

The Knightly News

Queen of All Saints

September, 2016

Principal Sánchez

School Highlights

8th grade leaving their mark on the school as this year's leaders (below)



Kindergarten apple picking! (above)



Preschooler Natalie Dyonzak receiving her Saints Award from Principal Sánchez at all-school Mass (above)



Grandparents Day! (above)



Blessed to have talented school cantors leading us in song with Mr. Dunn for school Masses (above)



3rd grade math class outside today with chalk (above)

Save the Date **NOVEMBER 10**

Open House

Science Fair

High School Night



Student science projects will be on display!

High School Night—second floor! It's never too early to plan for high school. Reps from regional high schools will answer your questions and have free giveaway's:

Enjoy refreshments, free gifts, conversation, and comradery. Tours available—learn more about *the QAS advantage!*

QAS FYI's—Stay Informed!

The Power of a Praying Mom

Do you worry about your children? Do you hope they make friends and do their best in school? Come experience God's peace and hope when you pray alongside other moms. Moms in Prayer is a group of mothers and grandmothers who meet each Wednesday morning, 9:00 – 10:00 to pray for our children, our teachers, and our school. We'd love to have more women join us! You do not need to commit to attending every week, just come as your schedule allows. Babies and toddlers are welcome! For more information, contact Jeannine at 565-6085 or inakmomoffive@yahoo.com.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences are upon us with the end of the first quarter approaching on October 18th. Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th and Thursday, October 27th. Watch for more info coming soon. Bookmark the [school calendar](#) to stay up-to-date.

Calling All 4th and 5th Grade Aspiring Mass Servers!

God is calling you to serve! Attend one of the following 3 server training sessions with Fr. Fonseca in church to join our team of dedicated servers:

10/11/16 4:00–5:00 PM · 10/17/16 3:15–4:15 PM · 10/17/16 5:30–6:30 PM

Twitter Parents' Guide

Visit this helpful [Parents' Guide for Twitter](#). Teachers' Twitter account names were sent in last week's Wednesday Family Folders. Follow us to see the great things happening around school every day. Contact Principal Sánchez with questions (314) 380-4025 or sanchezs@qasstl.org

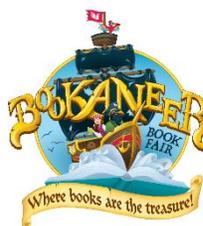
Notes from the Health Desk



Ill students must be fever free 24 hours without the use of fever reducing meds before returning to school. Remind your children to cough in their sleeve and not in their hands and use hand sanitizer or wash their hands after blowing their nose. Contact our Health Aide, Christa Bourgeois, at (314) 846-0506 ex 323 or bourgeois@qasstl.org with questions.

Arrrrrr you a Bookaneer?!

Annual Scholastic Book Fair comes to QAS November 6th – 11th. Fill up your treasure chest with books and STEM activities, matey! More info to come in Wednesday Family Folders.



Friendly Dress Code Reminder

Gentle reminder with the cool weather upon us—boys are required to wear pants Nov 1 – Mar 1. Visit the [Parent / Student Handbook](#) online for the complete Dress Code Policy.

From the Counselor's Desk...

Welcome back! I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with the students, teachers, administration, and families. With the school year in full swing, I would just like to provide a quick highlight of my role at QAS.

- Individual counseling
- Small group counseling
- Character education
- Team building
- Classroom presentations
- Conflict resolution
- Teacher and parent support

As a friendly reminder, I am in the building Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please feel free to contact me at any time at mdiven@ccstl.org.

Mrs. Diven

Helpful links:

[School Counselor's Corner](#)

[Group Counseling Consent Form](#)

[Individual Counseling Consent Form](#)



Catholic Family Services
Professional Counseling and Psychiatry Provider

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

The Saints Award

QAS faculty are pleased to announce a new program called *The Saints Award* to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional character qualities and are role models to their classmates. Each month will have a designated character focus. September was RESPECT. Thank you to these students for choosing to be like Jesus and show great RESPECT to others around them!

PK3	Natalie Dyonzak
PK4	Leah Pagano & Zach Pozzo
Kindergarten	Chloe Hicks & Gianna Ahmad
1 st Grade	Jane Miller & Shane McDonald
2 nd Grade	Liam Schepker & Cameron Thierauf
3 rd Grade	Amaya Kowalczyk & Sophie Pozzo
4 th Grade	Gloria Schmeidler & Owen Thierauf
5 th Grade	Wyatt Dalton & Angelina Simmons
Morrison Advisory	Joseph Schueler
Bruner Advisory	Grace Pozzo
Tonini Advisory	Tori Hea
Hlinak Advisory	Ryan Wahle
Bolyard Advisory	Zach Tomek
Baker Advisory	Anna Pagano



QAS Takes Second Place at Academic Decathlon

Queen of All Saints students take second place overall out of 20 regional schools in the 2016 Vianney Academic Decathlon! Congratulations to these bright young men and women! Special congratulations to 8th grader Kathleen Seithel who took first place overall in the English Language Arts category!

8th Grade	6th Grade
Nick Eppy	Maura Braunel
Tori Hea	Lucy Keevan
Michael Hiblovich	Grayson Matrizotto
Emily Pozzo	Claire McManus
Katie Seithel	
Isabella Simokaitis	



Jump Rope / Hoops for Heart

Congratulations to Coach Lanctot and QAS students and staff! Their hard work last spring put Queen of All Saints in the 2016 top 25 schools in Missouri for Jump Rope / Hoops for Heart!



CLASS UPDATES

Preschool

Preschool is off to a great school year. We have been busy learning letters, numbers, our names, colors and shapes. We watched tadpoles grow into tree frogs and the four year olds experimented with color mixing. We will be learning about animals and will have a visit from some reptiles! From there we will begin our theme on apples, pumpkins and all things related to fall. Our days are busy as we explore our world and begin our journey through school. @QASPKJ @QASPKD @QASPK3

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is continuing to work on letter recognition, letter sounds, blends and rhyming words. We are also working on ABC order. Students are learning to stretch out words and write all of the sounds they hear in that word. We are also working on learning the differences between letters, words, and sentences. In Math we are working on patterns, shapes and the number of sides of shapes, number recognition and number words to ten. We have been working on the 5 senses in science and in religion the sign of the cross and the Angel of God prayer. We have also been reading stories from the Children's bible. @QASKBROECKLING @QASKSHRUM

First Grade

Mr. Gloe's class has:

- Brought our Teddy Bears to school & listened to "Ira Sleeps Over"
- We fill out "Kindness Slips" daily to recognize ourselves or others in our lives that complete Christ "like" tasks
- We froze Lemonade to learn about the 3 states of matter
- Used string to measure round objects
- We complete weekly timed test
- We use dominoes to practice our math facts
- We signed our own "Constitution" to realize how lucky we are for our freedom
- We read books in our "Reading Nook" in the classroom
- We sing our spelling words and "tap" the letters to learn our sounds @QAS1GLOE

Mrs. Key's class is having a fantastic start to the year! We've started our AR tests. The students are showing excellent math skills in class. We've enjoyed celebrating Constitution Day and National Teddy Bear Day. We are starting our research project on bats. The students are so excited! @QASFIRSTK

Second Grade

Second grade is busy working on place value in math, finding the details while reading new stories, spelling new words, and learning new vocabulary every week. In Religion, we are learning more about the sacraments, especially Baptism. We are also beginning to prepare for First Reconciliation this week by learning to pray the Act of Contrition. @QAS2P @QAS2A

Third Grade

The 3rd grade classes are having a wonderful start to the school year! We enjoyed learning about different communities in social studies and creating our own rural, suburb, and urban areas. We are now beginning to learn about landforms, climates, and resources. In science, we just finished a plant chapter where we learned the functions of the plant structures and explored photosynthesis. We will wrap this chapter up by planting a lima bean and observing how it grows. We will soon start learning about animals and their parts.

@QAS3B @QAS3K

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Brinkley's class is having a great start to the school year! We are excited to continue the year learning all about the United States regions, their geography, natural resources, and state placement on the map, and capitals. We are also very excited for the privilege to be servers in mass as 4th Graders. We've been working with Msgr. Breier to learn all of the items used in Mass and the vestments that are worn. @QAS4BRINKLEY

Mrs. Spirk's class has been working hard so far this year. In science we have been working on classifying plants and animals based upon their characteristics. In math we are finishing up our review for addition and subtraction and getting ready for multiplication and division. In religion we are very excited to have a chance to be servers! We've been working with Msgr. Breier to learn all of the items used in Mass and the vestments that are worn to prepare for being a server. @QAS4SPIRK

Fifth Grade

Ms. Strawhun's class has been learning about the mission of the Church, early exploration, and living kingdoms. Right now they are studying the seven sacraments in Religion and how God's grace gives us strength to be witnesses of Christ and the gospel. Each homeroom has been competing in challenges for Plant Survivor in science as they learn about classifications of plants and their life processes. The students will soon combine this knowledge with their study of biomes and ecosystems in Chapter 3. In social studies we are navigating our way through the Renaissance and learning all about Marco Polo and his travels. The students will begin their introduction to the first American colonies this fall. @QAS5S

Mrs. Feltmann's class has been working hard in language arts learning new vocabulary, sequencing events, identifying problems and solutions, learning about cause and effect relationships, and picking out context clues and homographs. In math, we just completed our unit on place value and are now beginning our multiplication chapter. Coming up, we'll begin with our new grammar series, introduce narrative writing, and continue work on multiplication. @QAS5F

UPPER SCHOOL

Mr. Bolyard's Classes

7th grade Math has been studying integers, absolute value, operations with integers, comparing and ordering integers, and powers and laws of exponents. Next the students will begin studying rational numbers, which includes numbers that can be written as fractions. The students will then find their equivalent forms as decimals. The students have done very well on their assessments!

8th grade math has been reviewing operations with rational numbers and laws of exponents. Next the students expanded upon their knowledge of exponent rules learned in 7th grade and discovered the remainder of the exponent rules. For example, power to a power, a product to a power, and a quotient to a power. The students have done very well on their assessments!

8th grade science has been studying the origin and composition of the ocean, the 3 main groups of marine life, and ocean environments. Currently, the students are learning about the movement of water in the ocean, which includes ocean currents, waves, and tides. Next the students will learn about how the ocean affects climate. The students have done very well on their assessments! @QASBOLYARD

Mrs. Bruner's Classes

Mrs. Bruner's classes and advisory have experienced a successful start of the year. The 6th graders started out with some review math operations and computations. They then worked into various forms of decimal

calculations and mastered some exponent work as well. We continue working on decimals that will evolve soon into calculations of ratios and percentages. Additionally, students participate online in a math workshop that lets them work on additional objectives at their own pace.

In English the 6th grade has been expanding their vocabulary and sharpening spelling skills with fun activities that include games and Scrabble. Students work collaboratively while learning grammar and mechanics as well as writing and peer editing.

The 7th graders have studied and accomplished some profound concepts of our faith including analyzing the aspects of the deposit of faith, the history of the Nicene Creed as well as the Magisterium of the Church. In admiration of the Blessed Mother Teresa, our most recent saint, we have adorned our hallway with depictions and her infamous quotes. We are all finding our groove and gaining momentum. Go Team Bruno!
@QASBRUNER

Mr. Hlinak's Classes

Mr. Hlinak's classes are also experiencing a successful start. 6th grade science has started the year by going over the characteristics that all living things share in common and the various things living things require to live. We have started our unit on bacteria by having a lab over where bacteria grows. We took samples from various locations around the school and found that the most commonly touched places were the most bacteria laden. We have started to look at the ways bacteria grow, reproduce, and survive.

6th grade social studies has started the year by looking at the first humans who roamed the earth as Nomads. We looked at the different challenges and characteristics that defined our earliest ancestors. We have moved into learning about Mesopotamia and how the creation of the first cities and technologies changed the lives of these earliest ancestors.

7th Grade Science has been learning about the anatomy of the human bodies. We recently finished up the skeletal system where students were able to label the major bone systems of our skeleton. We have started and nearly finished with our muscular system and the importance our muscles play in our day to day lives. We have recently done a lab over the heat our body and muscles produce from exercise and how this heat is similar to a camp fire burning wood.

7th Grade Social Studies has started the year off by reviewing the original theory on how the first Americans got here (The Land Bridge). Although, we also discussed how this theory has recently come under question from recent discoveries by scientists and historians and that history is ever changing. We have moved into talking about the first explorers of the new world with Christopher Columbus and the various Spanish and Catholic conquistadors and priests who ventured through the new world. Father Fonseca came by a couple weeks ago to discuss the role of the Catholic Church during the colonial era that spanned from the first Spanish to the creation of the United States. We have learned the dark stigma given to the Catholic Church during this time in early American history that was false. @QASHLINAK

Mr. Morrison's Classes

8th grade LA has been focusing on proper writing and editing techniques as well as looking at various types of writing styles. We started with writing projects that were based on the students, we are now working on various editorial papers and what goes into making a well-made opinion paper.

8th grade social studies is wrapped up the Reconstruction era and we are now talking about westward expansion. Students are also creating their own political cartoons based on the 1896 election.

6th grade literature is currently reading the book *Touching Spirit Bear*. The students are also diligently working on their AR projects and reading as many books as possible for this quarter to reach their AR goals
@QASMORRISON

Mrs. Tonini's Classes

Mrs. Tonini's classes and advisory have been off to a great start full of chants and cheers and upper school team building activities! Every Thursday "Team Tonini" meets at different locations to eat lunch together to celebrate the birthdays of the month, practice our cheers, discuss housekeeping and duties or converse outside (on these beautiful fall days) picnic style down by the concession stand.

Father Fonseca visited eighth grade literature as a special guest to explain what was happening in the Catholic Church back in the 1960's - which was the setting to the novel, *The Outsiders*. We also had a special contest day with the Soc's against the Greasers! Soc's had a slight advantage! Real life lessons applied!

Seventh grade has been busy learning the elements of a great personal narrative. They have also been creating videos to present to the class from them. They have been reading AR books to reach their personal goal by the end of the quarter and preparing book reports to present to the class as well.

Sixth grade religion created "Goal pennants" to reflect on goals they want to focus on this school year in all aspects of their life: academically, socially, spiritually, etc. They have also been studying the book of Genesis and the creation story from the Bible. If they really look, they can see God in all His wonderful creation! He is the author of all life! @QASTONINI

SPECIALTY CLASSES

Art & Project Lead the Way with Miss Baker

We're starting off art with some of my favorite projects!

Kindergarten Very Hungry Caterpillars and QAS Church

First Grade Rainbow Fish, and Castle and the Sun

Second Grade Starry Starry Night in St Louis and Tape Resist Trees

Third Grade 1-Point Perspective Aquarium

Fourth Grade Optical Illusion and Splatter Paint Galaxy

Fifth Grade Color Wheels and Magazine Bowls

Sixth-Eighth Grade Art Project Propositions and Analysis

Sixth-Eighth Grade have begun their engineering, automation, and robotics projects and are loving this program!

@QASBAKER

Discover with Ms. Pifer

2nd Grade - Game Factory & How-to writing: Design and create your own game board

3rd Grade - The Unsinkable, Sank! Understanding the science behind the sinking of the Titanic and recreating the interior of the ship as it relates to issues of the time period

4th & 5th Grade - What is the relationship of Earth to the topic of space? Selecting one issue within the larger topic of Space to delve into with research and project creation.

@QASPIFER

Makerspace & Genius Hour with Ms. Pifer

Did you know the children's' rhyme, "*The House That Jack Built*" is over 250 years old? Well, Kindergarten thru 2nd grade learned that fact as we read Simms Taback's version and then delved into Bonnie Verburg and Mark

Teague's retelling in "*The Tree House that Jack Built*". Using our new Makerspace they built or created one of the characters or the tree house itself using materials from the Building & Engineering Center or the Creative Corner. Skills they incorporated included listening, creativity, communication, fine motor, teamwork, design and planning.

Third grade was introduced to the Missouri Show-Me Reader Nominees for the 2016-2017 school year. The first story they heard was the true story of the first movie star dog, Strongheart. They were also invited to investigate and create a free choice item from either the Building & Engineering Center or Creative Corner.

The new Makerspace had a problem only our 4th and 5th graders could solve! How could we protect our shiny white board table tops from getting scratched, stained, and sticky using only materials within the Makerspace? They were first introduced to the engineering / design process of: *Ask Imagine Plan Create Improve Communicate*. Students used teamwork, problem solving, collaboration, organization, communication, and decision making skills with limited resources to create 6 table top covers out of cardboard and duct tape to protect our new table tops. Well done guys!

Our Upper School students were introduced to the concept of Genius Hour as the one hour a week they have to learn something they want to learn about. Within the process they will conduct research, write an essay, solve a problem, or create a product within that interest, and then present their new found knowledge to a larger audience. Currently they are writing their five paragraph essay concluding with their project proposal. Some of the projects listed above will be on display at the QAS Open House November 10th, so stop by Makerspace to check-out our first Makerspace creations and works-in-progress. @QASPIFER

Spanish with Sra. Hoppe

Spanish students are working hard! I am so impressed by all they have remembered from last year. We can be heard singing Spanish colors, numbers, and ABC's. From learning about shapes, parts of the body, seasons, and weather, names for school supplies and clothing, plus creating family trees and talking about school/home activities – We are busy! @QASSPANISH

Music with Mr. Dunn

Everyone is preparing for the Christmas concert! All the students will be singing and playing their own instrument accompaniments with a large focus on the use of keyboards. @QASDUNN

PE with Coach Lanctot

K – 2nd grade have been practicing their catching and throwing skills! Activities include Perfect Pass, and Don't Drop that Fish! They have also been learning a new muscle and a new bone each week!

3rd – 8th grade have been working hard finishing up their racquet unit with Eclipse Ball and Badminton! They are continuing to prepare for fitness testing. @QASPE

Computer with Mrs. Rocca

Everyone is getting back into the swing of things remembering where home row is, touch typing, and becoming more proficient using the mouse. Parents are welcome to visit these sites for lessons on Digital Literacy that all students will have. @QASCOMPUTER

[NetSmartz](#)

[Common Sense Education](#)

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

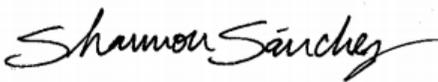
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Amid the elections it's clear that society and those who control the media want to paint a picture of what a leader is. To me, a true leader is sadly not someone you see much on TV in today's age or hear on popular radio stations. It's not someone famous with a lot of money, and not necessarily someone in politics.

Mother Teresa - now Saint Teresa - was recently canonized on September 4th. Despite how infrequently she was seen on TV and heard on the radio, she was a true leader in the eyes of God. One of her famous sayings reminds us how we obtain JOY – by putting Jesus first – J – Others second – O – and Yourself last – Y – which spells JOY. Imagine how different the world would be if people like Saint Teresa were on TV and revered as much as Hollywood stars and politicians.

Speaking of leaders, we were also proud to recognize this year's 8th grade class as our school leaders. I am proud of these students for their example to the underclassmen and for appreciating their Catholic education. The beginning of the year has gone very smoothly thanks to the students, families, and the teachers. We have a very blessed faith community at Queen of All Saints!

If you have heard of some recent buzzwords in education like STEM and STREAM, I welcome you to read [this article](#) that gives a great explanation of STREAM in Catholic schools. Teachers and staff are working diligently to ensure our students' formation is centered on three principles here at Queen of All Saints—*faith, character, and academics*.



Shannon Sánchez

Important dates on next page

Save the Dates!

October 7: Eucharistic Adoration

October 7: Picture Day!

October 7: Chess Club – Café – 3:05pm-4:15pm

October 10: Spanish Club – Room 1 – 3:15pm-4:15pm

October 11: 4th and 5th grade alter server training - Church – 4:00-5:00pm

October 14: 8th Grade Right START Program

October 14: Chess Club – Café – 3:05pm-4:15pm

October 17: No School / 8th Grade Fall Service Day / 4th and 5th grade alter server training - Church - 3:15-4:15pm and 5:30 – 6:30pm

October 18: End of first quarter / 1st quarter Box Top competition closes

October 20: Cardinal Calendar Fundraiser Begins

October 21: Chess Club – Café – 3:05pm-4:15pm

October 24: Spanish Club – Room 1 – 3:15pm-4:15pm

October 25: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00pm

October 27: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00pm

October 28: Chess Club – Café – 3:05pm-4:15pm

October 29: *Trunk or Treat*

October 31: Halloween Parties – 2:00pm

November 1: No school – All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation

November 3: *Holiday Boutique* – first floor of school – 5:30-9:00pm