Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

We are all adjusting to the changes in our lives as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we have tried our best to transition as quickly as possible in implementing creative ways to continue your child’s education despite the closure of schools.

Our goals during closure include: keeping students engaged in high-quality learning; ensuring they can interact virtually with school friends; creating opportunities for their faith to grow; and maintaining a sense of community.

We all thank you for your patience as we adapt and try out a variety of approaches, seeking to find the right balance as we educate your children and address their social-emotional needs while trying to avoid making any of this too burdensome on parents. Thank you for supporting this effort at home — we know that it has not been easy.

Thank you for responding to and providing feedback to our Remote Learning Survey. We have received 76 responses so far, and will keep the survey open for additional responses. The teachers and I have used feedback to reach out to families in need of technology assistance and concerns regarding communication. In the coming days, we will be reaching out to any family needing assistance. In the meantime on the following page you will see a few snapshots of your feedback.

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

Blessings for a wonderful week,
Mrs. Lucia Prince
**Queen of All Saints’ Remote Learning Feedback**

Here are a few of the encouraging comments you have shared with us in regards to our Long Term Dismissal (LTD) learning efforts so far.

- “We love the morning prayer and announcements with Mrs. Prince. Kids are loving this new type of interaction with their teachers and peers. Making this time as normal as we can is important to all of us” (Denzon Family, 1st and 2nd grades)
- “Teachers, admin and principal are on point and embracing/utilizing technologies especially during this time of crisis” (Sanchez Family, 7th grade)
- “We’re thankful that Ms Greco set us up for an easy transition to remote learning. Every morning we watch Mrs. Prince’s videos (Pledge of Allegiance, prayers, and announcement) and it feels like we’re not away from school” (Dionson Family, 5th grade)
- “We are very proud of how the whole faculty has come together to make sure we are all on board and the kids are able to get into all the necessary programs.” (Correa Family, 5th, 6th and 7th grades)

**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](#)

**From the desk of Mrs. O’Connor**

The 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@csdo.org](mailto:joconnor@csdo.org) In order to be considered for financial assistance for the 2020-2021 school year, this application must be complete.

**Our Newest Saint**

**Welcome Baby Girl Rogers!** The Rogers family welcomed Hannah Elizabeth on Sunday, March 22nd at 9:03am. The family: Scott, Shanon, Clare (Preschool), and James are thrilled to enjoy baby Hannah over the coming days & weeks as they are all home together.
**Sampling of the Digital & Remote Learning Completed this Week at Queen of All Saints**

**Music:** When Mrs. Davis isn’t reading ‘Pete the Cat’ books for our students on Class Dojo, she is sharing music. Please find a list of songs for our students between 2nd and 8th grade to continue practicing here. Mrs. Davis will be at school on Friday, March 27th from 8:00-10:00 am for 5th grade to pick up their recorders, 7th grade to pick up their ukuleles, and 8th grade to pick up their keyboards.

![Music image](image)

**Art:** Art “to go” packages can be picked up on Friday, March 27th from 8:00-10:00 am outside the office for families that may need some extra art supplies to create masterpieces from home.

During this week one, all classes made a "Spring Garden with Backwards Watercolor" similar for what you see at left. All art tutorials will be displayed on Monday mornings through Class Dojo. Look for the Art Class heading and then find your grade, either "littles", "middles" or "juniors".

**P.E.:** Through his “QAS Perfect” challenge (all the details can be found here), Coach Schonder is looking forward to seeing some trick shot videos from our students. He will post his favorite submissions soon! You can also do your daily workouts as taught on the high intensity interval training videos suggested by Coach here.

![Art image](image)

**Spanish:** For language learning, our students are using the Duolingo app. All students can access the app on their Chromebook, or parents can download the app on their personal devices. Spanish time with Senora Egan will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. This past week, she asked all her students to create collages about Lent. Check our Ashlee’s Lenten collage at left.

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**2nd Grade:** Ms. Gillman asked the students to write about kite flying during Monday’s writing assignment. Here we see, Declan in action. Let’s go fly a kite, indeed.
**3rd Grade:** Third grade students are utilizing Zoom, Dojo and Google Classroom often to stay connected as a class. Check out one of their Math lessons from this week:

![Math Lesson](image1)

**4th Grade:** Mr. Santana gave his 4th grade students an assignment about St. Joseph to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph. They were supposed to use popsicle sticks to make a carpenter’s craft. Here is what William came up with:

![Carpenter's Craft](image2)

**Junior High:** The Junior High teaching team and students are meeting daily on Zoom to discuss History, ELA, Math, Science, Religion, Second Step and enrichment. Here is a glimpse into their diverse topics of discussion.

![Junior High](image3)
Social Emotional Learning with Rhyan Ramirez: Let This Challenge Be Your Opportunity

One of our community’s beloved and unique programs that we offer our community is Social Emotional Learning with Rhyan Ramirez (https://rhyanramirez.com/). He was very excited to communicate this special letter, including some practical tips & practices to support everyone during this time. Please take a moment to read Rhyan’s letter here. We have also included Rhyan’s recent newsletter here as well.

QAS Remote Learning Survey Results

How do you rate the amount of work or activities your child has been provided?

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How do you feel communication from your teachers has been regarding your child's learning and assignments? Please be specific if possible.

77 responses

Mr. Santana has been on it with the kids. He checks in with them through out the day and even has lunch with them. He get back to us and the kids when something is missing and patiently explains how to get it to him. I am over the moon with him and his love for the kids.

Nothing. No communications have been sent out.

There is a lot of communication. My son is going through the class day like a normal class day.

Ms. Greco was on point with the class. Having the ability to check on your child's progress helps a lot. It helps us parents to navigate and stay on track with our son's online education (homework, videos, and meetings).

The only concern we have for our son is the ability to connect to zoom video/meeting with his PE coach. We can't seem to do that so we're hoping that this issue gets resolved as soon as possible so he could ask questions and voice out opinions with the teacher.

Very good I even got a call from Mrs. Wick to make sure that Jocy was able to log in to khan academy

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76 responses

It's been great. The curriculum has covered several different things like letters numbers and we even did a science experiment on zoom.

Good

Great

Excellent

Excellent Mrs Hill will respond via dojo even after hours :) ! was expecting the next day

Good. This week was an adjustment. We would ask in Dojo or during Zoom.

I'm thankful from the quick response from the teachers and for the Zoom meetings too.

Excellent! He teach, support and communicate 3x a day.

I think it has helped her because hearing someone explain it in more help full than a message
PACE News

QAS Run for Fun is postponed! Keep an eye out for the new Run for Fun date in the weeks to come. You can still get a head start on your fundraising using this [LINK](#).

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.

Social Sharing

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Our next ASB meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 8th.
Lessons for the Sunday Gospels- What Makes Jesus Cry

John 11:35

In the book of Psalms, David asked God to put his tears in a bottle. (Psalm 56:8) Imagine a small bottle of water that is called "Our Tears Bottle." These aren't real tears, it’s just water, but it reminds us of the times we have cried real tears. Now, I don't know that God keeps our tears in a bottle like this one, but I do believe that God sees our tears and hears us when we cry.

Do you ever cry? Of course you do. What is something that makes you cry? I made a list of some things that make us cry:

- Falling down and hurting ourselves
- Being sad because someone we love is sick
- When people hurt our feelings
- Because someone we love was sad and crying

We all cry, don't we? Did you know that Jesus cried? The shortest verse in the entire Bible says, "Jesus wept." I know of at least three things that made Jesus cry.

The Bible tells us that Jesus cried when He prayed for others. It says, "While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears." (Hebrews 5:7 NLT)

The Bible also tells us that Jesus cried when He saw people who were missing out on what God wanted for them. Luke tells us that as Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, "I wish that even today you would find the way of peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from you." (Luke 19:41-42 NLT)

Another time, the Bible tells us that Jesus cried when friends of His were hurting. Jesus had a friend named Lazarus who became very sick. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus and asked Him to come and heal Lazarus, but when Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already died. The Bible tells us that when Jesus saw Mary weeping because her brother had died, He cried too. That isn't all that Jesus did; listen to what happened next.

Jesus went with Mary and Martha and some others to visit the grave where Lazarus was buried. It was a cave with a large stone across the entrance. When they arrived at the tomb, Jesus said to some of the men who were with them, "Take away the stone." Then Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus walked out of the grave. I imagine that when she saw that, Mary's tears of sadness turned to tears of joy.

We all cry, and I am glad that we have a Savior who weeps too. I am glad that He loves us so much that He hurts when we are hurting. He feels our pain. He sees our tears and He keeps our tears in a bottle.

Dear Jesus, it is comforting to know that when we cry, You cry with us. But it is even more comforting to know that You have power over death and the grave and that one day we will be in heaven with You—and then there will be no more tears. In Jesus’ name, amen