

## Queen of Apostles Catholic School

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Dear Queen of Apostles Catholic School Families,

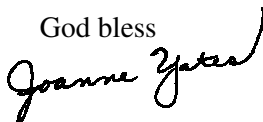
I really don't know what to say about the snow that hasn't been said over and over (and over!) again. The one thing I believe is that Hawaii and Vancouver are the only two places left on earth without snow!! I know that many of you are wondering about the changes to the calendar so we can fulfill the mandated requirements. As of this point, legislation has been proposed in the General Assembly to lessen the number of required days so I will keep you posted. If the legislation does not pass, we will look at the following two options: adding time to the school day; making up the days at the end of the year. Our school will **NOT** be in session on Monday, February 15 (President's Day) – I have heard that Fairfax County schools are opening on that date but I am not changing our calendar nor do I plan on changing the days allotted for Easter vacation as I know many of you have already made plans. As far as your plans for the end of the year, my suggestion would be that if you already have plane reservations based on the last day of school as noted on the calendar in the beginning of the year, give me a call and we will discuss the situation. Otherwise, if you have not already done so, I would suggest not making any reservations until further notice.

I was in and out this week (my husband subscribes to his own variation of the Post Office mission statement – neither rain, nor snow, nor blizzards that leave two feet of snow behind will keep Bob Yates from getting out of the house!). Mrs. Fox and Mr. Leonard have also braved the conditions and been in to keep the school clean and do the administrative work that has to be kept up. If you see either of them, a big thank you for their dedication would be terrific. You don't have to thank me for coming in – after several games of Risk (a game of world domination) with my very competitive sons, some time in my office was a pleasant respite!

Please, when you return, send the re-enrollment packets with your children. I would like to get all of that dealt with as quickly as possible so I can start accepting new families that have applied (current families always have priority). I feel so positive about our wonderful school. I see it as a truly happy, safe, caring environment (what more could we want for our children?). I see our children being challenged academically and strengthened spiritually. I hope and pray that you will continue providing your children with the opportunity of receiving a truly superior Catholic education here at Queen of Apostles.

The PTO will keep you posted as to Auction updates and the rescheduled date. The Auction committee is looking at March 6<sup>th</sup> (**so keep that date open!**) but they will let you know for sure by next week. We are definitely going to need a "grown-up" evening out after being housebound for so long. If you have not purchased a ticket, please contact the Auction committee.

I miss all of you – and especially the children. I know that you are ready to get back to the routine and your children (although they would never admit it!) are probably ready to get back and see their friends. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!!

God bless  
  
Joanne Yates