



Queen of All Saints

The Knightly News



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Principal Sánchez

QAS News Classroom Highlights

Mass in Spanish for the feast days of Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe—Success!



QAS FYI's Stay Informed!

New Award Program!

We are excited to introduce the new *Punctual Knights Award Program* beginning third quarter! Students will earn a certificate at the end of each quarter during which they have no tardies. As a reminder, students are considered tardy if they are not in their classrooms by the 7:55 AM bell. **Better late than never, but never late is better!**

QAS Cares

Flu season is upon us. Please remember children must be fever-free for 24 hours, without the aide of fever-reducing medicine, before they return to school. Please make sure they are washing their hands frequently, especially after blowing their nose.

Coats, Hats, & Mittens!

It's getting colder! Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for outside recess. Students go outside for recess when the temperature or wind-chill is 25° or above.

Home & School / SBG January Meeting

All are invited to attend the next Home & School meeting on January 12 at 7:00! Part of the meeting involves Mrs. Sánchez hosting the second Standards Based Grading Round Table of the year in preparation for the end of the second quarter and report cards. Please see Home & School emails & flyers for more details!

Sixth Graders Spreading Christ's Love through Service this Holiday Season



Sixth grade students teamed with the St. Vincent de Paul Society last week to spread holiday cheer to the less fortunate of our community.

After a lesson on poverty, students prayed for the poor and oppressed and made Christmas cards to send them. Eighty cards were sent to people living in a homeless shelter, 25 cards were sent to needy families in our community, and 80 were given to needy children in our region.

Please join with us in praying for the less fortunate of our community this Christmas.



Holiday Parties & Protecting God's Children Workshop

As a reminder and in preparation for Christmas parties this Friday, please note that holiday parties are currently open to parents only. Beginning January 1st, 2016, parents will be required to sign up in advance to attend holiday parties and will not be allowed to attend if we do not have current records of their Protecting God's Children workshop, background check, and code of ethical conduct on file at school, in compliance with archdiocesan policies.

Anyone 18 years of age or older who will be volunteering to work with minors must have completed the Protecting God's Children workshop through the diocese. Visit this link for information and registration: [Protecting God's Children](#)

Parish School Prayer Partners!

We are excited to introduce an Advent family prayer partner program this year! A handout with your parish family prayer partner's name will go home in today's Wednesday Family Folders. We all need prayers! Please remember to keep your assigned family in your prayers this holiday season. Please contact Ann Bender, PSR Principal, if you have questions at: bendera@qasstl.org.

Parking Lot Concerns during Dismissal

We have noticed some recent safety concerns in the parking lot during afternoon pickup and are asking for your help. Once the 3:05 bell rings, moving vehicles are not permitted on the school parking lot as students and adults are walking to their cars. Please do not drive past the Goddard bus parked in front of church or pull into the parking lot

through the back entrance by the fields once the bell has rung. This policy is simply to keep everyone safe.

We are currently looking for volunteers to stand at the beginning of the late line (by approximately 3:00) to help with this matter once the bell rings. If you are interested in volunteering on a certain day, please contact Mrs. Sánchez at 314-846-0506 ex 305 or sanchezs@qasstl.org. Please pass this information on to grandparents or other family members who pick up children at dismissal, and thank you for your cooperation in keeping our QAS families safe!

Middle School STEM Update!

Seventh grade students in Mrs. Goeke's homeroom are working on assembling the parts of their playground using the Autodesk Inventor software. Their playground requires attention to measurement, which they demonstrate on each individual piece before putting the pieces together. This same measurement practice was also used when they built their own "skimmer" planes before launching them down the hallway during class! Modifications were then made to gain farther distance launched. Needless to say, they are loving the new *Project Lead the Way* program!



Mother-Son Game Night!

The first-ever PK - 8 Mother-Son Minute To Win It Game Night is coming up at 6:00 PM on Jan 29! More info to come...

TECH CORNER

Christmas vacation is upon us! But what does that have to do with technology?

Students will have extra time on their hands beginning this weekend. These days, we can never be too careful when it comes to technology—cell phones, videogames, computers, tablets, etc.

Please monitor your children's technology. Below is a current list of **dangerous** apps being downloaded on cell phones and devices:

Burn Note App (messages self-destruct after reading them)

After School App

Best Secret Folder App (name appears as "My Utilities" but really stores photos secretly)

Gallery Lock App (the Best Secret Folder app for Android)

KYMS App (disguised as a calculator app to secretly store photos, videos, texts, etc.)

iFunny App (image-based "joke" app with inappropriate language and images)

Paltalk App (video chatting)

For an extensive list of dangerous apps, visit the [Educate Empower Kids](#) website by clicking the link.

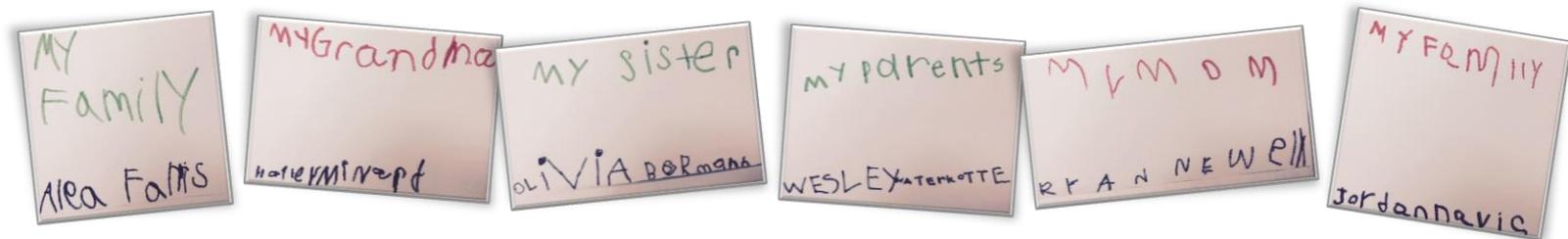
From the Principal's Desk...

This letter is an exciting hodge-podge of information, which reminds me of the strong sense of family at Queen of All Saints—big families always have a lot going on! Speaking of families, we want to let everyone know about some new things occurring as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the school—the new STEM program, new HVAC unit, new instruments coming soon for music classes, the upcoming Growing in Christ Capital Campaign that will support needed updates and repairs, after-school programs to offer new supplemental learning opportunities, new report card design, a new website coming soon, and much more.

To help remind how important each of us is, we decided the theme for our January 31st Open House for Catholic Schools Week this year should be *Coming Home*. We are inviting alumni to “come home”, reminisce about the school’s traditions, and think back to where their story began while experiencing the changes that have taken place overtime. We would love to hear interesting facts and memories about earlier years from our alumni. If you have something to share, please send me an email at: sanchezs@qasstl.org.

Speaking of family and history, I was baptized here by Fr. Joe Kempf in 1984, and my dad was a parishioner in the early days of the parish. In that regard, I, too, have come home to the place of my baptism. While many of our alumni are in different places, they all have one thing in common...ONCE A KNIGHT, ALWAYS A KNIGHT!

Finally, I wanted to share with you how some of our preschool “little saints” knights have reminded me, in the simplest way, of what I am most thankful for this Christmas...family. They were asked to write what they are most thankful for...



From our Queen of All Saints family to yours, may God’s peace be with you this Christmas and New Year,

Shannon Sánchez

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Save the Dates!

December 18: All-school Christmas Mass, Christmas parties, 11:30 dismissal

December 19 – January 3: Christmas vacation

January 4: School resumes

January 7: 7th grade parent meeting (regarding 8th grade activities) at 6:30 PM in café

January 12: Home & School meeting at 7:00 PM in café

January 12: Standards Based Grading Round Table with Mrs. Sánchez following H&S meeting

January 15: End of second quarter, 11:30 dismissal

January 17: Orange Leaf day! Don't forget to mention QAS when ordering!

January 18: Martin Luther King Day, no school

January 21: 8th grade fundraiser—out of uniform for \$1, 2nd quarter report cards available online

January 21 - 27: Mini Grocery Drive

January 29: Preschool – 8th grade Mother-Son *Minute-to-Win-It Game Night!* 6:00 PM in café

January 30: 2nd Grade First Reconciliation 9:30 (Ms. Paulsen) and 11:00 (Grindel) in church

January 31: Open House! / *Art Fair* during Open House! 10:00 – 1:00

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Pray for Us!

