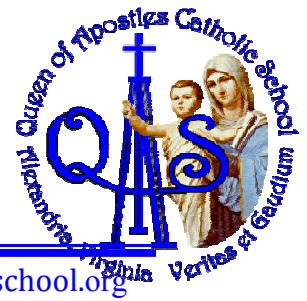


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Dear Queen of Apostles School Families,

You will have to bear with me as you read this month's letter. You see, I am in the mood to sing our praises! I am so proud of the Queen of Apostles Catholic School community and I want to share a few of the many reasons. When I walk through the halls and into the classrooms, the priority that is given to our Catholic identity is very evident. The tangible signs of our Faith are everywhere – the crucifixes in the rooms, the religious themed bulletin boards (including this month's theme of "WWJD" or "What would Jesus do?"), statues and pictures of the saints, and pictures of our Pope. These visual signs are very important, but even more important are the intangible signs – the way the community lives their Faith through their words and actions. Christ truly **is** the reason for this school.

I want to thank all of you for your support and patience Thursday as we attempted our first rainy day dismissal for this school year. I also want to thank Mr. Doxzen for braving the rain to be outside making sure your children got safely into the cars. Thank you to our amazing patrols for leading the kindergartners to their cars (did you see how sharp our patrols look in their new rain slickers?).

Reminder of all the fun happenings – put a big circle on your calendar around this Sunday (no, not because of football!!) and plan to start the day with a delicious pancake breakfast at Hannan Hall after the 9:00 and 10:30 Mass (thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Fanning for putting this together); the choir will sing at the 12:00 Mass (if you have not heard our Children's Choir you are in for a real treat); and wind the day down with the Fall Festival, starting at 3:00, which is a great family day – rain or shine we will be enjoying games and handing out goodies.

We also have some exciting activities here at the school. There are some terrific field trips scheduled – the first and second grade field trip to Cox Farm is on Thursday, October 22nd (I used to enjoy taking my children to pick their own pumpkins – wonderful memories); the seventh and eighth graders are going to see the Terra Cotta Warriors in November at the National Geographic Museum. China is sending 12 warriors – my son just bought a ticket to go to China in January and one of his stops is to see the warriors so I am pretty excited about the opportunity to view them right here; and some amazing cultural arts activities – October 29th is "Author in Residence" – this is a great program given by Jim Weiss with the theme Literature Comes Alive featuring fairytales, Shakespeare, ancient world of Greek mythology and Sherlock Holmes. On November 17th we have scheduled a "Day of Science" featuring the Sunny Day, Starry Night Starlab for the kindergartners through second graders, Legends and Lore of the Night Sky for Grades 3 – 6, and Cyrogenics: It's Cool in Your School for grades 7 and 8.

The cool weather has arrived – **the date for the winter uniforms is October 26th** – so if you have thought about purchasing a sweatshirt for the students – the ones with the hoods – you may still do so. The students may wear them instead of the sweaters as part of the winter uniform.

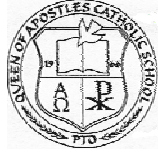
Thank you to all who participated in the Sally Foster fundraising activity – while we are hoping to replace the playground, the monies are also used for things such as the cultural arts activities that I mentioned as well as many other educational enhancements to benefit our children.

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope to see many of you participating in the many family-oriented activities planned for the weekend.

God bless,

Joanne Yates

The Q of A Weekly



October 16, 2009

Sally Foster and Entertainment Book Sale

In-person sales of Sally Foster products have concluded, so please turn your Sally Foster envelopes with order forms in to the office as soon as possible. We're hard at work tabulating sales so the kids can earn their prizes!

If you have sold your Entertainment Book, please turn in the money as soon as possible. If you can, please sell or buy it. If you cannot, you must return the unsold book – they are not free!

Remember, we're still selling online at www.sallyfoster.com, and the school gets 50% of all sales! The link at the top of the Q of A School home page is set up to ensure that your purchases are credited to Q of A. If you haven't already done so, register your children online and send e-mails to friends and family asking them to make purchases online, account number 926603. For more information, contact Nina Russell at nina_russell@verizon.net.

Many, many thanks to Nina Russell and Christine Langin for organizing this year's campaign, a big project at a busy time of year. And a big thank you to all who sold this year!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The PTO is happy to bring you the first Pancake Breakfast of the school year this Sunday, October 18, after the 9:00 and 10:30 masses. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Saturday evening, October 17, and to cook pancakes on **Sunday, October 18**. Please contact Carolyn Fanning at ckley@aol.com if you can help. All students in the following classes are needed, dressed in their uniforms, to serve pancakes and sausages to our fellow Q of A parishioners:

3rd and 8th Grade:	arrive at 9:45 a.m.
Kinder and 7th Grade:	arrive at 11:15 a.m.

FALL FESTIVAL: The Fall Festival will be held this **Sunday, October 18**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adults and kids, please come in your costumes! Trick-or-Trunk and activities will be held outside, with refreshments inside Hannan Hall. Volunteers are needed both to help with Fall Festival and to take part in the Trick-or-Trunk! For more information and to volunteer, please contact Cristina Crowley at cristinacrowley@hotmail.com.

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VIRTUS TRAINING REMINDER: Registration is closed for the Virtus training session to be held at Queen of Apostles School on **Monday, October 19**, in the Multipurpose Room from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. If you are preregistered, request a packet of forms from Mrs. Fox in the school office if you haven't already done so. You may register online for a session at a different location at <http://www.virtusonline.org> (click on Registration in the menu on the left). For more information about the Virtus program, go to http://arlingtondiocese.org/childprotect/child_protect_training.php.

Q OF A FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Our first Q of A Family Fun Night will be held at Dogfish Head Alehouse, 6363 Leesburg Pike (Seven Corners Center) in Falls Church, on **Tuesday, October 27**. The school will receive a portion of the proceeds. Please bring your family and friends for fellowship and a great dinner!

SOUP DRIVE AND SILLY SOCKS AND HATS: The Student Council is having a soup drive for the Sisters at St. Gabriel's for distribution to the needy. Bring in one or more cans of soup by **Tuesday, October 27**. Silly socks and hats day will be **Thursday, October 29**.

PARADE OF SAINTS, 11:30 DISMISSAL: The 2nd graders will hold their annual Parade of Saints on **Friday, October 30**, at the 9:00 mass. They will be dressed as and teach us about their favorite saints.

Dates to Remember	
October 16	Sally Foster sale ends – orders due
October 18	Pancake Breakfast Fall Festival
October 19	Virtus training at Q of A
October 23	Diocesan Institute – No school
October 30	11:30 dismissal

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THE CHALLENGE!

Let's Bring Back the "FUN" in FUNdraising!

The Challenge:

The Class with the MOST Box-Tops will WIN a "Dress Down Day"!

Here's How:

1. Start collecting Box Tops, and place them in a small sealed plastic bag or envelope (in BUNDLES OF 20 if possible).
2. Be sure to trim the Box Tops neatly, and keep the Expiration Date intact.
3. Please DO NOT send in expired Box Tops!
4. Mark the bag/envelope with your name, grade, and the number of Box Tops collected.
5. Submit your Box Tops between now and Dec 31, 2009 to the School Office.
6. Winning Class will be announced first of the year!
What a GREAT WAY to kick off the NEW YEAR!

Shop Online and earn Bonus Box Tops:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Default.aspx>

Brands include Best Buys, Sears, Walgreens, Target, PetSmart, Old Navy, Home Depot, HP, Gap, Disney Store, and More!



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Sunday, October 18,
after the 9:00 and 10:30 masses

Grades K, 3, 7th & 8th
Serving pancakes and sausages to our fellow
Q of A parishioners
Placemat Art will also be on display!!

Students Servers Should wear Friday Uniforms

3rd and 8th Grade: arrive at 9:30 a.m.
Kinder and 7th Grade: arrive at 11:15 a.m.

Volunteers needed to help set up on
Saturday evening, October 17,
Volunteers needed to flip pancakes on
Sunday, October 18.

To Help, contact Carolyn Fanning at ckley@aol.com

Thank you!!
Your PTO



"Masquerade"

The Queen of Apostles Annual Auction & Dinner Gala

Dear Queen of Apostles Parents,

It is that time of year again when we begin planning our annual auction. This year's theme is "*Masquerade*"

The Auction and Gala will be held at Q of A's St. Joseph Hall on Saturday, February 6th, 2010.

The evening will include a silent auction, a live auction, music, a superb dinner, and an exceptional atmosphere. We need your help NOW to ensure the success of our Auction! We are currently soliciting donations of goods and services for our annual Auction.

We need your help!!! Please use the attached form to obtain donations for the auction. Take the letter to your neighborhood shopping center ask if they would be willing to donate. If you need more letters, feel free to copy them or pick up more at the school. We have included a "wish list" to use for perfect items to donate. If you have family members, neighbors, or friends that have anything on the list, please ask them if they would consider donating to Queen of Apostles Auction.

VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help us with the auction. Send us an email if you will be able to help in any way. If God is calling you to serve at Q of A, and you have a heart to be on the 2010 auction team, we would love to have you join us for some great hands on experience! It is also a great way to get to know other parents and staff and counts towards your service hours; it is fun and an extremely rewarding experience. Contact Roseann Pairo at rspairo@gmail.com or 703-652-4239 if you can help.

The "*Masquerade*" theme is sure to guarantee a fun filled evening! Please do not delay sending your donation or commitment to donate form. If an item is not ready to be dropped off, you can still turn in the form and arrange for the donation to be picked up later. Submitting your forms now gives the auction committee time to arrange the items, package and organize the sections.





The “Wish List Items”

- ❖ Vacation Getaways (European, Hawaiian, Caribbean, Outer Banks)
- ❖ Hotel and Resort Stays
- ❖ Private Vacation Homes (Anywhere)
- ❖ Hot Air Balloon or Glider Rides
- ❖ Sailing Lessons, Boat Outings
- ❖ Theatre Tickets: Symphony, Ballet
- ❖ Sporting Events: football, soccer, hockey, baseball or basketball (tickets, skyboxes)
- ❖ Children’s Fun: sport camps, day adventures, unique birthday party, Tea Party, Bowling party
- ❖ Recreational: sailing/boating excursions, golf foursomes with lunch, fishing adventures, tennis camps, ski passes
- ❖ Gals Night Out “Spa/Dinner”, Guys Night Out “Poker Party”
- ❖ Ride in a helicopter
- ❖ Winery Tour
- ❖ Airline or Hotel Travel Miles
- ❖ Professional Services: Interior Design Consultants, Beauty and Spa services, Personal Training Sessions
- ❖ Restaurants including fast food, coffee, ice cream and pizza
- ❖ Nail and hair salons

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Mail or deliver your item to the school:

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4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312

Phone: (703) 354-0714

Contact Roseann Pairo at rspairo@gmail.com or 703-652-4239

or Cristina Crowley at cristinacrowley@gmail.com or call 978-239-8195



Q of A Annual Fall Festival



On Sunday, October 18th from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

A Fun-Filled Family Event

Come Dressed in Your Costumes
Children go from car to car "trick or treating"

We need volunteers

One parent or older sibling from each family to help with the activities.

(The other parent will be supervising their children.

Other adult family members are welcome to hand out "Trick or Trunk")

Haunted Tattoo Parlor: *Help apply spooky Halloween themed tattoos to show your Fall Festival Spirit.*

Games: *Help run Halloween-themed games and activities*

Most importantly: We need help with setup and clean up

Please contribute Ghoulish Delights:

Bring juices, water bottles, cupcakes, cookies, veggie platter, and other snacks to share,

Feel free to decorate in Fall or Halloween themes and colors.

If you can help, call/email: Cristina Crowley - 978-239-8195 or cristinacrowley@hotmail.com

Check out the school website for pictures from 2007 Treat or Trunk <http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org/schoolactivities.htm>

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ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Please make all checks payable to: Queen of Apostles PTO and mail to address listed above

Organization: _____ **Contact Name:** _____

Contact phone number and email: _____

SPONSORSHIP

Gold (\$1,000)*: _____ Silver (\$500)*: _____ Bronze(\$250)**: _____ Patron(\$100)**: _____

**Gold or silver sponsorship includes a complimentary full-page ad prominently displayed in the program*

***Bronze or patron sponsorship includes a complimentary half-page ad prominently displayed in the program*

PROGRAM AD

Cover(\$250): _____ Full Page(\$100): _____ Half Page(\$75): _____

Quarter Page(\$50): _____ Eighth Page (Business Card)(\$25): _____

Attach camera ready copy, art, or business card. You may email a copy of your ad to d.doxzen@queenofapostlesschool.org. You may also fax your copy to the fax number listed above.

ITEM OR SERVICE

Item Value: _____

Detailed Description of Item or Service:

DONORS RECEIPT: This portion will be signed and returned upon receipt of your donation
Queen of Apostles Catholic School, 4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 (703)354-0714
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Thank you for your donation of _____, valued at _____ in support of Queen of Apostles School.

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