



#### **MISSION**

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## ***SAINTS' Scoop Newsletter*** ***January 15th, 2020***

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

On Monday evening, I was happy to share the status of our WCEA/WASC accreditation progress with the members of PACE and Advisory School Board. There are three very important documents that we refer to when planning events, activities, and programs for the school. These documents include the Mission Statement, Philosophy Statement and Student (Schoolwide) Learning Expectations (SLEs). These governing documents are so integral to the school program that they are mentioned throughout the WCEA/WASC accreditation self-study. As part of Chapter 3 of the self-study, the school is asked to review, and if necessary, edit and revise its mission, philosophy, and SLEs.

The faculty, students, and PACE and Advisory School Board (ASB) parents have had the opportunity to review, discuss, and provide feedback on the three documents. All of the groups expressed that the Mission and Philosophy Statement accurately reflect the school's vision and Catholic Identity. In discussion with the staff and students regarding the relevance of the SLEs, both groups expressed a desire to update the SLEs to make them more current and student-friendly. The students and parent boards created new descriptors for each of the key components of the SAINTS acronym, and they are excited that the SLEs they are creating will be used to describe expectations for each area of our school campus including the Church, schoolyard, hallways, courtyard, office, and Extended Care. Student Government officers will continue the work which will be presented to the staff, parents, and students. I am very proud of the students for the way in which they have approached reviewing and providing feedback on the documents. We are all excited to see the outcome of the updated SLEs, and to present to the entire school community in the Spring.

I am sharing the Mission and Philosophy Statement with you in this Scoop (page 5) to provide you with an opportunity to review them and allow you to give feedback on their relevance to the school's vision and Catholic Identity. Please forward any feedback or comments to me at [lprince@cndo.org](mailto:lprince@cndo.org), and I will share them at the next parent board meeting. Thank you for joining us on the WCEA/WASC accreditation journey!

With Blessings and Gratitude,  
Lucia Prince

## *School Announcements*

*From the desk of Mrs. O'Connor*

Any family wishing to be considered for financial assistance for the 2020-2021 school year must attend a mandatory financial aid meeting on **Wednesday, January 29 at 5:30 PM** in the hall. I am currently scheduling appointments to review applications prior to the March 15, 2020 deadline. Please contact me at (925)685-8700 or [joconnor@cndo.org](mailto:joconnor@cndo.org) to schedule your appointment.

## *New Student Information for the 2020-2021 School Year*

If you are interested in enrolling a new student to our Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten classes, please complete an application online at [2020-2021 New Student Application](#). Spaces are limited for these grades. We will begin our readiness assessments in early February.

If you know someone who is interested in learning more about Queen Of All Saints School, please encourage them to attend these upcoming school events:

**January 16th, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Innovation Lab - New Family Information Night**  
**January 26th, 2020 at 11:30 AM - Open House (following the 10:30 AM Mass)**

## *Catholic Schools Week Family Mass Performance*

Mrs. Davis is working with Queen of All Saints' students on a song that will be presented after communion on Sunday, January 26th at our 10:30 AM school Mass. Please return the permission slip on page 6 to the office if your child/ren would like to participate.

## *PACE News*

**Catholic Schools Week** and the **Scholastic Book Fair** are coming up this month. PACE has many service hour opportunities below:

- **Open House**, Sunday, January 26th - Bring 4 dozen cookies to share with friends and family. (4 dozen cookies = 1 Service Hour, please confirm with your room parents if you plan to bring cookies for your class.)
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - Volunteer opportunities: <http://bit.ly/QAS-bookfair-2020>
- **Grandparents Day Hospitality**, Friday, January 31st

**Dine Out Night:** Come join us on Thursday, January 23rd from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM at BJ's in Concord. Please show flyer on page 7 for QAS to receive 20%.

**Calling All Student Artists!** Our annual Run for Fun is quickly approaching and we need a design for this year's T-Shirts and media. Designs should be black and white on an 8.5 x 11 paper. *All designs MUST be designed and drawn by STUDENTS ONLY!* Winner will receive a \$25 Target Gift card and their design featured on all Run for Fun media! Due in the office by Friday, February 7th.

*The next PACE meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12th at 6:00 pm  
in the 8th grade classroom. All are welcome to join.*

## *Advisory School Board (ASB) News*

### **Catholic Schools Week**

We will have our school Spirit Store open during Catholic Schools Week. A sign-up to help will be available very soon.

### **QAS Alumni**

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 30th at 6:00 pm in the Hennessy Room for an Alumni Planning Event. Keep up-to-date with all things Alumni in our Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/QueenofAllSaintsAlumni/>

### ***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!

### **Bake Sale**

Our next Family Mass and Bake Sale hosted by 4th and 7th grades will be held on February 9th, 2020. Please use this link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45ACA92AA4FA7-february>

### **Memorial Brick Campaign**

Would you like to give the gift of honoring a loved one? Order a memorial brick in their name, or for your family. We will continue to accept brick orders for Phase 3 until March 2020.

Order online or fill out a form and bring into the office.

<https://www.engravedbricks.com/campaign/QAS>

### ***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/Ofq6RVyeaiLyKLqV9>

### ***Social Sharing***

Follow, Like & Share us on social media!

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/QASConcord/>

**Instagram:** queenofallsaints\_concord

**Twitter:** @QASConcord

### ***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](mailto:erleen.richards@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Lessons for the Sunday Gospels- A Clean Heart (sermons4kids.com)

*But the things that come out of the mouth comes from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'  
Matthew 15:18 (NIV)*

Do you ever forget to wash your hands before eating? Oh, I think that we all forget occasionally. I am sure that it is a good thing to wash your hands before eating, but, according to Jesus, there are some other things that are far more important.

The religious leaders during the time Jesus lived were very concerned about cleanliness. They had many religious laws and traditions which they followed to make sure that nothing unclean went into their mouth. One day some of these religious leaders asked Jesus why his disciples were not keeping their tradition of washing their hands before they ate. (I guess Jesus' disciples sometimes forgot like you and I do.) Jesus answered these religious leaders by telling them that what comes out of your mouth is more important than what you put into it. He said that the words that come out of your mouth come from your heart and those words show whether you are clean or unclean.

I am sure that you have heard the children's rhyme that says, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." That sounds nice, but it just isn't true. Words can hurt. We can all remember a time when we have been hurt by someone's mean and hateful words. God hears every word we say and he knows every thought we have in our heart. It is very important for us to be careful about the things we think and say because hateful words come from an unclean heart.

## CYO News

**CYO Basketball season is in full swing.** We would love to see our Queen of All Saints families support and cheer on our students.

3rd Grade QAS vs. St. Bonaventure	January 19, 1:00 PM at Clayton Valley Boys
4th Grade QAS vs. St. Agnes	January 18, 2:00 PM at Ultimate Fieldhouse #1
7th Grade Boys QAS vs. St. Anthony	January 19, 2:30 PM Clayton Valley Boys
7th Grade Girls QAS vs. IHM	January 19, 3:45 PM at Carondelet High School
8th Grade QAS vs. St. Bonaventure	January 19, 3:45 PM at Clayton Valley Boys

## Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events

<b>Thursday, January 16</b>	4th Grade California Mission Field Trip Prospective New Family Information Night: 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Innovation Lab
<b>Friday, January 17</b>	No School - Staff Professional Development Day Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
<b>Monday, January 20</b>	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- Sunday, January 26** Catholic Schools Week Begins  
 10:30 AM Family Mass  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Open House  
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Book Fair  
 12:30 PM Financial Aid Information Meeting - New Families
- Wednesday, January 29** 5:30 PM Mandatory Financial Aid Meeting - Current Families
- Thursday, January 30** Alumni Planning Event at 6:00 p.m. in the Hennessy Room

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## **SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY**

*Our children are entitled not only to the right of  
 bodily and mental development, but also religious.*  
 Fr. Laurence Hennessy, 1948

As a community of educators at Queen of All Saints School we:

- Teach and model Catholic values and traditions
- Support families as the primary educators of their children
- Provide a strong academic foundation at all levels
- Commit to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional development of each child
- Believe and appreciate that each person at Queen of All Saints is uniquely gifted by God with potential for greatness
- Encourage responsible involvement in the larger community



To: Queen of All Saints School Families  
Re: Catholic Schools Week Mass – January 26

Queen of All Saints School will begin celebrating Catholic Schools week at the Sunday Mass on **January 26 at 10:30** and Open House. **TK- 8** will be singing a song after communion. They will need to wear their full school uniform and they will sit together in front. If your child will be participating, please send in the lower portion by 1/22.

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**Catholic Schools Week Mass TK-8**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be singing  
at this Sunday's Catholic Schools week Mass.

*Other ways to participate:*

\_\_\_\_ greeters                      \_\_\_\_ family bring up gifts (we need 3 families)

\_\_\_\_ choir (grades 2-5)      \_\_\_\_ cantors (grades 4-8)

\_\_\_\_ procession candle holder (grades 4-8)

\_\_\_\_ procession banner holder (TK-8)



— JOIN US FOR —  
**A DELICIOUS WAY TO  
RAISE MONEY!**

**Date:** January 23, 2020 - Thursday

**Time:** 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM

**At this BJ's location:**

385 Sun Valley Mall  
Concord, CA 94520  
925-849-1090

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family  
and friends while earning funds in support of:

### **Queen Of All Saints**

With each flyer presented during this **FUNDRAISING EVENT**, BJ's will donate  
**20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES** to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials. Please do not  
distribute flyers on-site during the event. Digital or printed flyer must be presented to the server.



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