



Queen of All Saints

# The Knightly News

Summer, 2017

Mrs. Sánchez

## School Highlights



QAS Knights Campers learning about the building process making bridges and blueprints! (above)

Week Two of Knights Summer Camp – Laumeier Sculpture Park field trip! (below)



QAS teachers at summer professional development #dedication (above)



8th grader, Maddison Martini, with Mrs. Key and Mrs. Tonini at graduation (above)



Upper School Formation Day (above)



8th grade Challenger Learning Center field trip (above)



New security system being installed around school (above)



Please join us at Back to School Night Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM with the following agenda:

**6:30 PM**—Parents drop off students at their homeroom / advisory classrooms for ice breakers and unpacking supplies. Students remain with their teachers during the parent information meeting in the cafe. H&S is sponsoring this event and will supply peanut free snacks for students in classrooms.

**6:45 PM**—Parent information meeting in cafe (mainly pertaining to K – 8).

**7:30 PM**—Closing prayer

### Homeroom / Advisory Room Locations

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

PK3	Miss Kayla	Rm 8
PK3	Miss Terese	Rm 12
PK4	Miss Kim	Rm 11
PK4	Miss Janet	Rm 10
K	Mrs. Depke	Rm 19
K	Mrs. Shrum	Rm 20
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr. Gloe	Rm 1
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. Key	Rm 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. Ashelin	Rm 3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. Paulsen	Rm 4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. Bauche	Rm 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Korfmacher	Rm 6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Spirk	Rm 7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Brinkley	Rm 9

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Hyde	Rm 29
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Strawhun	Rm 28
	Ms. Pifer Advisory	Rm 20
	Mrs. Tonini Advisory	Rm 21
	Mr. Hlinak Advisory	Rm 22
	Mr. Morrison Advisory	Rm 24
	Mrs. Bruner Advisory	Rm 25
	Mr. Bolyard Advisory	Rm 26

## QAS FYI's—Stay Informed!

### QAS Hosting Protecting God's Children Workshop

Anyone 18 years of age or older volunteering to work with minors (including parents attending field trips) must have completed the Protecting God's Children (PGC) workshop. QAS will host a workshop on **Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria**. Contact Jan Schroeder in the rectory with question at (314) 846-8207 or [schroederj@qasstl.org](mailto:schroederj@qasstl.org). [Diocesan PGC Workshop Schedule](#)

### Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> Solar Eclipse

Did you know this August 21<sup>st</sup> is the first time a total solar eclipse has occurred in our area since before Christopher Columbus arrived in the New World?! The eclipse will begin in the [St. Louis area](#) at 11:50 AM and end at 2:44 PM. Teachers will be conducting activities with students to witness this once-in-a-lifetime event with special safety glasses to view solar eclipses—pray for sunny skies! Permission slips will go home with students the first day of school with a small list of recommended items to bring that day (sack lunch, beach towel, sun screen, etc.). Look for more info in the coming weeks. Visit these helpful links with your children that explain the relationship between our Faith and Science and safety when viewing solar eclipses: [A Vatican Astronomer](#) [The Vatican Observatory](#) [Eclipse 101](#) [Eye Safety During Total Solar Eclipse](#)

### Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night

Join us for Curriculum Night Thursday, September 7 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in school. Get detailed information from teachers about their curriculum, expectations, and what students will experience this year while in their care. A quick 5-minute meeting with Mrs. Sánchez will begin the night in the cafeteria. More info to come.

### Wednesday Family Folders

Look for Wednesday Family Folders with info from the school office that will go home with the oldest / only child of each family PK3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### 2017 – 2018 Dress Code

See the online [2017-2018 Parent – Student handbook](#) for Dress Code policy and vendor information. Parent / Student handbooks distributed at Back to School Night.

### Need Uniform Alterations?

Arina's Alterations & Tailor Shop—highly recommended.  
9630 Gravois Road, St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 631-4947

### September 24<sup>th</sup> Walk for the Poor

Mark your calendars to walk with us at this year's [St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor](#) Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 PM after the noon Mass to help combat poverty and raise awareness of the underprivileged in our community. Potluck to follow in the cafeteria – more info to come.

### 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)

## FALL 2017 PARENT SPEAKER SERIES



### *What Parents Don't Know about the Internet & Social Media*

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

**School cafeteria**

**Doors open at 6:30 PM**

**Non-alcoholic beverages**

**Speaker: Julie Smith**

WHO IS JULIE SMITH?

Media Literacy Expert & Professor,  
Webster University 2000 - present

Speaker in U.S. and Europe,  
including 2017 local presentations  
at Visitation Academy, Vianney,  
Parkway South, and as far as  
Syracuse NY, Washington DC,  
Spain, and Argentina

Author of "Master the Media: How  
Teaching Media Literacy Can Save  
Our Plugged-In World"



# WELCOME NEW QAS STAFF!



We are pleased to welcome **Terese Johnson** to our preschool team teaching our new PK3 class. Mrs. Johnson brings twelve years of experience in the Rockwood School District teaching first-third grades, serving as a camp counselor, and most recently as a certified Parent Educator in their Parents as Teachers Program. She has a Bachelors and Masters degree in Elementary Education and is certified in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She and her husband have a one-year-old son and she enjoys water skiing and spending time with family. "I love watching children learn and discover new things for the first time. Watching a student grow over the course of a school year is exciting and rewarding. I truly enjoy being in the classroom!" Mrs. Johnson is very excited to begin teaching in a Catholic school where she can share her faith with students, their families, and colleagues! Please join us in welcoming her to Queen of All Saints!

We are pleased to welcome **Patricia Hernandez** to our faculty serving as Teacher's Aide in Miss Kim's PK4 classroom. Mrs. Hernandez brings 34 years of experience as a teacher in Catholic schools as well as several years of experience as a Teacher's Aide and PSR teacher since her retirement. She has a Bachelors of Arts degree and certifications in Elementary and Middle School, Elementary, Middle, and High School Religious Education, and Religion Specialist Certification. She has also served as a Math-a-thon Coordinator, Spelling Bee Coordinator, and Science Fair Coordinator at her former schools. "I went into teaching because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children as much as possible." She has been married 42 years and she and her husband have three children and three grandchildren who fill their lives with excitement and love. Please join us in welcoming Miss Pat to Queen of All Saints!



We are pleased to welcome **Kimberly Depke** to our elementary school team teaching kindergarten. Mrs. Depke has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Education and is certified in both Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She brings 15 years of experience teaching various grade levels in both Catholic and public schools. Most recently, she taught in the Mehlville School District at Point Elementary. Beyond the classroom, she brings experience as a Teacher Leader and Parent Organization Teacher Representative enhancing communication between parents and teachers. Her three children attend Queen of All Saints, and she is so excited to come back to Catholic education where she can share and express her faith with everyone around her! "I truly believe that the core values of Faith, Character, and Academics are what distinguish Queen of All Saints from other schools. I am thrilled to be joining the faculty as a Kindergarten teacher. I am committed to empowering students to achieve their fullest potential and create a love of learning." Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Depke to our Queen of All Saints family!





We are pleased to welcome **Tamara Stinson** to our faculty serving as Teacher's Aide in Mrs. Depke's kindergarten class. Mrs. Stinson retired this past spring after teaching in the Mehlville School District at Point Elementary for 26 years. Mrs. Stinson has a Bachelors of Science degree and Masters of Education degree and certifications in Elementary, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. She and her husband have a 22-year-old son and 17-year-old daughter. Her favorite book is, *Jesus Is Calling*, by Sarah Young. "I love working with children. There is no greater feeling than knowing that I'm making a positive impact on the children in my care." She is a parishioner of Queen of All Saints and is thrilled to continue working as a professional educator in a Catholic school. In her free time,

Mrs. Stinson enjoys cropping family photos and spending time with family. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Stinson to our QAS team!

We are pleased to welcome **Mary Turek Schanuel** back to Queen of All Saints serving as Teacher's Aide in Ms. Shrum's kindergarten class. Mrs. Turek Schanuel has over 28 years teaching experience in Catholic and public schools. She taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at QAS a total of twelve years before accepting a position at Special School District where she has been an early childhood teacher the past ten years. She has a Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education and certifications in Early Childhood Special Education, Elementary Education, and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. She has two adult children, a son and a daughter who are very much a part of her life. She is very excited to be returning to Queen of All Saints and Catholic education! "Teaching is a calling for me. What I love about teaching is paying attention to what students need, what their challenges are, how they learn best, and giving them tools they need to help them succeed. What a joy!" Please join us in welcoming her back to Queen of All Saints!



We are pleased to welcome **Katherine Hyde** to our elementary team teaching fifth grade Math, Science, and English. Mrs. Hyde brings five years of teaching experience at the elementary level and also serving as Vice Principal at Blessed Savior Catholic School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Elementary Education & Mild Intervention and is dual-certified in Wisconsin and Missouri in Elementary Education and Mild to Moderate Intervention. She brings experience and knowledge in Standards Based Grading and differentiated instruction that has allowed her to tailor activities and learning to individual students in her care. Mrs. Hyde was married this past July and is happy to become a St. Louisan and teach in the St. Louis Archdiocese. "I love watching students' faces light up when they learn something that excites them or

finally accomplish a goal." In her free time Mrs. Hyde enjoys swimming, traveling, and baking. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Mrs. Hyde!

We are pleased to welcome **Ryan Limb** to our faculty to teach K-8 PE & Health. "Coach Limb" is originally from England and has a Bachelors degree of Science in Physical Education and Youth Sports and a provisional teaching certificate in Missouri. He has taught K-6<sup>th</sup> grade PE in England and received numerous coaching awards in soccer, gymnastics, and handball. He recently married his wife, who is from St. Louis, and is thrilled to be a St. Louisan and teach in a Catholic school. Coach Limb also brings four years of experience as a Camp Counselor and Sports Specialist at Camp Wakonda in New York, a camp for homeless children. Before deciding to teach, he played professional soccer in the UK. "I love teaching PE as I believe it is important that young people are equipped with the knowledge and understanding of the benefits of leading a healthy and active lifestyle." Coach Limb enjoys playing all sports, especially soccer, rugby, and has recently taken to Gaelic football! Please join us in welcoming Coach Limb to our QAS team!





We are pleased to welcome **Mark Riley** to Queen of All Saints serving as our new STEM Specialist. Mr. Riley has a Bachelors of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering with a focus on Space Systems Engineering and some course work completed towards a Masters degree in Computer Science with a focus on Machine Learning and Evolutionary Algorithms. He is certified to teach physics and brings experience as a Mathematics Specialist and Technology Coordinator at Christ the King School in St. Louis. As STEM Specialist, he will be assisting students and staff in enhancing programs and teaching and learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. He will also be teaching K-5 Computer Science classes, co-teaching 8th grade Math, Pre-Algebra, with Mr. Bolyard, and will be starting a Robotics Club in the near future. "I love teaching because of the enthusiasm and joy that children bring to school each day, and how they can

constantly surprise me with the ingenious things that they create." In his free time he enjoys reading, hiking, and astronomy. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Riley to Queen of All Saints!

We are pleased to welcome **Andrea Gant** to our team teaching K-8 Art classes. Mrs. Gant has a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree with an emphasis in Drawing & Printmaking and some course work completed towards a Masters of Arts degree in Teaching. She is certified in Art Education for K-12 grades. In 2015 she was selected as a fellowship recipient to attend the Summer Teacher Institute at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, which brought together 51 teachers from 25 different states and emphasized the social and cultural context of Renaissance Art in Italy and Northern European countries. For the past six years, she taught K-8<sup>th</sup> grade Art classes at Premier Charter School in St. Louis. She has also taught 3rd grade PSR classes at her parish, Christ Prince of Peace. Beyond the classroom, she brings 18 years of experience directing and administering quality education programs for organizations including The Magic House and Laumeier Sculpture Park. She and her husband have three adult children, a daughter and two sons. In her free time she enjoys bicycling the Katy Trail and herb gardening. "I love sharing the beauty of art and the fun of making things!" She is thrilled to begin teaching in a Catholic school where she can share her faith with students and coworkers. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Gant!



We are pleased to welcome **Sarah Dalton** to our team as our new School Nurse. Mrs. Dalton has two Bachelors degrees in Nursing and Phycology and a Masters degree in Counseling. During the past nine years as a Registered Nurse, she has been responsible for assessing, planning, and implementing patient care at Mercy Medical Center as a Clinical Nurse. Most recently, she worked as a Call Nurse where she assessed triage and immediate health concerns, identified problems and gaps in patient care, coordinated health services and referrals, and educated individuals on health related topics, along other assignments. She and her husband are members of Assumption Parish where their three children attend school. "I know and believe in the value of Catholic Education. I am excited to take my skills, knowledge, and passion for health and wellness and apply them in a school setting to help children and families live a healthy and rich life." In her free time Mrs. Dalton enjoys playing on a coed soccer league with her husband, reading, cooking, and sewing. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Dalton to Queen of All Saints!







# TAX FREE WEEKEND SPECIALS!

TUESDAY - SATURDAY August 1st - 5th

**\*IN-STORE ONLY\***

applies school uniform purchases only;  
see store for sale details/restrictions

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## *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another school year! I sincerely hope your families have enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing summer with quality family time. In addition to welcoming back our returning families, this year we are so pleased to welcome 37 new families to our school community (21 in preschool and 16 in K-8). This enrollment growth represents a 7.0% increase in our K-8 program over the last year! Along with welcoming new students and families, we are also excited to welcome 10 new staff members whose biographies are on pages 3-5 of this newsletter. Although the halls have been quiet, there is a great energy and excitement that can be felt around the school campus as staff have been preparing all summer for another prosperous year of growth and discovery with your children.

This year we enter year 2 of the 7-year school improvement process. We have collected data to target specific goals as we move forward making enhancements to the school. End-of-year parent survey data has been most helpful in identifying these goals. Upon reviewing the data and with the advice of School Board, four goals were identified at the beginning of summer and we are proud of the advances made in just a few months. Below is a list of the targeted growth opportunities followed by improvements made over the summer.

- Safety & security
- Student health (mental & physical)
- Communication
- Report cards

**School Safety & Security:** With the advice of a security consultant, we are implementing a 32 camera security system to monitor the entire campus and have installed the first 6 cameras in the school. We have further restricted access to the school by installing an electrical locking system which only allows those who have been previously granted access the ability to enter the door without being buzzed in. We have implemented a new visitor sign-in system that will require all visitors to scan their driver's license upon entering the school and wear a photo ID visitor pass that will be generated by this system. We have also improved classroom security by installing a shatterproof film to classroom door windows and installed a lockdown system on each door which barricades the students and teacher in the classroom, making it nearly impossible for an intruder to gain access to a classroom from inside the school. Lastly, all of our staff will receive training in how to respond to a school intruder before the start of the year. We will continue working with the consultant to see how we can further our school safety and security.

**Student Health:** We are very pleased to be able to increase the amount of time our school counselor, [Mrs. Diven](#), is here from two days a week to three days. This will allow her to meet more frequently with students in need of counseling, as well as conduct classroom activities and presentations to promote the virtues, character education, and combat social injustices. Mrs. Diven will be at school Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Our new school nurse, Mrs. Dalton, will be an added asset to the school as well in assessing and managing student health issues and staff training.

**Communication:** Last year the school staff focused on improving communication via social media and re-doing and updating the [school website](#). This year we will focus on consistent weekly class communications regarding homework, assignments, tests, and upcoming events from homeroom/advisory teachers and monthly communications from specialty teachers.



**Report Cards:** Please look for a brief follow-up parent survey in the coming months with options and example report cards that would be possible for the future.

This year we are moving to a new Waste Management Recycling Program to enhance the school's sustainability efforts to care for the environment. Students and staff will be trained on how this program will work and what items to recycle.

We have added our third and final [Project Lead The Way \(PLTW\)](#) course to our Upper School Program. The new course is called [Medical Detectives](#). Among other skills, students will dissect an animal brain and learn the art of DNA decoding to solve a crime scene. This course is in addition to our [Design & Modeling](#) and [Automation & Robotics](#) courses. Our new STEM Specialist, Mr. Riley, received training and certification this summer to teach the new course.

The entire school has been stripped down, cleaned, and ready for students and staff!

We have switched to a new technology support company, [GadellNet](#), that will work with school staff to further enhance our technology systems and ensure functionality of all devices.

We are pleased to continue partnering with QAS parent, Amy Voegtli, for the second year to offer a Reading Intervention Program to students needing extra help in reading. Mrs. Voegtli is a Literacy Coach for the U-City School District.

Mrs. Key was awarded a scholarship this summer to tour the famous [Ron Clark Academy](#) School in Atlanta, Georgia this school year! This school is known by educators around the world for its state of the art curriculum. Teachers and I attended a workshop with the principal last year. Mrs. Key sent her a letter after the event and received a scholarship in response! It will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for her and the entire QAS faculty. Congratulations Mrs. Key!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in a few weeks. We will keep you in our prayers – please keep us in yours as well as we begin the new year,



Shannon Sánchez

**Important Dates on Next Page**



## Save the Dates!

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**August 5:** Rescheduled PK playdate 9:00 – 11:00 AM QAS playground

**August 9:** Protecting God's Children Workshop 7:00 – 9:00 PM school cafeteria

**August 13:** *Backpack Blessing* during 10:30 AM Mass – Donuts to follow sponsored by [H&S](#)

**August 14:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation student/parent/sponsor meeting 7:00 – 8:00 PM cafeteria

**August 15:** *Back to School Night* 6:30 – 7:30 PM (agenda on first page)

**August 17:** *First Day of School* 3:05 dismissal – Sno Cone Truck in parking lot at dismissal

**August 21:** Total Solar Eclipse (more info on page 2) / School Board Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 PM rectory

**August 23:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Day

**August 24-25:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Lakewood

**September 4:** Labor Day No School

**September 7:** *Curriculum Night* 6:30 – 7:30 PM (more info on page 2)

**September 11:** *Grandparents Day* 8:15 – 10:00 AM (more info to come)

**September 18:** School Board Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 PM rectory

**September 18-22:** ITBS Testing

**September 24:** *walk for the Poor* 1:00 PM after noon Mass outside church with potluck to follow

**September 25:** Parent Speaker Series – *Internet Safety Guest Speaker* 6:30 PM in café (info on page 2)

**September 28:** *Ladies Night Out Quarter Auction* 6:30 PM in gym

**September 28-October 4:** Grocery Certificates Drive

**September 29- October 1:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Luke 18 Retreat

**October 5-20:** TJ's Pizza Fundraiser

**October 6:** Picture Day

**October 9:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Day

**October 13:** *Living Rosary* 2:15 PM in church – Parents welcome and encouraged to attend