

# The Knightly News



Queen of All Saints

January, 2016

Principal Sánchez

## QAS News Classroom Highlights

Preschool music class singing with Mr. Dunn! (below)



2<sup>nd</sup> grade economics unit—creating businesses, designing business plans, creating goods, and shopping at each other's stores using money they earned throughout the unit. (below)



## QAS FYI's Stay Informed!

### Late Start Snow Schedule

Please be advised in the event of a late start snow schedule, school begins at 9:30 AM. Before Care is canceled on days when late start snow schedules are in effect.

### Fish Fries Beginning Soon!

Eat, drink, and be merry!

### Open House Yard Signs

are available to help market QAS. Please contact Mrs. Hecht at (314) 380-4026 and help us promote our school. Please return after Open House so they can be reused next year.

### New Award Program Reminder!

The new *Punctual Knights Award Program* has officially begun! Students will earn a certificate for each quarter without being tardy. As a reminder, students are considered tardy if they are not in their classrooms by the 7:55 AM bell.

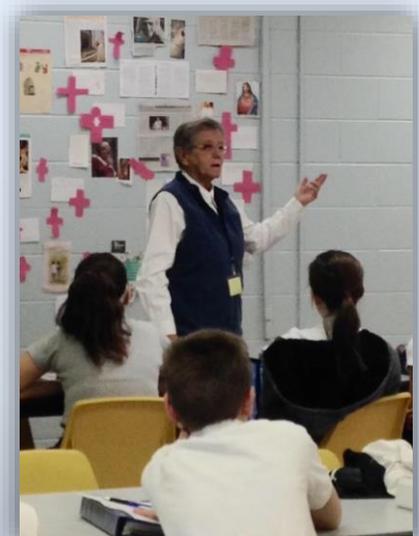
**Better late than never, but never late is better!**



## Seventh Graders Continue Homelessness Service Project with DePaul Society



Queen of All Saints seventh grade students have partnered this year with seventh graders at St. Francis of Assisi and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to learn about the hardships of homelessness and create projects to support awareness and raise funds.



### Rides for the Elderly

Volunteers are needed to assist the elderly in our parish who do not drive with rides to doctor and dentist appointments. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Pat Keller at (314) 846-4937.

### QAS Protecting God's Children Workshop

Queen of All Saints will host a Protecting God's Children workshop this Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. Visit this link for information and registration: [Protecting God's Children](#)

### Mother-Son Game Night!

Calling all Moms with sons! Enjoy an evening of fun and fast-paced mini games for each mother and son team to participate! There will be music, prizes, a photo booth, and plenty of laughs. Pizza, dessert, and refreshments will also be provided. 6:00–9:00 PM

### Pre-Sale Pricing:

\$15 per mother / son couple;  
\$20 per couple, if more than one son to attend.

### At Door Pricing:

\$20 per mother / son couple;  
\$25 per couple, if more than one son to attend.

Pre-sale registration will be online only—[online registration](#) ends this Thursday, January 28 at 2:00 PM. Door registration will be cash / check only. Questions? Contact Jenny Schmidt at: [schmidt2638@gmail.com](mailto:schmidt2638@gmail.com)

### Service Hours for Daughters

Does your daughter need service hours? She could work a Minute-to-Win-it game at the Mother-Son Game Night from 6-9 PM. If interested,

please contact Marie Scher at [mscher317@yahoo.com](mailto:mscher317@yahoo.com).

### Safety First!

Safety is an important priority at Queen of All Saints and, as such, we will be providing regular reminders of key emergency protocols throughout the year. Teachers and staff completed Tier 1 training last summer, which included “reunification procedures” in the event of an on-site emergency. More safety-related details can be found in the [online handbook](#).

**In the event of an emergency, parents / legal guardians / emergency contacts should:**

- **not** call the school—a message will be sent using the school communication broadcast system.
- **park** in the upper parking lot.
- **enter** the gym via the Christopher Road doors—this will be the only open entrance to the school.
- **proceed** to the release area located by the gym doors leading to the school corridor.
- **complete** required paperwork.
- **Teachers** / Staff will bring students to the “Release Area”.
- **Exit** via the Dacia Lane door (back door of the gym).
- **If** the gym is not available, proceed to the posted area.
- **If** the students and teachers must leave the premises, a message will be sent to parents using the school communication broadcast system as to where the students can be reunited with their families.



## OPEN HOUSE & ART FAIR

Please join us for our *Open House* and PK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade *Art Fair* this Sunday, January 31, from 10:00 – 1:00!



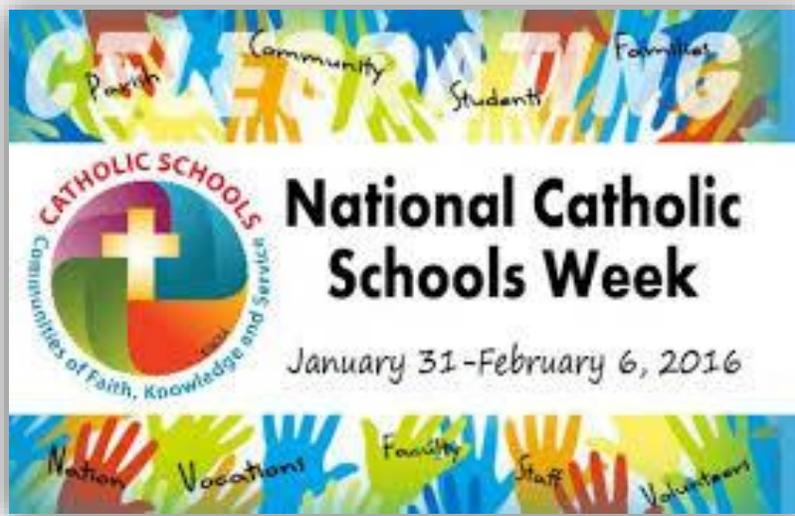
To help celebrate 30 years of academic excellence, we are excited to host the first-ever *Alumni Reunion* during Open House –please spread the word!

Tours will be available with student ambassadors during Open House. Learn more about *the QAS advantage!*

Come enjoy refreshments, an amazing display of student artwork, free gifts, conversation, and comradery.

Congratulations to the following QAS outstanding student artists whose art work has been chosen for the Annual Archdiocesan Student Art Exhibit from Jan 31 – Feb 5 at the South County Mall:

Ella Jerry	Cameron Portell
Blake Matrisotto	Sophia Pozzo
Nora Scher	Logan Denton
Lexi Dilg	Bella Klocke
Cate Schillinger	Gianni Rizzi
Clare Hunter	Kyle Clancy
Sophie Ludwig	Lily Moore



## *QAS Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2016!*

### **Sunday, January 31**

Open House / Art Fair / Alumni Reunion 10:00 – 1:00

### **Monday, February 1—Parent Appreciation Day**

Breakfast on the Run for Parents! Grab a Granola Bar in the morning drop-off line!

Spirit Wear Day! Students and staff members may wear a QAS shirt, sweatshirt, or jacket with uniform bottoms

All-school Mass with a special blessing for our amazing parents!

Start day of week-long “SOUP-er Bowl” Challenge—bring in canned foods to donate—Winning class announced Friday

### **Tuesday, February 2—Student Appreciation Day**

Dress like your favorite book character!

Gus’s pretzels treat at lunch!

No Homework Day for students!

Special Buddy Reading activity in the afternoon

### **Wednesday, February 3—Volunteer & Support Staff Appreciation Day**

Students dress in uniform

Coffee & Conversation for volunteers in cafeteria 9:15 – 9:45 led by QAS student ambassadors

All-school Mass—St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Bishop Dubourg Swing Dancers Assembly 2:00 – 2:30 – parents invited to attend!

### **Thursday, February 4—Teacher Appreciation Day**

Crazy Sock Day for students

Special lunch for teachers

### **Friday, February 5—Community Appreciation Day**

Wear your favorite sports team shirt / sweatshirt / jacket / colors / hat with uniform bottoms

Valentine cards for local nursing homes

Surprise visitor for afternoon assembly 2:20 – 2:55—parents invited to attend!

# Who's Who?



*We have an amazing 2015 / 2016 team of unique teachers with hidden talents and interests!*

**Ms. Baker** (Art) takes aerial silk and hot yoga classes.

**Mrs. Bauche** (1<sup>st</sup> Gr) has a college background in science. Before teaching, she was an animal keeper at the St. Louis Zoo for elephants, rhinos, and hippos.

**Mrs. Brinkley** (4<sup>th</sup> Gr) was on the cross country team in college and still loves to run.

**Mrs. Broeckling** (K) loves camping and spending time outdoors.

**Mrs. Cooper** (PK) has a crazy house of love with three teenagers and enough animals to open a Petting Zoo!

**Mr. Dunn** (Music) is a Jack of All Trades! He enjoys sewing, wood work, and leather crafting in his free time.

**Mrs. Goeke** (7<sup>th</sup> Gr) plays on a women's tennis league, has two dogs, enjoys walking, and loves to read.

**Mrs. Grindel** (2<sup>nd</sup> Gr) was an official babysitter for the Cardinals baseball team and babysat their children during games in a special room of Busch Stadium eleven seasons in a row.

**Ms. Hanneken** (5<sup>th</sup> Gr) has coached high school swimming for thirteen years and enjoys running, biking, and swimming.

**Mrs. Heuer** (3<sup>rd</sup> Gr) has played the piano since she was seven-years-old and majored in elementary education and music in college.

**Mr. Hlinak** (5<sup>th</sup> Gr) loves hockey, plays on a hockey league, enjoys comedy, and is a self-proclaimed computer nerd.

**Mrs. Hollemeyer** (PK) dedicates most of her time to her children, enjoys the outdoors, and loves to dance with preschool students during in-door recess.

**Mrs. Hoppe** (Spanish) was a professional figure skater and coached figure skating for several years before teaching. She enjoys skating and rollerblading in her free time.

**Mrs. House** (8<sup>th</sup> Gr) enjoys gardening flowers and vegetables, being outdoors, and traveling.

**Mrs. Key** (1<sup>st</sup> Gr) is a self-taught cake decorator.

**Mrs. Korfmacher** (3<sup>rd</sup> Gr) loves dance and theater and has been to every SeaWorld in the country.

**Coach Lanctot** (PE / Health) has been teaching Zumba classes for five years and coaches high school dance.

**Mr. Morrison** (7<sup>th</sup> Gr) is a big sports and music fan, plays the drums, and played in a band in college.

**Ms. Paulsen** (2<sup>nd</sup> Gr) plays on a volleyball team.

**Mrs. Pifer** (Librarian & Discover teacher) has lived and worked in schools in six different major cities and has a Master's degree in library and media science.

**Mrs. Renkins** (Learning Consultant) has been a teacher at QAS since the school opened in 1985! Her 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary is this coming summer, and she is excited to celebrate it with her husband, four children and six grandchildren.

**Mrs. Rocca** (Computer) enjoys reading, spending time with her friends and family, scrapbooking, and watching movies in her free time.

**Mrs. Shrum** (K) enjoys writing and helping others, especially the elderly. She is taking golf lessons from her son who says she is a future PGA champion.

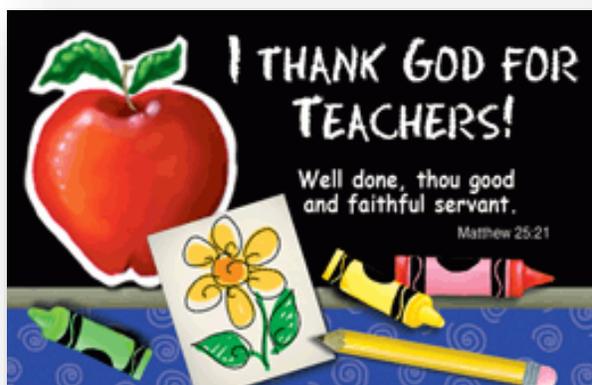
**Mrs. Spirk** (4<sup>th</sup> Gr) loves spending time with her family, scrapbooking, and outings.

**Mrs. Stout** (PK) is a dedicated mother, enjoys the outdoors, hiking, and camping.

**Mrs. Tiemann** (Learning Consultant) has an identical twin sister.

**Mrs. Tinsley** (PK) loves to travel and hopes to travel through Europe one day.

**Mrs. Tonini** (6<sup>th</sup> Gr) loves music, plays the piano, and plays the flute for two QAS choirs. She formerly taught music lessons from her home and has returned to teach full-time at QAS after raising her children.



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

Let me share some exciting news on the threshold of Catholic Schools Week:

- Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class scored above archdiocesan 8<sup>th</sup> grade class averages (comprised of 2,533 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in total) in the areas of reading, written expression, vocabulary, mathematics, computation, social studies, and science on the ITBS test this past fall. The overall class math computation score was 92%, which is a tremendous accomplishment. To put that in perspective, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade archdiocesan computation average was 74%, which means our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class scored 18 percentage points higher than the archdiocesan average.
- Seventh graders mentor their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade buddies as part of the Mentor Moments portion of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade religion curriculum to bond with them and guide them in their faith formation.
- Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class scored above archdiocesan 4<sup>th</sup> grade class averages (comprised of 2,517 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in total) in all areas but one. This is an accomplishment considering it was their first time taking the test.
- Each class completes at least one service project throughout the year, along with other school-wide service projects.
- Survey results from the fall showed that 90% of parents believe we are 'strong' or 'very strong' in the area of Catholic faith and identity. Seventy-three percent of parents believe we are 'strong' or 'very strong' in the area of academics. We value parent input and will continue seeking feedback to guide future decisions and endeavors.

Future plans to continue on-going school improvement efforts include:

- adding 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to take the ITBS test annually.
- increasing the use of instructional technology.
- researching the Virtue Based Restorative Discipline model.

Positive energy is in the air around school! Thank you for choosing Queen of All Saints and entrusting us with your children. We hope to see you this weekend at Open House!

God bless you,



Shannon Sánchez

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## Save the Dates!

**January 28:** Protecting God's Children workshop at QAS at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria

**January 29:** Mother / Son Game Night 6:00 – 9:00 PM in cafeteria

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

**January 31:** Open House / Art Fair / Alumni Reunion 10:00 – 1:00

**February 1 - 5:** Catholic Schools Week!

**February 2:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting (regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities) at 6:30 PM in science lab

**February 3:** Feast of St. Blaise—Blessing of the throats during all-school Mass

**February 4:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade regional coalition Mass and lunch at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

**February 6:** Activities Association Auction & Trivia Night / Speech Team Speech Meet

**February 8:** K-8 Grandparents Mass 7:45 – 10:00

**February 10:** Ash Wednesday / First Fish Fry in cafeteria 4:00 – 7:00 PM

**February 11:** Jump Rope for Heart

**February 12:** Valentine's Day parties / 11:30 dismissal / Fish Fry in cafeteria 4:00 – 7:00 PM

**February 15:** President's Day—No school / Preschool Bowling Night at Du Bowl Lanes

**February 16:** Preschool listening session with Msgr. Breier and Principal Sánchez—Call for address

**February 25:** First Communion parent meeting (rescheduled from Feb 9) 7:00 PM in cafeteria



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*Pray for Us!*