

+Dear QOA Families,

Congratulations to our student council who was installed at the 9 a.m. Mass today. We look forward to working with the following student leaders: President: Nicholas Tait; Vice-President: Ryan Feilke; Secretary: Julia Waltrich; Treasurer: Claire McNamee; Members at Large: Karen Hoffner and Madeline Lips; Class Representatives: Grade 8: John Stelacio; Grade 7: John Carter; Grade 6: Vaughn Lanahan; Grade 5: Bridget Hopkins; Grade 4: Haley McManus; Elementary Liaisons: Alicia Yerkes and Brooke Jones.

In a recent principals' Zoom meeting with the Office of Catholic Education, our Secretary for Education, Dr. Andrew McLaughlin, told us that a medical doctor advised him to have students play sports other than basketball at recess because of the close contact and perspiration. Starting at today's recess, basketball is discontinued until further notice. Parents, I want to assure you that we utilize daily the protocols as spelled out in our QOA Health and Safety Plan, such as, sanitizing the following areas throughout the day: lavatories, handrails, and high touch areas, practicing social distancing, and making use of the hand sanitizers throughout the building. Students are doing fabulously in adhering to this "new normal." I noticed one youngster washing his hands as if he were going into surgery and counting out loud to 20. As a reminder, Parents, if you would please be sure your child/ren's face covering fits properly, that it covers the nose and mouth and that it does not fall down below the nose, as do some children who are wearing neck gaiters. Perhaps after constant use, they stretch too much, and no longer cover the face. Some are using them as an eye mask, on occasion, or a head band -- we have very creative students here at QOA 😊 The students are really good, and I am so proud of them! Thanks again, Parents, for submitting the weekly COVID-19 health check, a tool we hope will assist in keeping us healthy.

One of our kindergartners, Gia D., met Upper Moreland Police Officer Bald in the local Wawa. Because Gia greeted him so politely, Officer Bald said he would stop by to see her and her classmates at QOA. Sure enough, Officer Bald stopped in, joined the children at gym, won at tug of war, and then continued up to their classroom for more entertainment. The officer then proceeded to describe the use of some of his gear. The children were delighted with their special visitor. Thanks and God's blessings to all our dedicated police officers for protecting us day in and day out. We appreciate you!!!

As promised, this week we read a few of our kindergartners, 1st, and 2nd graders' impressions of the beginning of the school year. *Enjoy* 😊

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

2nd Grade

Addy B. – Second grade is fun because I get to learn about doubles in math and tens.

Jojo A-Mc. – I am excited to be getting Chromebooks in 2nd grade and they are coming soon.

Sean L. – I like my new school, QOA, because it is better than sitting at home on the computer all day. The gym uniform is comfy. I like that we have recess and I made good friends here.

Connor K., Adam T., and Aubrey K. – I like 2nd grade because in religion we will be getting ready for reconciliation and then in May, we will receive Jesus in Holy Communion!

Tom McC. – I like 2nd grade because we are learning time because everyone wants to know when snack is going to be.

1st Grade

Liam P. – I like Sister Mary because we go to Church and pray together every day.

Gisele R. – I like 1st grade because I made new friends.

Connie L. – I like 1st grade because I like adding and subtracting; it is my favorite thing!

Nate B. – I like 1st grade because we get to play down in the gym.

Ryan F. – I like doing math problems.

Morgan L. – I like my school because I like my classroom, my teacher, and my friends.

Kindergarten

Shannon B. – Kindergarten is good, and I like it because we get breaks inside and outside and I make new friends.

Raelyn O. – I like QOA School because we have recess, snack time, and brain break.

Gabriel S. – I like kindergarten because we are learning how to read and write the letters of the alphabet.

Owen C. – I like kindergarten because if we get 10 stickers, we get to pick a toy out of the treasure chest, take it home, and play with it. I also like to play with the playground balls at gym and outside.

Chase N. – I like learning letters and writing in kindergarten.