

+Dear QOA Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. It was a holiday like no other minus family members outside the household or friend get-togethers, but still so much for which to be thankful.

I am thankful that we have the opportunity of welcoming our wonderful students back to in-person instruction **on Monday, December 7, 2020. QOA Families, you will continue to have the option of having your child/ren participate virtually until further notice.** If you would please notify your child/ren's homeroom teacher on or before Sunday, December 6, as to your choice of instruction so that the teacher may plan accordingly. During this time when the numbers of COVID cases are rising throughout the country, states, and counties, we continue to practice the protocols detailed in our QOA Health and Safety Plan, and follow recent updates by the CDC, PA Department of Health, Montgomery County Board of Health, and the Office of Catholic Education. **Parents, in order to keep our school open, I ask you, if your child/ren or anyone in your household exhibits any of the symptoms listed on the weekly health check-in chart, to have them participate in virtual learning as long as the symptoms persist.** For virtual learning, please continue to follow the Virtual Learning Expectations below.

In addition, if anyone in your household is being tested for COVID, please quarantine your child/ren and have them attend classes virtually (if they are feeling up to it) until the quarantine period is completed. Please inform me of a COVID positive test because I am required to report this to the Office of Catholic Education. To keep the faculty, staff, and students protected, anyone and everyone in the school building must always wear a mask that fits properly - that does not fall below the nose, practice six feet social distancing, and be diligent about hand-washing. The school building is disinfected throughout the day and thoroughly cleaned following dismissal, and electro-statically disinfected on Fridays. The faculty and I are most grateful for your attention to these important health matters.

These are indeed trying times, but God does and always will provide. Therefore, during this beautiful Advent season of hopeful expectation, we continue to pray for one another, for an end to the pandemic, and for the rebirth of Jesus in our lives on Christmas Day. Special Advent blessings to you and your loved ones.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, I am,
Sister Mary



Virtual Class Expectations:

1. Students will follow the schedule for their grade level. The school day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m.
2. Students must be dressed appropriately for class, either in their QOA school/gym uniform, or **Spirit wear**. Once daily in-person school resumes, students will then be expected to wear the uniform of the season. Should the child not be in school/gym uniform, or Spirit wear he/she will be marked for a dress code violation.
3. Student must be seated at a table or desk throughout the entire class period; in bed is not permissible for school attendance.
4. **Please be sure to contact your child's teacher regarding the class ID and Password for accessing Zoom.** Students will be expected to have their own device. Kindergarten through grade 8 students have access to their school-issued iPad or Chromebook. Students must adhere to the Archdiocesan School Responsible Use Policy.
5. Attendance will be taken for each class and your child/ren will be marked either present or absent from the class if you have requested that he/she be a virtual learner. For virtual learners, the teacher should be able to see the student's entire face clearly. Please be sure the computer camera is clean and clearly visible to the teacher during class. **Zoom sessions are for students only.**
6. Students will be responsible for assignments as if they were attending in-person class.
7. **Lessons will not be recorded** and those at home are not permitted to record the class session as this is illegal.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Queen of Angels School!