

†Dear QOA Families,

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is fast approaching. We will celebrate CSW the week of February 1, although this year it will have a different look due to COVID restrictions. We will honor and applaud our faculty/staff, parents, students, parishioners, volunteers, and community helpers through a variety of activities. We are grateful for the assistance of our Home and School Association who will join with the faculty in making it a special week!

Parents, we are most grateful to you for entrusting your wonderful children to our care. They make QOA a great place to learn, serve, play, and *Thrive!* In addition, we are grateful to all those who have re-registered for school year 2021-2022. Grades 6, 7, and 8 are now closed. If you know of family members or friends that are interested in Catholic education, please have them contact the school office.

The CSW logo portrays that Catholic schools strive to develop in students: a deep **faith, excellence** in being all that God is calling them to be, and the importance of putting our faith into action through **service** to others. May God continue to bless the mission of Catholic education!

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

SUNDAY: Celebrate Our Parishes The Queen of Angels School Community is *grateful for the prayers and generous support of our parishioners* especially during these unprecedented times. Benefactors are remembered in our daily school prayers. The CSW logo emphasizes that the Catholic school, like the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution, but it is the people. As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same. The image of teachers and students forming the foundation of the school shows that they are active people of faith who serve God and others. May we all strive to live in active service of Jesus and His mission as we recognize the benefits of a Catholic education!

MONDAY, February 1: Celebrating Students We celebrate our *wonderful QOA students* during National Catholic Schools Week. As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body, and spirit. We encourage our students to think about the benefits of Catholic education and how, by learning, serving, and leading, they will succeed throughout their lives. *QOA students and teachers have faced the challenge of this pandemic amazingly! Their commitment to academic excellence did not waiver. We are QOA proud!!!*

Providing a student with a faith-based education is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Please consider gifting your child/ren with a Catholic School education. Financial aid is available for qualifying applicants.

- *Dress-down Day, No Homework*
- *Lunch - Pizza, snack, and drink Thank you, Home and School!!!*
- *School-wide Bingo via Zoom – Tootsie Pop treats for all and prizes.*

TUESDAY, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord: Celebrating Volunteers, H&S, and Community Helpers A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities—both local and beyond—they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place. When they observe how others serve the community, they gain an appreciation for how they can continue to serve others their entire lives.

- *Letters of gratitude extended to the Priests, Deacons, and Sisters involved at St. David and OLHC parishes.*
- *Letters of appreciation provided to our Community Helpers.*
- *Lesson emphasizing commitment to lifelong service as a means of putting our faith into action.*
- *Donations of soup throughout the week for Nutritional Development Services Community Food Bank. Your donation is appreciated!*

WEDNESDAY, February 3 - *Saint Blaise: Celebrating Family* Parents, guardians, and other family members play a vital/partnering role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, but they also instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home. We acknowledge the role of families in Catholic education and celebrate their contributions to the success of Queen of Angels School today and all year long. *Parents, you are appreciated and commended for all you are and do for QOA!!!*

- *Briar Bush Assembly for PreK – Grade 3*
 - *Family Appreciation Certificate*
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THURSDAY, February 4: Celebrating Faculty/Staff *Teachers are the backbone of Catholic schools. On this day, QOA honors our dedicated and hardworking faculty and staff in the awesome vocation of Catholic education. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty during these challenging times. We applaud their continued perseverance in their role as Catholic teachers. What an awesome gift they are to the QOA School Community!*

- *Catholic Schools Week Liturgy*
 - *Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon provided by Home & School – thank you!!!*
 - *Teacher Raffle surprises throughout the day*
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FRIDAY, February 5 – *St. Agatha : Celebrating QOA*

- *Dress-down day*
- *Movie afternoon with Dixie cup treat.*

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021 😊