

*Dear QOA Families,

Although we had a shortened Catholic Schools Week, we still managed to include all the fun things that our wonderful Student Council and their moderator, Mrs. Carter, planned. Mrs. Crossley with help from our terrific Home and School coordinated activities and prizes for both faculty and students. QOA is blessed with a great team! Thanks to everyone for continuing to build on the foundations of faith, excellence, and service.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day this coming weekend, I write to you, dear Parents, to applaud you for the wonderful vocation you have as a loving parent. The students of QOA are so very friendly and respectful. They strive to do their best as we all do with God's grace.

Parents, you work hard to provide for your child/ren by gifting them with a faith-based, academically challenging education, enriched with social and emotional support in a nurturing learning environment. You teach them to make God a priority in their lives and in your family. In my family, we often heard Mom call out, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, give me patience." The Holy Family was mentioned almost daily in our family. We did take time to pray before and after meals each evening and attended Mass each Sunday as a family. I have no doubt that my dear Mom and Dad have a high place in heaven after raising 11 boys and two girls. I mention this, dear Parents, because you are seldom recognized for all the sacrifices you make on behalf of your precious children.

Because I am blessed to spend almost eight hours a day with your gifts from God, you need to know that God loves each of you and your child/ren individually and unconditionally. Leaning on Jesus in daily prayer and entrusting Him with your cares and worries, carries you through and gives you the graces you need to be all that you can be for your spouse, your children, and for yourself. So, as we near the feast of Saint Valentine, express to your spouse and your children how much you love each of them and how blessed you are that they are a part of your life.

Dear QOA Families, Faculty/Staff, and Students, I love you and I thank God for blessing me with this wonderful assignment. Happy Valentine's Day



Love, prayers, and thanks,

Sister Mary