Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

Happy 2nd week of Advent! To commemorate this second week of "waiting", we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at Monday's Mass, followed by the sacrament of Reconciliation in 3rd-6th grade. You are invited to join us for a short prayer service at 2:15 this Thursday, December 12, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We are looking forward to celebrating the 3rd week of Advent together as a school community. You are welcome to join us on Thursday, December 19, at 1:45 as we celebrate Las Posadas. Students will act out a reenactment of Mary and Jesus seeking shelter at the inn, followed by a whole school Christmas celebration. The school will be providing students with hot cocoa, and weather permitting, class piñatas filled with candy. We would like your assistance making and setting up the hot cocoa, and piñatas, with each class providing cookies, styrofoam cups and holiday napkins. Be on the lookout for more information from your classroom teacher and room parent.

Lastly, the children have all been practicing for our annual Christmas Program that will take place during the school day beginning at 10:30 on Friday, December 20. This program is a fun way to join the school community as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Reminders:

- Don't forget to keep sending in socks for the TK/K annual Christmas Sock Drive! They will be collecting NEW socks through Monday, December 16.
- Mrs. Davis' dance students will have their Christmas performance after school on Friday, December 13.
- We send congratulations and best wishes to our 2nd Grade students who will be making their First Reconciliation Saturday, December 14.
- December 20 is a 12:00 dismissal for all grades, Preschool-8th grade. There is no afternoon Extended Care. All students must be picked up from school at 12:00 noon.

With Blessings and Gratitude,
Lucía Prince

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13
Santa’s Workshop is Open

Annual Sock Donation Drive
“[I was] naked, and you covered me” (Matthew 25:36)
The Transitional Kindergarten(TK) and Kindergarten classes will collect new socks from Thursday, December 5th until Monday, December 16th. Please bring your donations to your homeroom teacher.

PACE News
Dine Out:

Please join us on December 20th from 4 until 8 pm at Rubio's
*30% of the sales will be donated back to the school.

DoubleGood Popcorn will be delivered on Thursday, December 19th. Our next Scoop will have all the important details regarding pickup.

Our families sold $25,238 in DoubleGood Popcorn. 50% of sales are credited toward each family’s fundraising obligation.

Congratulations to our top selling families:
1st place: Andrew Perez (Preschool): total sales $1,130
2nd place: Nikolas Quesada (2nd): total sales $1,031.

Our next PACE meeting will be in January 2020.
Advisory School Board (ASB) News

Saints Spirit Store Online
Have you checked our Spirit Store? With colder days and nights approaching, this is a great time to purchase personalized hoodies, jackets and more. Show your Saints’ pride with many new items now available in adult and youth sizes. Go to the Saints Spirit Store at:

https://www.sportpacks.com/QueenOfAllSaints
Five percent of each purchase goes back to our school. Go, Saints!

Memorial Brick Campaign
Would you like to give the gift of honoring a loved one this holiday season? Order a memorial brick in their name, or for your family this Christmas. We will continue to accept brick orders for Phase 3 until March 2020. Order online or fill out a form and bring it to the office.
https://www.engravedbricks.com/campaign/QAS

Bake Sale & Family Mass
Our next Family Mass and bake sale hosted by 4th and 7th grades will be held on February 9, 2020.

QAS Alumni
Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 30th in the Hennessy Room for an Alumni Social. Keep up-to-date with all things Alumni in our Facebook group.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/QueenofAllSaintsAlumni/

Happy Birthday To You
Reserve a special "Happy Birthday" shout out on the school marquee (Bacon Street side).
Use this form to reserve your date https://forms.gle/Qfq6RVyeaILyKLqV9

Social Sharing
Follow, Like & Share us on social media!
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/QASConcord/
Twitter: @QASConcord
Instagram: queenofallsaints_concord

Get Involved
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.

The Advisory School Board will hold its next meeting in January 2020.
**Mary Had A Little Lamb- Sermons4Kids**

*But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Luke 1:30-31 (NIV)*

Christmas will be here soon- the day we celebrate the birthday of Jesus. In our Bible verse today, we hear from an angel who appeared to Mary and told her that she would have a child and that she would name him Jesus. Sometimes, Jesus is called "The Lamb of God," and since Jesus' mother was named Mary, I thought I would share a new poem called "Mary Had a Little Lamb." It may never be as popular as the original poem written by Sarah Hale, but it might help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Mary had a little Lamb,
He was born on Christmas day.
She laid him in a manger bed
To Sleep upon the hay.

Angels filled the night-time sky
And they began to sing.
Shepherds heard them all proclaim
The birthday of a King.

Wise men saw a blazing star
Up in the sky that night.
They followed it until they found
The King of love and light.

Mary had a little Lamb,
But He wasn't hers, you know,
He was the very Son of God,
The One who loves us so.
The Father of this little Lamb
Loved the world so much
That He sent his only Son to earth
So we could feel His touch.
He came to give us joy and peace
And take away our sin.

Why do I love this precious Lamb?
What can the reason be?
The answer is quite plain to see,
It's because He first loved me!

Dear Lord, thank you for sending your precious Lamb to take away our sin. Help us to remember as we celebrate His birthday, that He was the greatest gift of all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Upcoming Admission Events at Carondelet**

**HSPT Prep Course** (8th-grade only) - December 14th at 9:00 am ($75 registration will close as soon as max capacity is reached). We are partnering with East Bay Prep test preparation center of Concord to offer an HSPT prep course for boys and girls. This 3-hour workshop will focus on HSPT tips and test-taking strategies and is open to any prospective Catholic High School 8th grade student.
**CYO News**

**CYO Basketball season has begun.** We would love to see our Queen of All Saints families support and cheer on our students.

- **3rd Grade QAS vs. IHM**
  - December 15, 1:15 PM at Clayton Valley Boys Gym

- **4th Grade QAS vs. St. Bonaventure**
  - December 15, 3:00 PM at Clayton Valley Girls Gym

- **7th Grade Boys QAS vs. St. Francis**
  - December 14, 7:00 PM at St. Francis School

- **7th Grade Girls QAS vs. IHM(B)**
  - December 15, 2:30 PM at Deer Valley Boys #1

- **8th Grade QAS vs. St. Agnes**
  - December 15, 12:00 PM at De La Salle High School

**Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events**

- **Thursday, December 12**
  - Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service 2:15 PM

- **Friday, December 13**
  - After-School Dance Show, Parish Hall 3:15 PM

- **Saturday, December 14**
  - First Reconciliation - 2nd Grade students

- **Monday, December 16**
  - 2nd Grade singing at Bayberry Care Center and Church Senior Luncheon
  - 7th and 8th Grade Reconciliation

- **Wednesday, December 18**
  - Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8:30 Mass
  - 2:30 Dismissal
  - Communal Reconciliation Bilingual; Church 7:30 PM
  - 8th Grade Field Trip

- **Thursday, December 19**
  - Las Posadas and class Christmas Parties (see Class Dojo for information)

- **Friday, December 20**
  - 10:30 AM Christmas Program
  - Noon Dismissal - NO AFTERNOON EXTENDED CARE

- **Monday, December 23- Friday, January 3**
  - Christmas Break

- **Monday, January 6**
  - School Resumes

- **Wednesday, January 8**
  - 12:00 Dismissal (TK-8th Grade)