

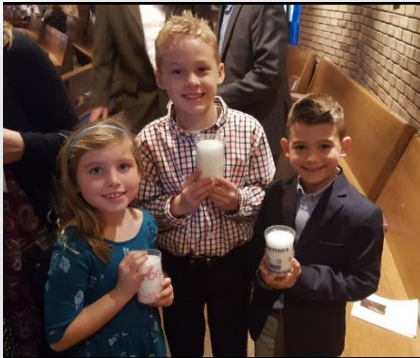
# The Knightly News

Queen of All Saints

December, 2016

Principal Sánchez

## School Highlights



2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
First Reconciliation  
(above)



Mr. Dunn's K-8 Christmas  
Program (below)



School-wide Christmas  
service project  
"Operation Show Box"  
with St. Vincent de Paul  
Society (above)



First STUCO meeting of the year with  
the newly elected members (above)



4<sup>th</sup> grade annual  
service project  
making blankets  
for a homeless  
shelter (left)

Preschool  
Christmas  
Program  
(right)



Sunday January 29  
10:00 – 2:00

**Open House  
Art Fair  
Registration Open**



**Be sure to sign in – one student  
in attendance will win  
Principal of the Day!**

Registration packets for next  
year will be available for  
pickup. Return registration  
forms by February 24 and  
have the processing fee of \$25  
per student waived!



## Inclement Weather Reminder

In the event of a school closing or late start due to inclement weather, we will communicate this on all three major news stations - Fox Channel 2, KMOV Channel 4, and KSDK Channel 5. We will also send a Flocknote email communicating the closing or late start to everyone as we no longer use phone call capabilities. Please note school will begin at 9:30 on days when a late start schedule is decided. Please contact the school office if you have any questions at (314) 846-0506.

## First Annual Upper School Formation Day

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will conduct our first annual Upper School Formation Day. QAS believes education is far more than just teaching facts. We agree with Pope Benedict XVI that “all arithmetic and writing is useless if students do not know the purpose of their lives; if they do not learn why we are on earth and if this knowledge does not produce freedom, serenity and goodness.” To help us educate the whole person, we focus on three pillars of education: **Faith, Character, and Academics.**

On this day 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will focus on what it means to be a Catholic man or woman and character traits they will need to be successful in high school and beyond. See pictures and notes of this special day as it unfolds on the school's [website homepage](#) and at:



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Queen of All Saints School

## Winter After School Clubs

We are continuing efforts of offering supplemental learning opportunities beyond the school day. Our newest programs – [Sewing Club](#) and [Little Medical School](#) – begin soon. Visit the [Extracurriculars](#) tab of the school website for a list of all clubs, info, and who to contact for questions.

## Mother / Son Minute It to Win It

It's not too late to register for the Mother / Son Minute to Win It on Saturday, January 14 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 5:45. Tickets are only being sold in advance. \$15 per mother / son couple or \$20 per couple if more than one son will attend. [Click here](#) to register. Registration ends Tuesday, January 10 at 8:00 PM. Contact Jenny Schmidt with questions at [schmidt2638@gmail.com](mailto:schmidt2638@gmail.com).



**Mother and Son  
Minute to Win It Night  
at QAS**

## SCHOOL UPDATES

**While the hallways have been quiet during Christmas break we've been busy updating the building.**

Check out the upgraded LED lighting in Limbach Hall Gymnasium!

Thanks to donations from Casino Night Fund a Need we were able to paint both stairways from the basement up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor!

Also thanks to donations from Casino Night a 3D printer has been purchased for MakerSpace!

Thanks to the Home & School Association we are able to continue purchasing resources to enhance instruction and learning. Recent purchases include:

Number and alphabet resources for preschool

Geometric shapes and tiles for kindergarten

Story cubes for Upper School ELA classes

Color and number learning resources for Spanish classes

Mini dry erase boards for practice and assessment in Upper School classes

*Thank you to all supporters of QAS for helping make our school so great!*

## *From the Principal's Desk...*

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to rest and relax. The hallways have been empty of students but the staff has been busy with updates to the school and helping ensure a smooth start of the second half of the year.

In November, Mr. Beauchamp, our Learning Consultant, the teachers, and I took a good look at ITBS scores and trends from the last five years. As in the past I would like to share some highlights with you that demonstrate the competitive curriculum we have.

- Class stanine score of 6 or higher in 52 out of 57 tested areas from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade! (score of 5 in the other 5 areas—5 is average). This means there were NO class stanine scores in the ‘low average’ or ‘below average’ score range in any grade level or subject area tested!
- The following grade levels / areas scored in the “above average” (7-9 point) stanine rank as a whole class:
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> grade vocabulary
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies and science
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> grade vocabulary, social studies, and science
  - o 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading, written expression, conventions of writing, vocabulary, and computation

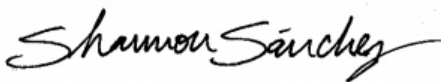
Why is this significant? Having an entire class in the ‘above average’ range is significant because every student’s stanine score is factored in, meaning that nearly every student is in or near the ‘above average’ scoring range.

- QAS scores equal to or higher than archdiocesan average in all 8 areas tested in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Lowest NPR (National Percentile Rank) class average score of 8<sup>th</sup> grade math computation in the last 5 years is 86! (ranges from 86 – 92!)

Knowing these results helps us focus and develop specific plans. The math teachers are working very hard to teach students creative ways of memorizing their math facts. Some of them have even challenged me to try and beat them ☺. I remember my mother creating rhymes, flashcards, and other creative ways for my siblings and me to memorize our math facts. There is no substitute for reinforcement on the home front for all the skills taught in school.

The week of January 29<sup>th</sup> is an important week for all Catholic schools; it is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Every year we celebrate Catholic education and the tremendous impact Catholic schools have on our nation and the families who sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools. The week’s celebrations will begin with our Winter Open House (mark the date, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 2:00). Classrooms and programs will again be on display. Our new MakerSpace curriculum will be showcased with students demonstrating movie-making, video production, Dash & Dot (using & coding on iPads), 3D-Printing with Makerbot, and Stop Motion Animation. Experiments will be demonstrated in the science lab and Upper School students will be working on their Project Lead The Way Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics projects in the PLTW room and Computer Lab. All classrooms will be on display and teachers available to meet you.

May Jesus and His Mother, Queen of all Saints, bring peace and joy to our homes and parish each and every day in 2017,



Shannon Sánchez

**Important dates on next page**

## Save the Dates!

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**January 3:** Classes resume / *Upper School Formation Day*

**January 9:** Sewing Club 3:15 – 4:15 in Science Lab

**January 11:** End of second quarter / Second quarter Box Tops competition closes

**January 14:** Mother / Son Minute to Win It Game Night 6:00 – 9:00 PM in café

**January 16:** Martin Luther King Day / No classes

**January 17:** Little Medical School classes begin 3:15 – 4:15 Room locations TBD

**January 19 - 25:** Grocery Mini Drive

**January 23:** Sewing Club 3:15 – 4:15 in Science Lab

**January 24:** Home & School Parent Meeting 7:00 – 8:00 PM in café / Little Medical School 3:15

**January 29 – Feb 3:** Catholic Schools Week

**January 29:** *Open House! 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM*

**January 30:** Sewing Club 3:15 – 4:15 in Science Lab

**January 31:** Little Medical School 3:15 – 4:15

**February 6:** Sewing Club 3:15 – 4:15 in Science Lab

**February 7:** Little Medical School 3:15 – 4:15

**February 9 - 15:** Grocery Mini Drive

**February 13:** Sewing Club 3:15 – 4:15 in Science Lab

**February 14:** Valentine Service Day / Little Medical School 3:15 – 4:15

**February 19 – 20:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat / No School January 20 for President's Day

**February 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade Presidential Wax Museum

**February 23:** Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00 PM in Church

**February 27:** No school Teacher In Service Day