



*Veritas et Gaudium*

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22312

January 27, 2012

Dear Parents,

This Sunday starts Catholic Schools Week. If students wear their Friday uniform to Mass this weekend, they will receive a free dress day. At the end of Mass, students should come to our table in the vestibule to collect their free dress ticket. At Masses this weekend, students will be ushering, and we will have one student talk at the end of each Mass. Monday is Teacher Appreciation Day, and Tuesday is a non-uniform Blue and White Spirit Day. At the end of the day on Tuesday, the eighth grade will take on the staff in our annual basketball game. In the Friday folder I am including a complete schedule of events for Catholic Schools Week. I am also including the Ushering Schedule for this weekend's Masses.

Have a wonderful weekend!

In Christ,

Mark Moran



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## Catholic Schools Week Schedule Queen of Apostles Catholic School

**Monday, January 30**

**Teacher Appreciation Day**



**Tuesday, January 31**

**Spirit Day**

Students and staff have a blue and white non-uniform day.

2:00 Eight Grade Versus Staff Basketball Game



**Thursday, February 1**

**9:00-11:00 Open House**

1:30 Spelling Bee



**Friday, February 2**

**Retreat Day**

9:00 All School Mass

10:30-1:00 Classes will have scheduled Adoration times in the Church



## Catholic Schools Week Ushering Schedule

### Weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup>

Students who are ushering should wear their Friday uniforms to Mass. We will have a brief meeting in the vestibule ten minutes before the start of Mass to discuss the students' responsibilities. Mrs. Ledesma will coordinate the ushers for the 5:00 Mass, and Mr. Moran will coordinate the ushers for the 10:30 and 12:00 Masses. If you are unable to usher, please send Mr. Moran an email at [m.moran@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:m.moran@queenofapostlesschool.org).

#### 5:00 PM Saturday Mass

##### Ushers

Isabel Ledesma	Aidan Glenister
Michael Caballero	Natalie Ledesma
Rudy Sanchez	Michael Sarisky
Richard Thesing	

##### Gift Bearer

Natalie Ledesma and family

#### 10:30 AM Sunday Mass

##### Ushers

Nathanial Foss	Matthew Do
Sefanet Melaku	Michael Mann
Orlando Miguel	Melanie Do
Peter Smearman	Matthew Tillson

##### Gift Bearer

Matthew Do and family

#### 12:00 Noon Mass

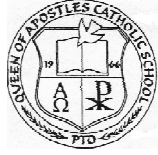
##### Ushers

Jamie Pasha	Rafael Vazquez
Andres Vega	Camila Melara
Sebastian Villareal	Layla Dominguez
Isaac Nebyu	Bethania Anteneh

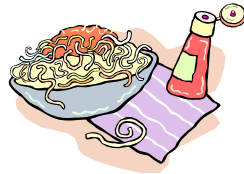
##### Gift Bearer

Nick Ward and family

# The Q of A Weekly



January 27, 2012



## Mark Your Calendars For the Annual PTO Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO!

Saturday, February 11, 2012  
6:00pm  
In Hannan Hall

This is always a fun night out for the entire family –  
with great food and entertainment!  
Who could ask for anything more?

And, it offers a great opportunity for everyone to donate  
and/or add to those volunteer hours!

Interested? Please Contact Roxana Huertas –  
[rmontecinos@verizon.net](mailto:rmontecinos@verizon.net) - 703-403-7425



**THANKS!** A Huge Thank You to Gladys Villalobos and her team of volunteers who helped make the first ever Family Movie Night a huge success. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information on some other fun Family Nights to come!



**HOT LUNCH REMINDERS:** Parents, please be reminded that hot lunch forms & payments must be received **BY THE DUE DATE** for the upcoming month in order for us to provide an accurate count of the number of lunches needed daily from La Prima. La Prima

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only sends the school the amount ordered and paid for, so unfortunately, we will not be able to provide hot lunch to kids without a hot lunch ticket. If you are not sure whether you have already submitted your form or paid, please contact Allie Bernardo at [allie.bernardo@verizon.net](mailto:allie.bernardo@verizon.net).



**DRINK POUCH BRIGADE:** Recycle your juice pouches and earn money for Queen of Apostles Catholic School! Each drink pouch recycled will bring 2 cents for the school. Parents - please encourage your children to recycle their drink pouches. We can help save the earth and also earn cash for our children's school. A recycle bin is available in the multi-purpose room. So, don't forget to remind your children – and feel free to bring in drink pouches from home too!



**MORE PASSIVE FUNDRAISING:** Don't forget to ask your family and friends to help us by designating our school with their BONUSCARDS from Giant Food, Safeway and Harris Teeters. Each shopping trip to these food stores using the Bonus Cards earns cash for our school!! If you have any questions about these passive fundraising opportunities, please contact Marlene Wilson at [wilson\\_marlene@bah.com](mailto:wilson_marlene@bah.com).



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!:** The members of the Q of A PTO Board want/need your comments, ideas, suggestions. So that we can make this easy for all families, we have created a PTO e-mail address – [QofA\\_PTO@yahoo.com](mailto:QofA_PTO@yahoo.com). Hope to hear from you!

### Dates to Remember

**Jan. 29** Catholic Schools Week Begins

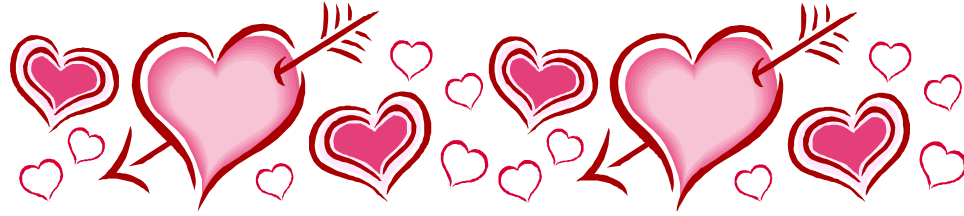
**Jan. 29** PTO Sponsored Pancake Breakfast

**Feb. 3** Early Dismissal – 1:45pm – Extended Day Available

**Feb. 11** PTO Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo

**Feb. 20** No School – President's Day

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QUEEN OF APOSTLES KINDERGARTEN IS PROUD TO PRESENT...

**THE VALENTINE'S KINDER POST OFFICE – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Each year the Queen of Apostles Kindergarten class operates a school post office for Saint Valentine's Day. We ask that all students mail their Valentine cards and letters through our post office on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>. Students may mail Valentines to their own classmates, teachers, priests, prayer partners, friends & siblings, office and day care staff using our convenient post office. We charge 10 cents per piece of mail and all proceeds go to Children's Hospital in Washington, D. C. (CASH ONLY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHECKS). Each classroom will have a designated time on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> to come to the post office (located outside of the Kinder classroom) to mail their Valentine's Day mail. On Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Kinders will deliver the stamped and sorted mail throughout the school in time for classroom celebrations on Valentine's Day. The Kinders are very excited about this annual event and hope to serve the school and to raise money for a worthy cause.

It is very important that all cards and letters are labeled according to the INSTRUCTIONS LISTED BELOW. These labels make it easier for the Kinders to read, sort, and then deliver the mail more efficiently. We process hundreds of card so these labels are necessary and helpful to our little postal workers! Please print NAME OF STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER AND THE CODE on the outside of all envelopes you wish to mail. Please print clearly!!

Thank you for supporting our Kinder Post Office and for helping the Kinders have a most valuable and enriching learning experience! Happy Valentine's Day with love from the Kinders!!

Name of Student – Grade (example: Sally Jones – 4)

Name of Teacher – (example: Mr. Cotton – Music or Mrs. Ault – 4)

Priests and Rectory Staff – Name and Rectory

Office – Name and O

Extended Day Care Staff – Name and Recess

Recess Teachers – Name and Recess

***HAPPY SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY!!***

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Carderock Math Contest

On Friday, January 6, eight Q of A middle school students participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Carderock Math Contest. Our student participants included Michael Caballero, Glen Lash and Karan Mirpuri from 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Angela Giustozzi, Adrien Henao, Carmen Ramos, Peter Smearman, and Matthew Tillson from 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They all received an autographed copy of a picture of Captain Piper, Navy Commander of NSWC, Carderock!

Some highlights included their discovery of:

- the challenges scientists, engineers, and mathematicians face in their careers, but can accomplish with their personal drive and goal to make things happen (ask them about Captain Piper's accomplishments).
- the amazing areas where science, engineering and mathematical concepts and techniques are being applied in the Navy.
- the science, engineering and mathematics career fields involve much experimentation with many test trials (they don't get the answer right the first time, but keep on learning and trying until they do).
- other brilliant math students their age from local middle schools.
- an understanding that there always exists more to learn.
- just having fun tackling some unusual, uncommon and fascinating math problems!

Please find some time to view some amazing 3-minute video clips about ongoing engineering projects in the National Defense Education Program (NDEP) that you and your student might enjoy at the following website (<http://www.ndep.us/LabTV>). The five videos that were presented to the adults who attended were in the Session Two Tab: "Sea Perch," "Ship Shapes: Designing New Ships," "Ship Shapes: Making Models" and in the Session One Tab: "Dolphin Lifesavers Pt. 1 and Pt. 2."

If your middle school student has suddenly been inspired to do more with their math skills, we would love for him or her to join the Q of A MathCounts Club that meets on Fridays at 4:45 pm. - 6:00 p.m.! Please let Mrs. Molnar ([k.molnar@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:k.molnar@queenofapostlesschool.org)) know if your student is interested in joining.

A special thank you to Mr. Caballero and Mr. Smearman for chaperoning this trip. Their time commitment and appreciation for this Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) opportunity is truly valuable and immeasurable.



# Queen of Apostles PTO

*Presents*

# Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO

*Prizes Awarded*

**Date: Saturday 02/11/2012**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**At Hannan Hall**

**\$ 10 ADULTS**  
\$5  
under 12



## Menu

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti,  
Salad \* Rolls \* Beverages & Dessert  
Coffee or Milk.

Dine-in or Take-Out available

For more info, contact: Roxana Huertas  
rmontecinos@verizon.net 703-403-7425

**Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult**