



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

March 4th, 2020

Congratulations to our students who were AMAZING at Friday and Saturday’s performance of Seussical. The students were fabulous as they sang and danced their way across the stage, and the chorus looked great in their bright yellow commemorative Seussical t-shirts. We plan on carrying this tradition forward to future productions.



We appreciate our music and theater arts program teacher Mrs. Davis who directed the production and practiced with the children, as well as Mrs. Tomsic (stage manager) and Mrs. Griego who worked with the children during Friday practices and helped out at the performances. We are grateful for our parent volunteers (snack shack and tickets), Ms. Johnston and Jr. High students (stage

backdrops and art design), Helen Perreira (music and sound), Mrs. Davis’ family (Rich Kessler - security and Laura Kessler - music/sound), Mr. Minges (outside security), and Mr. Tomsic (helper at large!) who were key in making sure that both nights ran smoothly. Lastly, we thank our school families and guests who attended the performances and supported our students. I can’t wait to see what magic next year’s musical holds!

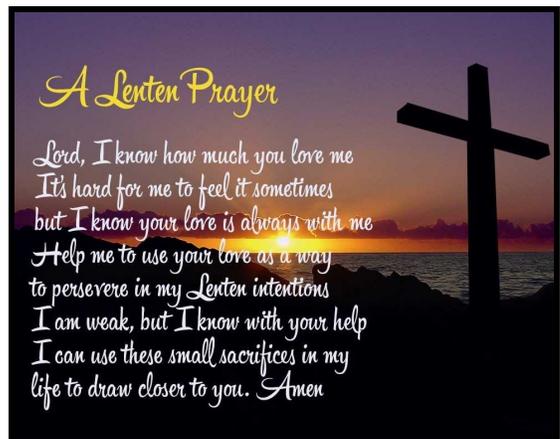
As we enter the first full week of Lent, let us remember the three pillars of the Lenten season: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. How will your family choose to observe the 40-days of Lent?

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent will draw us closer to the Lord.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. The Rice Bowls are a perfect vehicle for family almsgiving.

Fasting: Instead of the traditional fasting from food, here are some words from Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



Blessings for a wonderful week,
Mrs. Lucia Prince

From the desk of Mrs. O'Connor

DEADLINE IN 11 DAYS!

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@cndo.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.

2020-2021 Re-enrollment Timeline:

- 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

Church Announcements

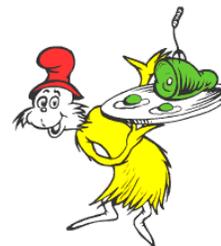
Knights of Columbus' St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner

Please mark your calendar for the annual Corned Beef Dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 14 from 6:00-10:00 PM. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

PACE News

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

We need your help to make Thursday's event a success and there are limited spots available. Please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/Greeneggs2020>



QAS Run for Fun (Fitness Event on Friday, March 20th)

Fundraising packets and more information about this exciting event will be sent home Friday, March 6th. Make plans to come cheer on our students during the following estimated track times:

Main Track

- 8:20 AM - 9:00 AM (TK/K)
- 9:10 AM - 9:50 AM (1/2/3)
- 10:30 AM - 11:10 AM (4/5)
- 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM (6/7/8)

Half Court Track

- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (Preschool)

Fun prizes are awarded for top earners, and each student will receive a 2020 Fun Run T-Shirt featuring the winning design by QAS artist, Christopher Cardoza, 3rd grade. This event is a parent-led fundraising event and PACE needs your help to make it happen. Please sign up for volunteer opportunities here <http://bit.ly/2020runforfun>

The Run for Fun is the great opportunity to raise money towards your 2019-2020 annual fundraising commitment. If you have questions please contact our school's front office.

Open PACE Positions

PACE provides opportunities to gather families for fun social, community events throughout the year. These events are led by parents and would not be possible without the help of many of you! We would love to have you join the PACE Board. Please contact Heidi Flores (qasconcordpace@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of the following positions:

- PACE Executive Board Treasurer- receive all funds of the organization, keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, and pay out funds in accordance with the approval of the executive board. He or she will present a financial statement at every meeting and at other times of the year when requested by the executive board, and make a full report at the end of the year.
- Book Fair Co-Lead (2 Positions) - schedule annual book fair with Scholastic and coordinates volunteers for book sale dates.
- PACE Event Coordinators (1 Position per event) - Coordinate decorations, food, and volunteers of an event. *Choose* from: Back to School Family Fun Night, Boo Bash (2 Positions), Breakfast with Santa, Grandparents Day, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, Family Dance, and End of the Year Party.

Faculty Appreciation Lunches

Thank you to the 2nd Grade class who hosted an appreciation lunch for our fabulous faculty and staff earlier today. Coming up on Wednesday, April 1st, 2020, 1st Grade will host a luncheon. We appreciate all the coordination that goes into these important events.

*Next General PACE Meeting is Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 PM in the 8th-grade classroom.
Help us plan the upcoming PACE Family Dance. All are welcome to attend.*

[Advisory School Board \(ASB\) News](#)

Memorial Brick Campaign

Thank you for sending in your brick orders for the March 1st deadline. You will be notified once they are complete. For orders please visit, [engraved bricks' campaign](#)

Bake Sale

Our rescheduled Family Mass Bake Sale hosted by TK and 1st Grade will be this Sunday, March 8th. Please sign up here: [March 8th Bake Sale](#)

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

Show your Saints pride with fan wear for CYO track & field and Basketball. Items are available in youth and adult sizes.

[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 ASB meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 PM in the faculty room.

CYO News

CYO Track and Field

Please look for more track and field details on the school website: [CYO Track & Field](#)

Lessons for the Sunday Gospels- New Creation in Christ

In reply, Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

The Bible talks about a man named Nicodemus who came to Jesus late one night because he was hungry. No, he wasn't looking for a late-night snack; he was hungry for spiritual food. He was hungry for the truth about the kingdom of God. He came to Jesus because he had questions and he knew that Jesus would have the answers.

Nicodemus reminds me of the very hungry caterpillar. Have you read that book? In Eric Carle's book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," the story begins with a tiny egg on a leaf in the light of the moon. On a Sunday morning, the warm sun came up and-pop!-out of the egg came to a very small and very hungry

caterpillar. He began to eat and eat and eat, but he was still hungry. Finally, he had eaten so much that he had a stomach ache! The next day was Sunday again. The caterpillar ate through a nice green leaf, and his stomach felt much better.

He built a small house called a cocoon around himself and stayed there for more than two weeks.

Then he nibbled a hole in the cocoon and pushed his way out. Guess what? He wasn't a caterpillar any more; he was now a beautiful butterfly.

Isn't that a wonderful story? The very hungry caterpillar reminds me of what Jesus said to Nicodemus. I think the very hungry caterpillar could help Nicodemus understand what Jesus said. Nicodemus said to Jesus, "Teacher, we all know that God has sent you to teach us. No one could perform the miracles that you are doing if God were not with him."

And then Jesus said something so amazing and confusing for Nicodemus. Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

"What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can a man be born again?"

Jesus went on to explain to Nicodemus that a person is "born again" when the Spirit of God enters into his heart. Humans can reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. And that's what it means to be born again.

Let's think about the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." When he came out of his cocoon, he was a totally new creation. A butterfly! That's the way it is when we are born again and let Jesus come into our hearts. He makes us a new creation!

*Dear God, we praise you that in Jesus we are a new creation; the old has gone,
the new has come! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.*

Weekly Calendar/Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 5	Dr. Seuss Day Junior High Dance hosted by Student Government from 3:15-4:45 pm in the Hennessy Room
Friday, March 6	End of Second Trimester SLE Awards, Student Government Assembly, and Stations of the Cross presentation by Kindergarten and 5th Grade at 1:30 pm in the Church
Sunday, March 8	Daylight Savings- Spring Forward!
Monday, March 9	8th Grade Field Trip to the State Capitol in Sacramento from 8:00 am- 5:00 pm
Monday, March 9- Friday, March 13	7th Grade on Caritas Creek Field Trip
Thursday, March 12	Report Cards go home Lumen Christi 8th Grade Lenten Retreat with Rhyan Ramirez 4th Grade Field Trip to Marshall Gold Discovery
Friday, March 13	No School Teacher Inservice Day