

The Amazing Award Winning QoA Band

Only an amazing band director and dedicated students could provide fantastic music during a year where COVID-19 is still in everyone's thoughts. During this year, many people may think that there is no possible way for a school to successfully have in person band rehearsals without spreading the virus, but so far the Queen of Angels Band is doing a wonderful job. Mr. Darrohn purchased bell covers and screens for all of the different instruments. We are separated during rehearsals at least nine feet apart and we wear orchestra style masks for extra protection. During this year especially, continuing to participate in band allows us to express ourselves and be creative. Being part of a band helps with concentration and teaches everyone to focus and work together. Each member needs to listen to the other members to create great songs.

We are currently practicing Christmas songs as several of our musicians rehearse for the Archdiocesan All Catholic Honor and Jazz Band auditions. We will be filming ourselves playing our pieces for submission instead of going to a local high school to audition in person. The results will be in by early January. After Christmas, the band will begin practicing new songs to perform at Dorney Park in the spring. We enjoy a wonderful day at the park after we compete.

It is great to be part of an award winning band. This year has been different than other years, but the band has been a great way to add normalcy and to celebrate every week. We are all disappointed that it has to stop when we go virtual next week. We look forward to beginning again in two weeks. Anyone interested in joining our fabulous band should contact Mr. Darrohn. Happy Thanksgiving from the entire Queen of Angels Band!

Student Council President and drummer,
Nicholas Tait