Dear Queen of All Saints’ Families,

And a good time was had by all!! Those words sum up the feelings of everyone who attended Saturday’s school auction – Set Sail with the Saints! My heart is full and I can’t put into words or adequately describe the joy, laughter, good-natured competition, and community spirit that was present that evening.

So, there are many “thanks” to be given. Thank you to the early-bird crew who started their day at 8:00 a.m. loading up trucks at school with all of the auction goodies. Thank you to the crew at St. Stephen’s who, with amazing planning from auction chair Erleen Richards, transformed the hall into a nautical paradise. Thank you to the staff that greeted guests and prepared the tables with food and drinks. Thank you to the classroom parents who outdid themselves creating beautiful nautical centerpieces (congratulations 1st Grade!). We are also thankful for DJ Daryl Lucas who had everyone partying on the dance floor, the kitchen crew and bar tenders who made sure glasses were kept full and everyone was well-fed, and ticket sellers and basket helpers who ensured that the silent and live auctions and raffle went smoothly. Thank you to everyone who played a part in the success of the auction. We are already looking forward to next year!

Today was School Safety day where the students participated in station rotations to learn about Earthquake safety and safety hazards while the classroom teachers worked on analyzing and disaggregating student data. Ask your child about the haunted house earthquake preparedness project they created in Art, identifying safety hazards in PE, earthquake safety with Mr. Bill and Mr. Minges, and practicing their Christmas song in Spanish.

This week we had a “soft opening” of our new school website. If you access the site, you will notice the new look and layout. Now that our website is live, Beehively is actively working to update the site until it meets our expectations. Photos and other items on the site are being used as placeholders as we make final decisions. Thank you for your patience as we work through this process.

With Blessings and Gratitude,
Lucia Prince
A Prayer for October

God of every season, we praise you for the beauty of creation reflected in the colors of fall and in the gifts of nature.

Help us enjoy fall as a season of play, a season of work and of study, a season of family and friendship, and a season of thanksgiving.

For you are the God of every season, now and forever.
Amen.

From The Desk of Mrs. O’Connor

Raffle ticket update:
In the next few weeks, you will be receiving your first fundraising statement of the year. This will indicate the number of raffle tickets that your family sold. If you sold more than the mandatory book, it will also show the dollar amount credited towards your fundraising obligation.

If you did not sell your required raffle ticket booklet, you will see a $100 charge on your FACTS account. But if you think this charge was an error, please contact me right away.

School Announcements

Way to go Saints! We were able to fill-up 3 wagons full of diapers. Thank you for supporting the Gabriel Project and for making a difference in our community!

Dance Class is back! We are excited that our first after school dance class session with Mrs. Davis will begin on Thursday, October 17th in the Hennessy Room. For more information, please see the flyer on page 7 (last page).

PACE News

Boo Bash shirts are here! They will be distributed on Thursday, October 3rd. Boo Bash shirts can be worn every Friday in October!

Boo! Bash is on October 25, 2019!

This is PACE’s biggest event of the school year and we need your help!

Sign up to help with the haunted house here: http://bit.ly/haunted-house2019
Sign up to help with Boo Bash here: http://bit.ly/boobash2019

Reminder

ALL volunteers (including family/friends helping to accrue hours) for Boo Bash must follow the Diocesan Requirements (At least 18 years of age, Livescan fingerprinted, TB tested, and completed the Safe Environment Training.)
**Final Call for Box Tops**

Before we transition to digital Box Tops, the traditional Box Tops clips can still be found in many products in the store (it’s currently being phased out of production). So let’s do this one last time… start clipping!

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**We Donut want to say goodbye**

Not yet! So for the last time, we are bringing back the...

**BOX TOPS CLASS CONTEST**

Collect unexpired Box Tops from September 18 until October 18, 2019

Put them in a plastic bag or envelope, write the student’s grade level and send them to school.

The class that has the most Box Tops wins the sweetest DONUT PARTY!

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Next PACE meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 9th at 6pm** in the 4th grade classroom.

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**Advisory School Board (ASB) News**

**Annual Auction**

We have anchored down on our Annual Auction 2019. The evening sailed smoothly and everybody had a great night. Thank you to all the families who helped and donated toward this event. We could not have done this without you.

And the winners are…

**Congratulations to the following families:**

Early Bird Drawing – Souza Family (Kindergarten)
1st Place – Gungon Family (8th Grade)
2nd Place – Spink Family (5th Grade)
3rd Place – Verdin Family

Seated Ticket Contest – Martinez Family (TK, 1st & 4th) They won a pair of Apple Air Pods

And 1st Grade will get a pizza party for winning the Centerpiece Contest. (Photo on the right)
Thank you to all the families who participated in the Seated and Centerpiece Contests. Very creative and beautiful centerpieces were showcased on auction night. You can view the photo gallery provided by Fun Frame Photo [https://funframephoto.smugmug.com/Photo-Booth-Galleries/Set-Sail-with-the-Saints/](https://funframephoto.smugmug.com/Photo-Booth-Galleries/Set-Sail-with-the-Saints/)

**Saints Spirit Store Online**
Show your Saints pride with NEW ITEMS now available in adults and youth sizes! Options to add your name on apparel are also available. Saints Spirit Store [https://www.sportpacks.com/QueenOfAllSaints](https://www.sportpacks.com/QueenOfAllSaints)
With every purchase, five percent goes back to our school. Go Saints!

**Bake Sale**
Our next Family Mass and Bake Sale will be this Sunday, October 6th, hosted by the 5th and 6th grades. To sign up click on this: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45aca92aa4fa7-october](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45aca92aa4fa7-october)

**Memorial Brick Campaign**
We will continue to accept bricks orders for Phase 3 until March 2020. Order forms can be picked up in the school office.

**Social Sharing**
Follow, Like & Share us on social media!
Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/QASConcord/](https://www.facebook.com/QASConcord/)
Instagram [queenofallsaints_concord](https://www.instagram.com/queenofallsaints_concord/)
Twitter [@QASConcord](https://twitter.com/QASConcord)

**Happy Birthday To You**
Want to have a special "Happy Birthday" shout out to your QAS student? You can have a special message displayed on our school sign (Bacon Street side). Use this form to reserve your date [https://forms.gle/Qfq6RVyeaiLyKLqV9](https://forms.gle/Qfq6RVyeaiLyKLqV9)

**QAS Alumni**
QAS Alumni are in early discussions of a Spring 2020 event! If you or anyone you know are alum please join and share the Facebook group to get all the up-to-date information! [https://www.facebook.com/groups/QueenofAllSaintsAlumni/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/QueenofAllSaintsAlumni/)

Serving on ASB is a great way to get involved, be a part of the school's continuing development, and earn volunteer hours. If you are able and interested or have questions, please reach out to Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com for more information.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 6pm** in the Faculty Room.
Why Share the Rosary with Kids? (The Religion Teacher)

October is Holy Rosary Month, so it is a wonderful time to work with our children on learning to pray this special prayer.

Why is it so important to dedicate the time to pray the rosary during class? My wife and I both capitalized on October, the month of the rosary, by teaching our students how and why we pray the rosary. These are the reasons we feel so strongly about praying the rosary with your children or students:

1. They learn their prayers. One of the coolest things about the rosary is that you knock out six prayers in one. In order to pray the rosary, children must learn the Apostles Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Fatima prayer, and the Hail Holy Queen (not to mention the Sign of the Cross). Learning these prayers in the classroom will help them in their personal prayer and prayers in Church. And who says the current generation doesn’t know their prayers?
2. It is an opportunity to build community. We usually had students share intentions before praying. This establishes a purpose to praying the rosary giving them something to think about while they pray. An extra perk of this activity was that it was very successful in building a sense of community among the class. Students began to know and care about each other on a more personal level as they shared with one another.
3. It teaches them to be quiet. Children of all ages rarely get time to quiet themselves. Saying the rosary can be an opportunity to slow down, be quiet, center themselves, and focus on God. Repetitive prayer can be a very effective way to center oneself.
4. It helps them become comfortable with intercessions to Mary. As more and more people become uncomfortable with intercessory prayer to Mary and the saints, it is important that you share with your students how important this kind of prayer can be when they are very young. To put this simply: we ask Mary for prayers just as we ask each other for prayers. The difference is her very special relationship to her Son through whom all prayers are offered.
5. It teaches them about the Scriptures. Many people do not realize that praying the rosary is meant to be a meditation upon the life of Christ and Mary in the Scriptures. Although not every mystery of the rosary can be found specifically in the Bible, the rosary can be an effective way to introduce students to stories from the Bible. By encouraging students to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, you will be establishing prior knowledge they will be able to use in later lessons about the Annunciation, birth of Jesus, Paschal Mystery, etc.
6. It is important to us. Teachers are at their best when they teach about their passion. I carry a rosary in my pocket every day and pray with it often. I don’t teach others to pray the rosary because I feel like I should; I do it because I know how powerful it can be.

**CYO News**

CYO Basketball Practices are as follows:

**Tuesday & Thursday**

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**Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, October 2**
- Parent & Teacher Conference
- 12 Noon Dismissal for TK-8th Grade
- Extended Care open until 6pm

**Thursday, October 3**
- Parent & Teacher Conference
- 12 Noon Dismissal for TK-8th Grade
- Extended Care open until 6pm

**Friday, October 4**
- Wear your Boo Bash shirt
- Blessing of the Animals at 11:30 am
- 12 Noon Dismissal for TK-8th Grade
- Extended Care open until 6pm

**Sunday, October 6**
- Family Mass at 10:30am – Wear your school uniform
- Bake Sale

**Friday, October 11**
- No School for TK - 8th Grade – Professional Development Day
- Preschool is session – regular hours

**Monday, October 14**
- No School – Columbus Day

**Wednesday, October 16**
- Picture Day Re-Take
- Hearing Screening Re-Take
New! DANCE CLASSES

Dance Class is Back! We are excited that our first after school dance class session with Mrs. Davis will begin on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Classes will be held in the Hennessy Room. There is no need to bring a change of clothing, school attire is appropriate. If your child needs tap shoes, there are several pairs available; please fill in shoe size below. We will have a Christmas performance for family and friends on Friday, December 13th, at 3:15 in the Parish Hall.

**BALLET AND TAP DANCE: Kindergarten/First Grade girls**

Thursdays 3:00-3:30 (October 17 – December 12) No class October 31

**JAZZ AND TAP DANCE: 2ND AND 3RD GRADE girls**

Tuesdays 3:00-3:30 (October 22- December 10)

**JAZZ AND THEATRE DANCE: 4TH AND 5TH GRADE girls**

Tuesdays 3:40-4:10 (October 22 – December 10)

**BOYS DANCE: K-5TH GRADE**

Thursdays 3:40-4:10 (October 17-December 12) No class October 31

**Christmas Performance:** Friday, December 13 at 3:15 in the Parish Hall

**Cost:** $55 per student - this includes coverage for insurance fees and extended care while students are in dance class. If your student uses extended care before or after their dance class, additional fees will be charged to your account. All fees will be billed through your FACTS account.

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**DANCE CLASS Session 1 – Please complete and submit this form to the office by October 15.**

My child _____________________________will participate in dance class. Shoe size: _____

I understand that I will be billed through my FACTS account. I understand that additional Extended Care charges may apply if services are used.

Parent's signature: ________________________________________________

Family email: ______________________________________________________