



MISSION

Queen of All Saints School 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 soul, *inspiring* them to live the *Gospel* of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest *academic* and creative potential, and actively *serve* and enrich the *community*.

SAINTS' Scoop Newsletter ***November 6th, 2019***

Dear Queen of All Saints' Families,

The subtle changes in our weather-crisp mornings and chilly evenings, gets me looking forward to the reason for this special season- giving thanks. As we march into a busy holiday season, I hope you can take some time to count your blessings. One of my greatest blessings is serving this community alongside our entire Queen of All Saints School faculty and staff. We are constantly working hard to monitor student learning and set school improvement goals.

One way we achieve our goals of excellence in education is through the WCEA/WASC accreditation process. The mission of WCEA/WASC is to promote quality Catholic education for students in our member elementary and secondary schools through an accrediting process that assures the primacy of faith formation and educational excellence. This week, I am assisting schools in the Diocese of Fresno with their accreditation process, and I am looking forward to working with *our* school community to prepare the report for next year.

Another important opportunity to give thanks is coming our way this Friday, November 8th. We are excited to welcome men and women who have served our country to a Veterans Day Assembly beginning with hospitality at 7:45 AM.

Finally, I wanted to tell you about #GIVINGTUESDAY. On December 3, 2019, we have an exciting opportunity to support Family Aid-Catholic Education (FACE). Founded in 1978, FACE provides tuition assistance to students who attend Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland. Any donation made on December 3rd will be matched 100% up to \$35,000. The goal of #GIVINGTUESDAY is to create a wave of generosity that lasts well beyond just a day. Now, who doesn't want to be a part of that!

With Blessings and Gratitude,
Lucia Prince



Important Announcement Concerning School Messenger SMS

On Friday, November 8th at 10 AM everyone with cell phone numbers on record with Queen of Saints School will receive an opt-in text message from the Diocese of Oakland Schools. Going forward, our school will be using this service to communicate important information such as attendance notifications, emergency alerts, and critical announcements. We encourage our community to stay **opted-in** to this list. Anyone may opt-out of further messages by replying ‘STOP’. Please contact the office with questions.

Veterans Day Assembly



Veterans Day Assembly
Friday, November 8th
8:15 - 9:00 AM
(Hospitality offered at 7:45 AM)

PACE News

Breakfast with Santa-12/7

Join us for a delicious breakfast and a special visit from Santa. We will have two seating options: 8:30-9:30 AM or 10:00-11:00 AM. Pre-order forms will be available in next week's scoop. There will be a special performance by Kindergarten and 1st Grade at 9:30 AM.

We need volunteers to make this event possible. Please use this link to volunteer:

<http://bit.ly/Bfastwithsanta2019>

Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser

50% of the total amount sold will be credited toward your annual fundraising obligation. Order forms will be sent home the week of 11/18. There will be an online ordering option available, details to come soon.

*Our next PACE meeting will be held on November 13th at 6 PM in the 4th grade classroom.
All are welcome to join!*

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!

Bake Sale

Thank you to our families for your help and baked goods for our last bake sale hosted by 2nd and 3rd Grade. We raised \$364.00!

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

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 into the office.

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

Social Sharing

Follow, Like & Share us on social media!

Facebook:

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

Instagram: queenofallsaints_concord

Twitter: @QASConcord

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>

Annual Auction

Please use the Survey Monkey link below to provide your anonymous feedback toward our 2019 auction. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSF3DXN>

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/>

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 date is Wednesday, November 13th at 6pm in the Faculty Room.

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

November 10, 2:00 PM at Clayton Valley High (Girls)

4th Grade QAS vs. St. Anthony

November 9, 12:00 PM at Knightsen Elementary School

7th Grade QAS vs. St. Francis

November 10, 7:00 PM at St. Francis School

8th Grade QAS vs. St. Bonaventure

November 10, 1:15 PM at De La Salle High School

Upcoming Admission Events at Carondelet

Middle School Choral Opportunity (6th-8th grade boys and girls) - December 11th, 7:00 pm
Registration will close November 8th

Calling all singers... COME PERFORM WITH US! Carondelet and De La Salle High School's Choral Program invites current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to perform with us at our annual Christmas Concert this December. *Rehearsal times and registration information available online.*

Open House (all grades) - November 17th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Experience what our special community is all about! Meet our inspired teachers, talk with students and visit classrooms, including the new Jean Hofmann Center for Innovation! *If you plan on attending, please be sure to register online.*

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.

Thanks-Living: Lessons from the Gospel(Sermons4kids)

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

When someone does something nice for you, what do you do? You say, "Thank you," don't you? Sometimes that just doesn't seem to be enough. Has someone ever done something for you that was so nice that you wanted to do more than just say, "Thank You." I have. When that happens, I sometimes send them a "Thank You" card. Everyone enjoys receiving a "Thank You" card.

Another way you can show your thanks when someone does something really nice for you is by doing something nice for them in return. For example, if someone invites you to spend the night and you have a really good time, you should return their kindness by inviting them to come and spend the night with you.

It is always important to show our appreciation when someone does something for us, isn't it?

Well, I don't know anyone who has done more for us than God has. God provides food when we are hungry and water when we are thirsty. He heals us when we are sick and he comforts us when we are sad. The Bible tells us that he is an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Because of all that God has done for us, we say, "Thank you." But somehow that doesn't seem to be enough. We could write him a "Thank You" card, but I don't think the Post Office could deliver it, do you? I have a good idea, why don't we do something nice for him in return? But how?

Jesus told us how to do it. Jesus, said, "Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do it for me." That means when we feed someone who is hungry, it is the same as doing it for Jesus. When we visit someone who is sick, it is the same as doing it for Jesus. When we give clothes to those who are in need, it is the same as doing it for Jesus.

There is a very special name for this way of saying, "Thank you." I call it "thanks living." "Thanks living" is when we show our thanks by the way we live. "Thanks living" is when we look at the many ways God has blessed us, and we thank him by being a blessing to others.

Let's pray and ask God to help us to offer our thanksgiving by "thanks living."

Our Father, we come into your presence with thanksgiving. Help us to turn our thanksgiving into "thanks living." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events

Friday, November 8	Veterans Day Assembly; 8:15- 9:00 AM
Monday, November 11	No School - Veterans Day Preschool Closed
Wednesday, November 13	2:30 PM Dismissal ASB Meeting in Faculty Room, 6:00 PM PACE Meeting in 4th Grade Classroom, 6:00 PM
Friday, November 15	End of Trimester One
Sunday, November 17	Carondelet Open House, 1:00-3:00 PM
Wednesday, November 20	Report Cards 2:30 PM Dismissal
Friday, November 22	No School - LCA Professional Development Day Preschool in Session
Monday, November 25- Friday, November 29	Thanksgiving Holiday Break