

# The Knightly News



Queen of All Saints

May, 2016

Principal Sánchez

## School Highlights

Mrs. Tonini's 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the state capitol in Jefferson City after completion of the That's Not Fair program (below & right)



5<sup>th</sup> grade BizTown field trip where students learned how to create and manage their own business! (below)



2<sup>nd</sup> graders re-living their First Holy Communion during May Crowning! (below)



Parents and teachers battling it out during Olympic Day! (below)



8<sup>th</sup> grade tug of war tradition at Olympic Day! (above)



## QAS Counseling Mrs. Diven Welcomes Baby Boy!

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Diven, our Catholic Family Services counselor, for her new arrival & first born son, Parker Joseph. She is on maternity leave the remainder of this year & is excited to return to serve QAS families next year. She already misses the students & staff & has a thank you note to pass along to families:

Parents, thank you for allowing me to be part of your child(ren)'s life. Every family I have encountered, even just during lunch, has been welcoming & inviting.

Students, thank you for accepting me into your life & school. Thank you for meeting with me and/or participating in class presentations. Thank you for being who you are. Each of you will accomplish wonderful things & can do anything you put your mind to. I am excited to return in the fall & be part of your continued time at QAS. 8<sup>th</sup> graders—CONGRATULATIONS! You are embarking on the next major step in your life journey. I wish you each the best of luck as you enter your high school years. Remember to stay close to God and true to who you are and you will soar above the clouds!

I am grateful to be a part of the QAS family and look forward to returning next year. Have a safe, relaxing, and fun summer. I can't wait to see what great things we can accomplish next year! See you in August!

Mrs. Diven

## QAS FYI's

### Stay Informed!

#### From the Health Desk

Friendly reminder—Students entering Pre-school, Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and any newly enrolled or transfer students must have a physical / immunization record submitted that is not greater than 1 year old from the first day of school, August 16, 2016. All information must be submitted to the Health Room by August 16, 2016. Contact our Health Aide, Christa Bourgeois, at (314) 846-0506 ex 323 or [bourgeois@qasstl.org](mailto:bourgeois@qasstl.org) with questions.

#### Keeping Connected with QAS Alumni

QAS alumni, Charles Schott (2012), now senior at [St. John Vianney High School](#), has been selected as an Honorable Mention in the 2016 Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2016. The program involves high schools across Missouri nominating students based on a formula that includes students' GPA, ACT / SAT scores, enrollment in advanced courses, and being in the top 10% of their class. Congratulations Charles!

#### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This summer's Vacation Bible School Camp will take place June 6-9 from 9:00 AM – noon. It is available for children ages 4 - 11. Registration forms have been sent. Contact Ann Bender, CRE at: [bendera@qasstl.org](mailto:bendera@qasstl.org) with questions. Thank you to our volunteers who have signed up!

#### Diocesan Health Services

The School Health Hotline is a service available to all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis through SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and the Catholic Education Office. Questions related to health issues can be addressed by contacting the School Partnership nurses at: (314) 268-2752 or via email at: [Annemarie\\_Fahland@ssmhc.com](mailto:Annemarie_Fahland@ssmhc.com)

#### Top Five Potentially Dangerous Apps Your Kids May Be Using—CBS Video

Summer is right around the corner which means no school, no homework, no routines, and plenty of time spent on electronics. Keep your children safe by monitoring their devices on a regular basis. Watch this quick video on [current dangerous apps kids are using](#).

#### Register for Camp Invention Today!

June 13 – 17, 2016 from 9:00 – 3:30 for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Directed by Mrs. Grindel (2<sup>nd</sup> gr). Price is \$245. Register at: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

#### Current Kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Lists

Time and again research shows that regular reading at home improves the development of a wide range of cognitive capabilities in children. Summer reading lists for current kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will go home in this week's Wednesday folders. Open your child's mind with books!

## CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Owen Madigan, who was the recipient of the South County CYC Scholarship! He will be attending [De Smet Jesuit High School](#) next year. Congratulations Owen!



Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Sara Franke, who was the recipient of the Respect Life Essay Award Contest. Sara was one of six students whose essay was chosen out of over 1,100 submitted! She received a \$250 cash award for her essay on chastity, which is featured on the following page. Sara will be attending [Nerinx Hall HS](#) next year. Congratulations Sara!



*8<sup>th</sup> Grader Sara Franke*

*Recipient of the Respect Life Essay Award Contest*

Chastity has been a key component in people's morality and religious lives for centuries. In today's world, chastity may seem like an outdated concept. Social media, television, movies, and other forms of media portray sex as any other daily activity, and not something to be valued and cherished. Living a chaste life and having sexual intimacy only in marriage is shown as being old-fashioned and unpopular. Some young adults may say, "Come on, everyone is doing it!" But, what is never shown are the effects of this behavior. For example, unwanted pregnancies, abortions, sexually transmitted diseases, and emotional turmoil are all possible consequences. Also, when many mothers or couples abort their child they feel relief in the beginning, but total and complete regret afterwards and for the rest of their lives.

Living the virtue of chastity is also a way to show respect for yourself and others. God made us in His image and likeness. We show our love for ourselves and others as well as God when we live a chaste life. Chastity is also a way to show respect for all life. Sex outside of marriage can result in an unplanned pregnancy. Some unborn babies are aborted if they are unwanted or their mother believes she is unable to take care of a child. Adoption is a wonderful way to protect life and show God's love even if the baby is not wanted by the birth parents. I was born in Russia but my birth mother was incapable of taking care of me. I could have been one of the millions of babies who have died through abortion but my birth mother chose adoption instead. I am grateful that God guided her to choose adoption rather than abortion because I am now a happy, healthy teen who is truly loved.

Luckily God has blessed us with such a wonderful gift like chastity. By living out the virtue of chastity, we can completely steer away from harmful life choices and come closer to God. Therefore, through a chaste life, we can also experience true holiness, health and happiness.

*Sara Franke*

Queen of All Saints

Respect Life Creative Writing Contest






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

Where did the year go? My late grandfather used to say “The older you get the faster time flies.” I admit it did not resonate with me until recently, but now I really see it—even if I don’t understand it! The year is winding down, the parking lot will be empty, and the hustle and bustle of the school year will be over. During the slower pace of summer I am reminded of my mission trips to Peru where, in the daily grind of finding food to eat, there was never a summer vacation for the poor. It was during these times I was most aware of how grateful I was to God for his many blessings in my life.

Before we know it the summer will be over, so our prayer for you is that you have a safe and restful summer and that God bless you for the generosity and trust you have placed in us by sending your children to Queen of all Saints. We pray that the presence of God be in your mind and heart this summer and, on behalf of the faculty and staff, we pray that each Queen of all Saints family will have time this summer to slow the pace and recall the many blessings God showers upon us.

Wishing you and your family the very best this summer,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Shannon Sánchez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Shannon Sánchez

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## Save the Dates!

**May 26:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation / Graduation Ceremony Mass 6:30 – 7:30 PM

**May 27:** Last day of school / Dismissal 11:30 / Snow Cone Truck!

**June 6 - 9:** Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 12:00 for children ages 4 - 11

**June 11:** *Parish Picnic!* Volunteers needed! [Click here](#) to sign up and thank you! Parade lineup begins at 9:00 AM at corner of Cripple Creek and Black Water Drive in Christopher Estates subdivision. Purchase tents / tickets in advance online by [clicking here](#). Contact Chrissy Tipton at [chrissyltipton@yahoo.com](mailto:chrissyltipton@yahoo.com) or Marie Scher at [mscher317@yahoo.com](mailto:mscher317@yahoo.com) with questions.

**June 13 - 17:** *Camp Invention* 9:00 – 3:30 for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**June 20 – July 20:** School closed—floor stripping / waxing

**August 7:** Backpack Blessing at 10:30 and 12:00 Masses

**August 11:** Back to School Night—more information to come

**August 16:** First day of school! / Kindergarten parent BooHoo / Yahoo breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 AM

