



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 18th, 2020

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

We have an amazing school community! In the midst of an unpredictable situation, we have been moving along with off-site learning lessons, class/student-teacher Zoom meetings, Dojo communications, and other means of communication and learning. We have discovered that the children are expert “zoomers”, they love meeting virtually with their teachers and classmates, they are diligently completing and submitting their work, and they want more face-time to interact and learn. We love seeing them online as much as they love seeing us. They can expect to Zoom with their enrichment teachers in the coming days and weeks for Spanish, Art, Music, and PE instruction. Please let your classroom teacher know if you are experiencing any difficulties with the curriculum or technology. We are here to help you.



Student and family feedback is very important to the off-site learning platform. We will send out a short survey at the end of the week to see what was done well and where we need to make shifts or improvements.

ATTENDANCE: Thank you to everyone who completed and submitted the new attendance form. The diocese has asked that all schools have families complete and submit the form daily.

The purpose of this attendance form is for parents/guardians to attest that their child is safe during the school day. The Google Form collects the data in one place along with a date and timestamp for verification. Some of you were unable to complete the form but notified us in other methods that also included a date and timestamp. With the purpose of daily check-ins being for the safety of the children, we thank you for your patience and your support throughout this process.

Stay safe and healthy and we will see you soon. We are QAS PROUD!

Blessings for a wonderful week,
Mrs. Lucia Prince

A Message from our Pastor:

Please go to our website www.qaschurch.org to watch a mass that Fr. Neal recorded today. It is on the home page and says: Watch Fr. Neal Clemens Recorded Mass. FYI, Fr. Rafael Chavez will also be sending us a recorded Mass in Spanish. When I receive it, I will also put it on our site. Thank you Fr. Neal, Fr. Rafael, and Nancy for recording the mass today for us!!

From the desk of Mrs. O'Connor

Application deadline for grants and aid (FACE) HAS BEEN EXTENDED to March 30, 2020. Please contact me with any questions or if you are in need of assistance in completing the application at joconnor@cndo.org In order to be considered for financial assistance for the 2020-2021 school year, this application must be complete.

Thank you to those who have completed your Remodel Fundraising Form. For those of you who have requested to sell chocolate, I have reached out to World's Finest to find out when the chocolate will be delivered. I am hoping to have more information by next week's scoop.

Queen of All Saints' Teachers' Corner



Preschool: Our Preschool Team has been sharing circle time videos with Mrs. Spink and nightly bedtime stories with Mrs. Lew. They also had their first Preschool Zoom in which they did a science experiment about germs and keeping hands clean. Your Preschool teachers enjoy seeing pictures and videos through Class Dojo, so please send any photos or videos of students working on assignments.

Transitional Kindergarten: This week TK students were able to use a model of a shamrock to help them remember "The Holy Trinity" (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). They are practicing letters "Xx" & "Yy" and creating patterns to extend and label. "Y" is for "Young Jesus"! Students are learning that when Jesus was a young boy he probably liked to do some of the same things that they do: play with friends, spend time with family and pray to God. Storytime and additional activities will continue to be provided on Class Dojo for our TK students and families.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten participated in a St. Patrick's Day story time video yesterday with Ms. Hill- including a special visit from her dog Remy. Ms. Hill has been receiving so many great pictures and she is proud of all of her students who have been working hard at home. Kindergarten held their first Zoom session today.

1st Grade: Our 1st Grade participated in a Zoom meeting today. Mr. Carozza has been reaching out to families individually as he works to build a schedule for remote learning for his class.

2nd Grade: Ms. Gillman will be organizing her first Zoom meeting soon. Please continue to stay informed via Google Classroom, Class Dojo and email.

3rd Grade: Third grade students are utilizing Zoom, Dojo and Google Classroom often to stay connected as a class. In the morning, they share prayer and community circle discussion time. Mrs. McMillan gives her students time to ask questions relating to their work, or report to their peers how their days are going regularly. At the conclusion of the day, 3rd Grade shared a special teddy bear Zoom session in which anyone who wanted to say "hello," "goodbye," or "great job" to one another could.





4th Grade: Mr. Santana and his 4th grade students are collaborating over ClassDojo, Email, Zoom.us and Google Classroom. All assignments for the day are posted by 8:00 AM on their Google Classroom. Also, 4th graders can attend daily Zoom.us hangouts with their teacher and classmates from 8:30am-9:00am and 1:30-2:30pm. The hangout links are available via ClassDojo and Google Classroom. Mr. Santana is available all day between 9:00am-3:00pm via Email, ClassDojo, or Zoom.

5th Grade: Ms. Greco has been working with her small group learning teams today over Zoom. Her focus was informing students about specific Math and reading lessons. As with all our remote learners, she is working hard to create some effective group norms for online learning.

Junior High ELA: Mr. Ordaz will have daily Zoom sessions with Junior High and will communicate with all students via Google Classroom and email. Students and parents can reach him from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm via email, Google Classroom, and ClassDojo. Junior High will be working on Writing Portfolio Assignment #4 as well as daily grammar and literature lessons on Google Forms. A daily Zoom tutoring session will be held after school for any student that has questions or concerns about any of the day's assignments. Starting next week, a daily lesson plan will be sent to parents so that they know exactly what is in store for their children that day. Religion and SEL learning through Sanford Harmony will be assigned to the 6th Grade twice a week through Google Classroom.

6th Grade Math: Mrs. Wick is working on a Math unit about how to use data to make decisions and observations about groups and behavior. Students are measuring central tendency: the mean, median, and mode. We will use what we learn here in our unit project where we will create and analyze a survey about our Junior High.

7th Grade Religion: Mr. Perez has shared morning religion zoom classes with 7th grade. Their meetings begin with a prayer and Lenten message. They also take time to discuss any issues they may be having as they all adjust to remote learning.

Junior High Science: Mr. Perez will be meeting regularly to go over the science lessons for the day and also answer questions that students may have had from the previous lesson. Mr. Perez utilizes google classroom, class dojo and their online science curriculum, ED Learning, to keep his classes on track.

7th Grade Math: 7th grade's math unit explores probability and how scientists use it to make predictions. This week's topic focuses on the differences between theoretical probability, what we expect to see, and experimental probability, what we actually observe. 7th grade's unit project will be to use our understanding of probability to create a board game with weighted outcomes and to compare the game's theoretical probability with its experimental probability. Parents: believe your students when they tell you they have to play a game with you for homework.

Junior High History: Mrs. French and Junior High students are meeting daily on Zoom to discuss History, Social Studies, Religion (8th Grade), and Second Step (8th Grade). Students are posting work on Class Dojo, Google Classroom, and email. Student attendance on Zoom meetings is important as we are building community and facilitating great discussion based on the curriculum. Mrs. French is available between 8:00-3:00 daily via email, Class Dojo, and Zoom.



8th Grade Math: Mrs. Wick is diving into a linear algebra unit with our 8th graders. It is a challenging concept, so they are beginning by extending their existing understanding of equations with one variable. Their ultimate goal will be to create a report using mathematical models to demonstrate a real-world situation such as speed or income.

P.E.: Coach Schonder enjoyed time with the 4th Graders today during a Zoom meeting. He, and all of our specialists, look forward to coordinating some upcoming Zoom meetings with all the students they serve. Coach encourages everyone to stay active and get some fresh air.

Spanish: Senora Egan has asked all her students to work on memorizing the Hail Mary in Spanish as well as continue working on the 'La Primavera' song. The students in 5th grade and up are creating collages about Lent. Lower grades are invited to check Class Dojo on Friday for your Spanish assignment. Remember to say your prayers in Spanish, morning, noon before meals and at the end of the day.

Church Announcements

All weekend masses have been cancelled per Contra Costa regulations. We will offer adoration from 8:15 AM-7:00 PM in the church on Sunday, March 15.

You may also watch Mass Online [here](#)

Another resource to see the readings and meditations for the day is to go to [Magnificat/English](#) or [Magnificat/Espanol](#)

PACE News

QAS Run for Fun (Fitness Event previously scheduled for Friday, March 20th) is postponed!

The Run for Fun T-shirts have arrived! The Eventbrite fundraising site has been extended through the end of April and you can still share this link with family and friends: <http://bit.ly/QASRunForFunDay2020-SPONSOR>

Keep an eye out for the new Run for Fun date in the weeks to come. Here is a picture of the t-shirts:

Our next PACE Meeting will be a ZOOM Meeting on Wednesday, April 8.



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

Annual Auction 2020

We are excited to announce our annual auction will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2020! Save-the-date for our *Jerseys & Jeans* themed auction. More detailed information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Bake Sale

Thank you for your continued support with our Family Mass Bake Sales each month. We will continue again in Fall 2020.

QAS Alumni

The summer event that is being planned will be rescheduled for a future date once our school renovation is complete. Stay in touch with other QAS Alumni at the link provided.

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

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](#)

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 - Mrs. Prince is happy to post your birthday shout-out!

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 a ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, April 8th.

[CYO News](#)

All CYO activities are suspended . Meets and practices for CYO Track & Field are postponed until further notice.

Lessons for the Sunday Gospels- Jesus Heals a Blind Man (John 9: 1-13)

Music has always been an important part of my life. I love all kinds of music, but the music I love the most is the music that we sing about Jesus. One of my favorites is, "To God Be the Glory." What a great hymn of praise to God. I also like, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me." It tells about how Jesus leads us through the difficult times in our life. Then, there is this one song that is definitely on my list of all-time favorites, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine."

Did you know that all of these favorites that I have named have something in common? They were all written by the same person. In fact, there are many popular hymns written by that person. Her name was Fanny Crosby.

When Fanny was six weeks old, she had an eye infection. Her regular doctor was out of town, and a man posing as a doctor gave her the wrong treatment. Within a few days, she was blind. If that happened to me, I am afraid I would be very bitter and I would probably spend a lifetime feeling sorry for myself. Fanny was never bitter and she never felt sorry for herself. When she was only eight years old, she wrote this poem:

*Oh, what a happy child I am,
Although I can not see.
I am resolved that in this world,
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't.
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't!*

Instead of being bitter and feeling sorry for herself, Fanny used the gifts that God had given her to write over 8,000 hymns and poems to praise and glorify God.

One day Jesus was walking with his disciples when they passed by a blind man. When they saw him, the disciples asked Jesus who was to blame for the man's blindness. Was it because of his sin or was it because of his parent's sins? Jesus answered them and told them that no one was to blame, he was blind so that God's works could be shown in him. Then Jesus healed the man and the people praised and glorified God for his goodness.

What about Fanny Crosby? God didn't heal her blindness. Perhaps if God had healed her, she might never have written all of those beautiful hymns -- and the world would never have heard of Fanny Crosby. She used the tragedy of her blindness to glorify God. I pray that tragedy will never come into your life, but if it does, remember that everything that happens can be used to praise and glorify God!

Dear Lord, the difficulties in our life seem small when compared to what others may be facing. Help us not to grumble and complain, but to praise and glorify you in every situation. Amen.