



### 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*** ***April 1st, 2020***

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

Since March 17<sup>th</sup>, the highlights of my day are in the morning when I videotape daily prayer, pledge, the day's messages, and birthdays announcements, and then again in the evening when I post good night videos. If you would have told me three weeks ago that I would be going solo and serenading you with a birthday song every morning, we would have both had a good laugh. I have enjoyed the pictures you have shared with me of the children smiling after they hear their birthday being announced, as well as your children wearing their school uniform and standing in front of their screens with prayer hands joining me in prayer and pledge. I hope that you look forward to these daily connections as much as I do.

I will be starting grade-level family Zoom meetings this evening with 8th grade, Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten. Thursday night I will Zoom with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades, and Friday I will connect with 5th-7th grades. I realize that not everyone will be able to join me at their specific grade-level Zoom time, but the hope is to begin with these initial Zooms and continue meeting bi-weekly for a 15-minute check-in. If when you receive your Zoom invitation you find that you will not be available to meet, please send me a quick email and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

I want to thank Mrs. McMillan for sharing the following quote with me. I now pass it on to you for inspiration and for you to know that each day we spend with you and your children is definitely the best day in the year!

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

He is rich who owns the day,

and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety.

Finish every day and be done with it.

You have done what you could.

Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in.

Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new day;

begin it well and serenely,

with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.

This new day is too dear,

with its hopes and invitations,

to waste a moment on the yesterdays.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

St. Joseph....Pray for us! Mary Queen of All Saints....Pray for us!

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

Mrs. Lucia Prince

## [LCA Latest News](#)

During our Long Term Dismissal (LTD), we have received very important leadership and guidance from Lumen Christi Academies' Executive Director, Rodney Pierre-Antoine. Mrs. Prince and all the principals within our group meet with Rodney regularly as they hone our remote learning efforts. Please take a moment to read his most recent letter to our community [here](#).

## [Welcome Our Newest Saint](#)



Our very own 1st-grade teacher, Caroline Vallejo and her husband, Marco, welcomed their baby boy this week! He was born on Monday, March 30 at 10:40 AM. The sweet boy is named Anthony James Vallejo, and he was 21  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches long and 9lbs 1 oz. Both mother and baby are doing great!

## [Queen of All Saints' Remote Learning Feedback](#)

Here are more encouraging comments about our Long Term Dismissal (LTD) learning efforts so far. Thank you for being such an amazing community as we all adjust to remote learning!

- "I've been impressed with how well the school has managed the transition [to remote learning], well done on all fronts!" (3/30) Brandon Lutz, 2nd-grade parent
- "We love QAS teachers and staff!" (3/30) Joan Quintanilla, 7th-grade parent
- "We appreciate the constant communication from the administration." (3/22) Lynn Asuncion, 6th-grade parent

## [Service Hours Opportunities](#)

Once the shelter in place has been lifted, we will have service hours available for those of you who are interested or in need of hours to fulfill your obligation. All of our classrooms will need to be packed up in preparation for our exciting school renovation project, and we will need lots of assistance. A sign up will be sent out once we have more information. Stay tuned for details to come.

### **From the desk of Mrs. O'Connor**

Although the Run for Fun has been postponed for a future date, don't miss out on the opportunity to raise money toward your 2019-2020 Fundraising Obligation. You have until **May 15th** to raise funds. It might look different this year, but the bright yellow t-shirts are waiting for you and we will have the Run for Fun once we are able to be together. If you have any questions regarding your Fundraising Statement that was sent home with your child's last report card, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

If your family has received tuition assistance through the BASIC Fund this past school year, you should have received an emailed link to renew your application. These emails were sent from the Basic Fund on 3/30/2020. Please complete this renewal application that has been emailed to you. If you have not received a link from the Basic Fund and believe you are a renewing family, please email me so I can assist in getting that link for you. Please complete your application on or before **April 17th**.

I am available to assist you remotely if you need my help. Please contact me with any questions or if you are in need of assistance in completing the application at [joconnor@csdo.org](mailto:joconnor@csdo.org).

### **Heartfelt Thank You From Our Teachers and Staff**

During this Long Term Dismissal (LTD), our community is working hard to stay connected on social media. This is a special message the teachers and staff posted this week:



We are so proud of the amazing effort and dedication our students have put forth during this time away. We will all continue to do our very best, so do not worry about the rest. We love our SAINTS! 🍌🍌🍌



**I will teach you in a room.  
I will teach you now on Zoom.  
I will teach you in your house.  
I will teach you with a mouse.  
I will teach you here and there.  
I will teach you because I care.  
So just do your very best.  
And do not worry about the rest.**

### **Lifetouch Graduation & Spring Photo Announcement**

Due to COVID-19, the Lifetouch lab is closed. They are holding all photo packages and proofs until school is back in session. Once we return from our Long-Term Dismissal, they will ship all items to the school. The Kindergarten graduation class picture was delivered to the school before Lifetouch's lab had to close. Ms. Hill will distribute these pictures on Monday along with other student assignments. If you have questions, please reach out to Lifetouch directly at [kyokoi@lifetouch.com](mailto:kyokoi@lifetouch.com)

## Jr. High Musical Instruments Available for Pickup

Mrs. Davis will be in the front office this Thursday, April 2 from 3-4 PM to give out instruments to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Please let her know if you have any questions via email at [tdavis@cndo.org](mailto:tdavis@cndo.org).

## A Sampling of The Digital & Remote Learning Completed This Week at Queen of All Saints

**Preschool:** Mrs. Lew and her Preschool team are teaching many new things to our school's youngest members. When they are not reading stories together or enjoying companionship during virtual playdates, they are doing interactive, remote learning such as this:

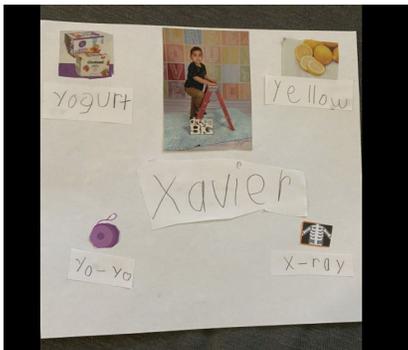
Preschoolers were asked to find "rainbow foods" at their house during our Choose My Plate unit about food groups! Way to go Preschool! ❤️🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

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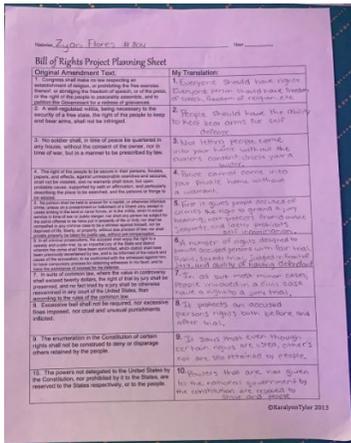


**Transitional Kindergarten:** Mrs. Blumling is working on many lessons with her TK students. They have been finishing up their alphabet unit. Here, Xavier shares his X & Y photo collage. What a fun time to have a name beginning with "X".

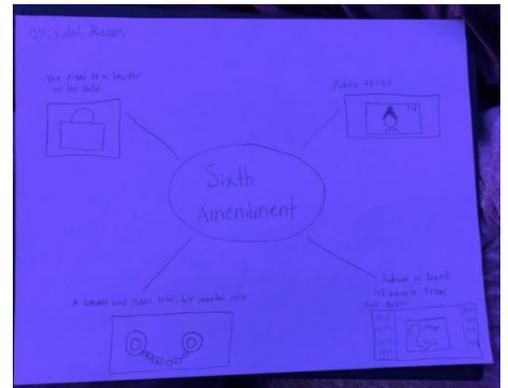
**3rd Grade:** Third Grade worked hard last week on research projects about topics that interested them the most. They created KWL (Know, Want to Know, and Learned) charts about their topics, wrote paragraphs explaining what they learned from their research, and created Google Slides presentations with their final information. The students began presenting in groups on Zoom this week, and they are learning so much from one another! Some topics included: types of dolphins, Freisan horses, dog breeds, and Ice Giants. Teach on, 3rd-grade.



**4th Grade:** This week, the 4th graders began two, dynamic projects. The first project is to take virtual tours, using Google Earth, of their assigned national park in the US. Working collaboratively, students will become virtual, "tour guides" or "experts," on their national park. The second project challenges students to grow, or re-grow, a vegetable, fruit, or herb at home. Over the next month, students will monitor and observe one of the plants and record the changes. Stay tuned for project updates!



**8th Grade Social Studies:** Mrs. French is teaching all about the Bill of Rights. Every student was responsible for creating a planning sheet and spoke diagram about their assigned amendment. Here is a planning sheet from Zyani as well as a spoke diagram designed by Xiclali. Keep it up, Jr. High!



**Social Emotional Learning with Rhyan Ramirez: Let This Challenge Be Your Opportunity**

If you didn't have time to read Rhyan Ramirez's (<https://rhyanramirez.com/>) letter from last week, please check it out [here](#). You can also access his recent newsletter [here](#) for several tips for Social Emotional Learning during this time.

**PACE News**

Although the Run for Fun has been postponed, don't miss out on the opportunity to raise money toward your 2019-2020 Fundraising Obligation. You can use this Run for Fun fundraising [LINK](#) and not miss a beat. Thank you for your support.

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

## Advisory School Board (ASB) News

### **Save-the-date for our *Jerseys & Jeans* themed auction on Saturday, October 10th!**

Please be sure to mark your calendar for our biggest community event of the year. It will be awesome to celebrate together and in-person, as we have cultivated a better appreciation for the gift of physical proximity. See you all there.

*During this season of Long-Term Dismissal, please help us all stay connected through Queen of All Saints School's Social Sharing*

Follow, Like & Share us on social media!

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

**Instagram:** queenofallsaints\_concord

**Twitter:** @QASConcord



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## Lessons for the Sunday Gospels- Jesus' Welcome Parade

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

When was the last time you attended a parade? Take a moment to think back to that time.

Now, I want you to imagine this morning that we are going to have a visit from your favorite famous person. You can close your eyes, and I will describe the parade. As the parade and the celebrity pass by, I want you to pretend you are waving, blowing your horns, and shouting. Are you ready? The parade is about to begin.

Look! The parade is approaching. I can see it in the distance. The band is leading the parade and behind the band, there are cars with other important people like our representatives, our senator, and the mayor of our city. As they pass by, we smile and wave.

Then, here he comes -- the very important person you have chosen. He or she is riding down the street in a big black convertible. He or she waves to the crowds that are lining the streets as he passes by. The people are:

- waving flags
- blowing their noisemakers and shouting, "Yea! Hip! Hip! Hooray! Yea!"
- some people are so excited they are crying
- parade watchers are hugging

Then as the parade moves on down the street, the sound of the band playing and people shouting fades away in the distance. It is over. The celebration is over.

Believe it or not, that was very much like a scene that took place in Jerusalem one day. King Jesus was coming to their city. People lined the streets. Some people walked in front of the king and some walked behind him. Instead of a big, black convertible, the King rode on the back of a small donkey. Let's do what the people did when King Jesus came to town.

As he rode through the streets of the city, the crowds:

- waved palm branches
- they shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
- they shouted, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"
- they shouted, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

This week is Palm Sunday. This is the day we celebrate the entry of King Jesus into Jerusalem. It was a day that marked the beginning of an incredible week. A week that would see Jesus cheered, then arrested, tried, condemned, and crucified. But as that week came to an end, another week began just as the previous week had begun; with a celebration.

**Dear Jesus, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago.  
Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.**