Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

The Season of Lent is almost upon us, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. We invite you to join for 8:30 Ash Wednesday Mass with the parish community. All of the students will receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross which symbolizes penance, mourning, and mortality.

Lent is an important season in our common life as a Church. We take this season seriously and use it as a time to become closer to God. It’s a time to remove distractions and to sharpen our focus so that we might better know God’s ways and become more loving in the world far beyond the 40 days of Lent.

The teachers are busily planning Lenten activities and projects leading up to Easter. Here are some ideas from Loyola Press for your family to do at home to honor the season of Lent.

- Giving jar/rice bowl: This Friday, each family will receive a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. This is a visual and physical way to collect monetary donations as a family throughout the Lenten season and is especially helpful for everyone in the family to be reminded of the need for increased almsgiving.

- Use the Lenten Family Calendar (see the last page of the Scoop) printed from Loyola Press and post it in a prominent place in your home to help you honor the season of Lent.

- Build a deeper relationship with Jesus is definitely the greatest Lenten “resource” for the whole family. Spend a little extra time with Him this holy season, whether it’s daily Mass an extra time each week or a visit to the adoration chapel. Take advantage of your parish’s Lenten offerings, too, like their Stations of the Cross evenings or special prayer events.

With Blessings and Gratitude,
Lucia Prince
From the desk of Mrs. O’Connor

Any family wishing to be considered for financial assistance for the 2020-2021 school year is required to apply for grants and aid on your FACTS Management Account. All families must reapply each year. I am currently scheduling appointments to review applications prior to the March 15, 2020 deadline. Please contact me at (925)685-8700 or joconnor@csdo.org to schedule your appointment.

I would like to outline many important upcoming due dates as we approach re-registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Please see the schedule below for your reference. As always, if you have any questions please contact me at joconnor@csdo.org

2020-2021 Re-enrollment Timeline:
2/26/20  Re-Enrollment fee is due
3/9/20  Re-registration link is open on Powerschool
4/16/20  Registration fee billed on FACTS Management
4/26/20  Registration fee due
5/1/20  Powerschool Registration submission due

At the last joint ASB/PACE Meeting, I shared with the members how we determine the amount that is charged for the 2020-2021 Enrollment and Registration Fees. Below you will see what those two fees cover. Although the total fees with increases from the diocese amount to $267 per student, the school has made the decision to keep the increase at a minimum, with an Enrollment Fee cost of $250 per student for the 2020-2021 school year. Note that this fee is paid directly from the school to the Diocese of Oakland to cover the costs you see in the table below.

Enrollment Fee: $250/per Student - paid to the Diocese of Oakland

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Registration Fee - Per Family Registration Fees: One Student - $395, Two Students $505, Three Students $615, Four Students $725, Five Students $825

Textbooks
FACTS Management Enrollment
PACE Fee
Social Emotional Curriculum/Rhyan Ramirez
Enrichment Programs
Online Curriculum and Licensing Fees:
  ● ESGI
  ● Rozy
  ● Freckle
  ● Science Curriculum
  ● Teach TCI- History Alive!
  ● CTN
  ● Religion Curriculum
  ● Scholastic News

Other School Announcements

Seussical Jr.
Seussical Jr. tickets are available now, please click on the link below to order your tickets. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seussical-jr-tickets-91791995329

If you need more volunteer hours, please click on the link below and check out how you can help this year’s musical play. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4DA9AB2F4-seussical1

Ash Wednesday
One week from today is our 8:30 AM Ash Wednesday Mass. To prepare for the Mass, we will be burning palms for ashes after our morning assembly on Tuesday, February 25. All are welcome to both events.

PACE News

Dine-out night at CHIPOTLE tonight. Please join other QAS families tonight (2/19) at Chipotle on Salvio St. from 4 PM - 8 PM. Remember, 33% of your purchase will be donated back to our school. Please bring the flyer from page 7 to assure our school receives credit.

Box Tops
We are still accepting Box Tops clippings until February 26th. This is the last submission for this school year. Gather your clippings and send them to the office
Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss with Green Eggs & Ham on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Please sign up to volunteer here Green Eggs and Ham Celebration

Next General PACE Meeting is Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 PM in the 8th-grade classroom. All are welcome to attend.

Advisory School Board (ASB) News

Bake Sale
Our next Family Mass Bake Sale hosted by TK and 1st Grade will be March 1st. The March Bake Sale sign-up Genius may be accessed here: March bake sale

Memorial Brick Campaign
The deadline for brick orders is March 1st so please remember to submit your orders soon. Order online or fill out a form and bring it to the office. For orders please visit, engraved bricks' campaign

QAS Alumni
We are planning an event for Summer 2020. 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? 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:

Queen Of All Saints Spirit Store
Five percent of each purchase goes back to our school. Go, Saints!

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.

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 for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 PM.
**CYO News**

**CYO Basketball Playoffs**
Please come support our two CYO basketball boys teams who are in the playoffs.

4th Grade QAS vs. St. Agnes  February 22, 9:15 AM at Holy Rosary
7th Grade Boys QAS vs. St. Anthony  February 22, 6:00 PM at St. Francis Gym

Entrance Fee (Cash only)
Kindergarten - 8th  $2.00  High School - Adult  $5.00
5 years old and under are Free  Seniors  $2.00

*Coaches and players playing that day are FREE

**CYO Track and Field**
We have a mandatory athlete and parent meeting coming up. All participating students and their parents must attend a meeting Monday, February 24th at 5:30 PM on the Mt. Diablo bleachers. Please look for more track and field details on the school website: [CYO Track & Field](#)

**Lessons for the Sunday Gospels- Wait and See (sermons4kids.com)**

*Jesus predicts his death. John 12:20-33*

It's been a long time since America has lived under the rule and power of a king. It's been more than 200 years! That's a long time before all of us were born. It is hard for us to understand what life with a King or a Queen is like. What do you think of when you think of a King?

Jesus is sometimes called a King, yet he didn't look like one. He didn't wear a crown. He wore the same kind of clothes everyone else was wearing. He didn't live in a palace or a castle. He lived in an ordinary house and often slept on the road as he traveled with his disciples. He didn't sit on a throne with lots of guards and servants watching out for his safety and well being. He wasn't married to a Queen. He didn't seem to come from a Royal Family.

When Jesus and his followers talked about Jesus and the Kingdom of heaven, they were puzzled. If Jesus is a king, why doesn't he look like a king?

In today's Bible verse, a group of people who were interested in Jesus but weren't quite sure about him came to the disciples and asked questions about this new King. They wanted to see Jesus in all His kingly splendor. Jesus answered them in a way that would not make sense to them at the time but would become clearer in the very near future. His words were hard to understand.
Jesus told them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." He said some other things, too. When you read the story from the Bible, many must have been thinking, "Why doesn't he answer our question? What's the big secret?" In truth, His words can still puzzle us.

What Jesus is saying to these curious people, and us is "Wait and see."

Jesus knew that something important was about to happen. If he told them exactly what was to happen it wouldn't have made it any easier for his listeners. They might have been even more curious and confused and maybe a bit scared.

So let's you and I do what Jesus says. Let's wait and see what happens in the church in the next several weeks of Lent. And maybe then, we will look at Jesus and see a King.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.” Pope Francis

**Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events**

**Monday, February 24**  
Junior High Retreat with Rhyan Ramirez- No Mass

**Tuesday, February 25**  
Burning of the Palms for Ash Wednesday after Morning Assembly

**Wednesday, February 26**  
Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30 am

**Friday, February 28 & Saturday, February 29**  
Seussical Jr. Showtime 7:00 pm  
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**Sunday, March 1**  
Family Mass and Bake Sale hosted by TK and 1st Grade

**Monday, March 2**  
Stations of the Cross presentation by 7th grade at 2:15 pm in the Church

**Wednesday, March 4**  
Noon Dismissal  
Preschool open from 8:00 am - 5:00 am

**Friday, March 6**  
End of Second Trimester
SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Queen Of All Saints. Come in to the Chipotle at 2002A Salvio Street in Concord on Wednesday, February 19th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you’re supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Queen Of All Saints.

Chipotle Mexican Grill

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.
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This calendar is designed to help you prepare for the Lenten season by incorporating spiritual practices into your daily routine. It includes suggestions for prayer, reflection, and service, as well as a reminder to participate in a service project on each of the Sundays of Lent.
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**Lenten Family Calendar**

- **Preparation for Holy Week**
- **Holy Week**
  - Passion
  - Holy Thursday
  - Holy Friday
  - Holy Saturday
  - Holy Sunday

**Notes and Reflections**

- Consider the significance of each day in the context of Jesus' life and teachings.
- Reflect on how you can embody these teachings in your daily life.
- Remember to uphold the values of love, compassion, and forgiveness during this season of Lent.

**Additional Resources**

- Read the Bible daily to gain deeper insights into Jesus' teachings.
- Attend church services to connect with your community and receive spiritual guidance.
- Practice acts of kindness and charity to honor Jesus' example.

**Recommended Activities**

- Spend time in prayer and meditation to connect with your inner self.
- Read uplifting literature and books that explore the message of Jesus.
- Engage in activities that promote personal growth and self-reflection.

**Conclusion**

Lent is a time to prepare ourselves spiritually for Easter, the day of the resurrection. Take this time to reflect on your own life and the impact of Jesus' teachings on your journey. May this season of Lent be a time of renewal and growth for you.