

The Knightly News

Queen of All Saints

Winter, 2017

Principal Sánchez

School Highlights

Blues Hockey demonstrations for Catholic Schools Week! (below)



Kindergarten celebrating 100th day of school! (above)



Preschool enjoying Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart (above)



Ms. Korfmacher's 3rd grade food chains and food webs lesson (above)



8th grader Taylor Hill receiving the sacrament of confirmation (left)



5th grade Discover geography research, multimedia reports, & 3D printed landmarks (above)

7th Grade field trip with Mr. Hlinak to SLU's Medical School (right)



THANK YOU PARENTS!

Since the January H&S meeting 36 new tables have replaced the old ones in the cafeteria and 12 Little Scholar Tablets have been added to our preschool classrooms!

In case you missed the last *Knightly News*, new LED lighting was installed in Limbach Hall, both stairwells received a fresh coat of paint, and our new 3D printer was installed over Christmas break.

What's next on the agenda? A set of iPads is coming soon to each elementary classroom!

With your help we are able to continue enhancing our school program and facilities. Thank you for your support! #QASproud

QAS FYI's—Stay Informed!

QAS School Improvement

QAS is beginning year 1 of a 7 year school improvement cycle. Catholic schools go through school improvement every 7 years by which a school conducts a self-study in order to develop a plan for improvement. A parent survey will be conducted at the end of the year to help gather feedback for our self-study. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Spring Pictures

Spring Picture Day is right around the corner – Friday, March 10th.

Dress Code

Reminder students may return to wearing shorts beginning March 1st. Please review the dress code policy in the [Parent – Student Handbook](#).

Next Year's School Calendar

Next year's school calendar will soon be available on our website. Be sure to bookmark the [calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with school events.

Are You Ready for Lent?

“Entering Lent means renewing the personal and community decision to face evil together with Christ. The way of the Cross is in fact the only way that leads to the victory of love over hatred, of sharing over selfishness, of peace over violence. Seen in this light, Lent is truly an opportunity for a strong ascetic and spiritual commitment based on Christ's grace.” Read more of Msgr. Breier's letter from this past [Sunday's bulletin](#) with how to better prepare for Lent. More Lenten preparations also sent via Flocknote

Stations of the Cross

Make plans during this Lenten season to join the QAS faculty, staff, and students for Stations of the Cross Fridays at 2:15 p.m. Can't make it? There will also be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Fish Fries Are Back!

Mark your calendars! Fish Fries 4:00 – 7:00 PM this Ash Wednesday & every Friday during Lent except Good Friday, sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Profits benefit Pro-Life, QAS Elementary School & PSR, Scout groups, & QAS St. Vincent de Paul Society. Come enjoy great food, cold beer & wine, and a great social atmosphere with your fellow parishioners! See the [bulletin](#) for the menu and pricing.

Health Report—When to Stay Home

Students should stay home if they have any of the following symptoms: fever in the past 24 hours, undiagnosed rash accompanied by fever or itching, difficulty breathing, sore throat with fever or difficult swallowing, vomiting or diarrhea, appearing ill. Students must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hrs before returning to school. If a student has strep throat or any bacterial infection, they should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours or the healthcare provider has given permission to return to school.

READING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Reading together will help develop a love for reading and it starts at home. Children need their parents to be their role models with daily practice in order to be successful with reading.

Here are some great before, during, and after reading strategies to employ at home when you and your child are reading:

BEFORE READING TOGETHER:

- Decide on a “read together” format:
 - Choral Reading: Ask your child to read aloud along with you (reading same text at the same time).
 - Echo Reading: Read a sentence, then ask your child to read the same sentence.
 - Shared Reading: Take turns reading aloud with each of you reading a different part of the text, switching back and forth as you read.

DURING READING:

- Read with expression to make the story come alive!
- Stop and discuss new vocabulary words.
- Talk about how you might understand a new word from looking at surrounding context or from a picture on the page.
- Talk about what is happening and what might happen next.
- Ask questions.

AFTER READING:

- Help your child summarize the main idea.
- Discuss the problem and solution of the story.
- Help your child make connections to the real world.

Lifelong literacy is revolutionary and constantly growing. This process can flourish in the home with constant repetition and modeling. Reading can be a magical bond between families!

- Elizabeth Hutchcraft

www.webothread.com

DID YOU KNOW THAT MARCH 6-10 IS MISSOURI SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK?? LET'S REVIEW QAS SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION AND POLICIES...

Reunification procedures

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.

Parent Safety Responsibilities

- Stop at the main office to sign in and get a visitor’s badge when in the building for any reason; be sure your badge is visible during your time in the building.
- Provide the school with emergency contact numbers where they can be reached during school hours.
- Provide all necessary student medical information which will be kept on file in the Health Room.
- Follow reunification procedures, when necessary.

School’s Safety Responsibilities

- Require school staff to familiarize themselves with school safety plan and review it regularly.
- Implement the safety plan as needed.
- Provide emergency drill practices throughout the school year.
- Communicate reunification procedures to parents.
- Revise the plan as needed.

Students’ Safety Responsibilities

- Become familiar with evacuation routes.
- Remain calm and quiet during drills and emergencies.
- Follow directions immediately; without hesitation.

More safety-related information can be found in the [Parent-Student Handbook](#).



CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

The Saints Award

February's character focus was COMPASSION. Thank you to these students for choosing to be like Jesus and modeling compassion to others around them!

PK3	Gianna Rea
PK4	Preston Green & Connor Winski
Kindergarten	Elliott Alton & Jenna Voegtli
1 st Grade	Joseph Della Croce & Braden Hutchinson
2 nd Grade	Lena Heltibrand & Max Simokaitis
3 rd Grade	Lorelei Cioffi & Connor Voegtli
4 th Grade	Ed Scher & Mason Seigel
5 th Grade	Logan Denton & Caroline Klos
Morrison Advisory	J.T. Depke
Bruner Advisory	Sophia Mika
Tonini Advisory	McKenna Smith
Hlinak Advisory	Kyle Clancy
Bolyard Advisory	Kyle Gewinner
Baker Advisory	Maggie Schillinger



QAS Sweeps Other Schools in Annual Elks Americanism Essay Contest, "Why is it important to vote?"

Competing against students from 17 area schools, QAS 5th-8th graders swept this year's Elks Americanism Essay Contest by taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in division I (5th-6th grades) AND taking 2nd and 3rd place in division II (7th-8th grades)! Congratulations to the following students:

- 5th grader, Drew Kapsak, 1st place in division I
- 5th grader, Maggie Pozzo, 2nd place in division I
- 6th grader, Lily Moore, 3rd place in division I
- 8th grader, Maggie Kraus, 2nd place division II
- 8th grader, Emily Gurley, 3rd place division II

A special congratulations to 8th grader, Maggie Kraus, whose essay was chosen for 1st place in our district! Her essay is one of nine going to compete at the state level—Congratulations to these students for their exceptional writing abilities!

Bellarmino Speech Meet

Congratulations to the following students who participated in February's Bellarmino Speech Meet. All students earned ribbons and did a great job showcasing their public speaking skills and representing QAS!

Humorous

Lauren Seppi—blue ribbon

Serious

Lucy Keeven—blue ribbon

Lily Moore—gold ribbon

Duet

Maggie Pozzo & Maggie Scher—red ribbon

Wyatt Dalton & Keegan Kesterson—blue ribbon

Claudia Fischer & Elle Haefner—blue ribbon

From the Principal's Desk...

I am proud to announce again that 100% of this year's 8th grade class was accepted into their first choice high school! This group of young men and women have impressed me this year with their maturity, eagerness to serve their school community, and zest for learning. If I were to choose one word to represent them as a class it would be adaptable. This is a great quality to have in today's ever-changing world. They have embraced the changes made to our school program with ease and have gladly accepted their responsibilities as school leaders.

We were fortunate to have Bishop Herman celebrate their confirmation right here at Queen of All Saints last Thursday evening. He was very pleased at how well prepared they were to receive the sacrament, thanks in great part to the many people who have guided them along their journey to confirmation, including their parents, sponsors, our Youth Minister, Emily Pellarin, Mrs. Bender, and Fr. Fonseca. Please join me in congratulating them upon having received all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit!

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control, and Chastity.

As their graduation draws near, I would like to highlight the schools our students will be attending and say once again how proud we are of them!

[Cor Jesu Academy](#)



[DeSmet Jesuit](#)



[Nerinx Hall](#)



[Notre Dame](#)



[Oakville](#)



[SLUH](#)



[St. John Vianney](#)



[Ursuline Academy](#)



Spring is right around the corner! I hope your family is well. Thank you for choosing Queen of All Saints!

God bless you,

Shannon Sanchez

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Save the Dates!

March 1: Ash Wednesday School Mass 10:00-please join us! 8th grade pretzel sales begin / *Fish Fry* 4:00 – 7:00 PM

March 3: Lenten Stations of the Cross 2:15-please join us! / *Fish Fry* 4:00 – 7:00 PM

March 9: First Communion Parent Meeting in church 7:00 PM

March 10: Spring pictures / Lenten Stations of the Cross 2:15-please join us! / *Fish Fry* 4:00-7:00

March 14: 8th grade pretzel sale orders due

March 16: *Mission Carnival* – More info to come soon

March 17 – 20: No school

March 22: End of third quarter / Third quarter Box Tops competition closes

March 23 – 29: Grocery Mini Drive

March 24: 8th grade pretzel orders delivered / Lenten Stations of the Cross 2:15-please join us! / *Fish Fry* 4:00 – 7:00 PM

March 28: Uniform fitting in café 3:00 – 6:00

April 3: Talent Show Try Outs 6:30 – 8:30 PM – More info will be sent home soon

April 7: Lenten Stations of the Cross 2:15-please join us! / *Fish Fry* 4:00 – 7:00 PM

April 13: Holy Thursday – No School – See [bulletin](#) for Mass times

April 14: Good Friday – No School – See [bulletin](#) for Good Friday service times

April 16: Easter Sunday – See [bulletin](#) for Easter Mass times

April 17 – 21: Easter break / National Catholic Education Conference for faculty

April 27 – May 3: Grocery Mini Drive

April 29: First Holy Communion 10:30 AM

May 1: Talent Show Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00 PM in gym – More info will be sent home soon

May 3: May Crowning after 8:15 Mass – please join us!

May 4: *Talent Show* in gym 12:30