUNTRY.

TUESDAY - STUDENTS WILL DECORATE THEIR CLASSROOM DOORS TO MATCH THE FLAG OF THEIR COUNTRY.

WEDNESDAY - STUDENTS WILL DECORATE A "LITTLE ME" TO REPRESENT THE CULTURAL DRESS OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THURSDAY - STUDENTS CAN DRESS UP IN THEIR OWN CULTURAL ATTIRE AND GIVE A QUICK PRESENTATION ON THE CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR CLOTHING.

FRIDAY - STUDENTS WILL LISTEN TO MUSIC, TRY CULTURAL FOOD AND GO ON A HALLWAY SCAVENGER HUNT. THE CELEBRATION WILL END WITH A SCHOOLWIDE PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD.



The Queen of All Saints Talent Show is almost here! Students who sign up will be required to come to school on **Wednesday, June 2** for rehearsal and recording. Mrs. McMillan will provide a schedule for parents/guardians once all permission slips are received. Please read the information below and contact Mrs. McMillan (mmcmillan@csdo.org) or Ms. Hill (shill@csdo.org) if you have any additional questions.

1. Please fill out the information below and have your parent or guardian sign at the bottom and return to Mrs. McMillan by **Thursday, May 27th, at 3:30 p.m.**. (You may send a digital copy to mmcmillan@csdo.org OR return a paper copy to school).
2. If you are singing a song, you will need to send a link AND lyrics to Mrs. McMillan at mmcmillan@csdo.org of the karaoke version of your song. QAS will NOT be providing the music. (Due with your permission slip on **Thursday, May 27th, at 3:30 p.m.**)
 - a. When choosing the music, be sure that it is appropriate in language and content. We reserve the right to ask you to change your music if it does not follow these guidelines.
 - b. Each act must be no more than 2 minutes in length.
3. Parents/Guardians, please prepare to bring your child to school on **Wednesday, June 2nd at 9:30 AM** (immediately following school Mass).

***Students who sign up will be required to come to school on **Wednesday, June 2** for rehearsal and recording. Students must be accompanied by and supervised by a parent/guardian. Bring a snack and book to read while waiting to perform.

Please complete the [Talent Show Permission Slip](#).