



## Queen of Apostles Catholic School

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March 26, 2010

Dear Queen of Apostles Catholic School Families:

I did return from North Carolina on Sunday – it was really, really tough getting on the plane and leaving the baby! Everyone that asks me how my granddaughter is doing gets the following reply: She truly gives the word “adorable” a whole new meaning!!

We are having a busy week here at Queen of Apostles. The enrollment numbers keep going up – in fact, I may be looking at waiting lists in some grades! We have quite a few new families that are excited about joining our wonderful community.

The eighth graders have been practicing the Living Stations – Miss Wolf and Mr. Doxzen are on my unsung heroes list as they have given up precious planning time to prepare the eighth grade students.

Reminder: There is an 11:30 dismissal on Holy Thursday (next Thursday) and **NO** Extended Day.

Reminder: The year book is looking terrific. I am only ordering enough for those who have paid so make sure you return your form.

Please make sure you attend the spaghetti dinner and bingo night. It is a wonderful family event – the children love it and it is a great chance to catch up with other members of our community. Also, Mrs. Arias needs volunteers for the Book Fair so if you have not completed the required volunteer service hours, this is a great chance to help us out and fulfill that obligation.

I want to extend a thank you to all those who sent items for the children in Haiti. We have already filled two boxes.

There is some important information in the Friday Folder concerning legislation that may have an impact on private schools. Please read the information and take appropriate action.

I have been thinking a lot about “community” lately, and what makes a strong and effective community. I think of Queen of Apostles as a faith community, as we come together to worship, witness, and serve. I saw a perfect example of community (parents, teachers, and children) - last week the fourth grade boys celebrated the end of the basketball season by challenging the teachers to a game (no, I did not play – I am waiting for the invention of high heel tennis shoes!) and everyone had a terrific time. This is an example of the dedication of the teachers – they stayed long after the contractual required hours to spend that time with the students. By the way, I believe the boys won – but I have offered to work with Mr. Miner on his jump shot!

Another amazing example of community occurred last Wednesday. Our Children’s Choir, under the direction of Mr. Cotton, sang at the Mass at the Shrine. Parents helped with transportation, the children received accolades both on their behavior and talent, and Mr. Cotton did his usual outstanding job planning, organizing, and directing. Here is a sample of the comments that were given to Mr. Cotton:

*Thanks for the exceptional Easter celebration last night with your Children's Choir. They looked and sounded great and provided a real religious inspiration with their talent as well as their respectful praise of the Lord. Someone is clearly paying attention to them. Congratulations on your exceptional music ministry at Queen of Apostles. The parish is blessed to have you there!*

The program viewing information is:

According to the Verizon FIOS guide for April 4th, channel 7 (and 507) will be airing the Easter mass the children recorded last week on Sunday, April 4th from 6:30 - 7:30 AM. The program is listed as "Values and

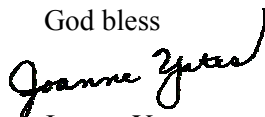
Vision", but the description indicates that Bishop Loverde will be the main celebrant at Mass from the Crypt Church..

We are so blessed with the staff and faculty here at our school – every single person gives and gives – working long hours, preparing lessons, and doing all those extra duties (teachers are in the lunch room every day, doing recess duty, outside in the morning for arrival, and at dismissal watching the walkers or monitoring the car line. Today when I was walking around the hallways, here is a sample of what I observed (a normal day here at Queen of Apostles): Mr. Doxzen and Miss Wolf had the students at the Church to practice, Mrs. Molnar was working with students (during her lunch time!!), Mr. Miner was outside with a group of students, and Mr. Pelczar had the sixth graders in the gym (during his lunch time!). Miss Twaddle had the third graders in the church to pray the first Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation, in honor of Our Lady on her feast day. Mrs. Ault was standing in the front of her class surrounded by students asking questions, Miss Killion was reading to the students (children loved to be read to – no matter the age), Miss Boyle and Mrs. Feliz were both showing the students something wonderful on the Activboard. Mrs. Dowden and Mrs. Murphy had the children tiptoeing through the halls (they are the best at “lining up”). Mrs. Blackwell was doling out ice packets (the “miracle cure” for bumps and bruises), Mrs. Fox was doing her amazing multi- tasking routine, Mrs. Gavin was helping a teacher do copying, and Mr. Leonard had his trusty broom in hand making our school sparkle. Our “specials” (Mrs. Vasquez, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Arias, Mr. Cotton, and Mrs. Smith) share their talents with our children every day. I appreciate the love, caring, and dedication that is shown by every teacher and teacher and staff member here. This is what I saw in just one quick walk around the school!

As I mentioned, I have a number of families looking at our school and many of them have commented on the Catholic identity they see it in the physical environment - the crucifixes, the statues, the posters, and the art work. They also sense it in the tone of the school. We are certainly not perfect but we work together to foster the Christian values and virtues in a way that I have never seen in any other community. People ask me about the long hours that I spend here – and the reason is that so much of my time is spent with meeting with parents and with students to address concerns, redirect behavior, or just be an “ear” and a “shoulder” when needed. This is the most important part of my job and the part that, while it can be tough emotionally also brings great joy. Of course, that is why I am sometimes a bit late on some administrative paper work – my husband does like to see me at least for a few minutes each day!

A community needs a committed and strong leader, and we are certainly blessed by having Father Vander Woude as our pastor. His love for Queen of Apostles is evident in all his actions and words, and his prayers sustain us through tough times as well as joyful times.

The support and prayers of our families are really what keep us going. You are all terrific – working hard to give your children a good life. I know the sacrifices of raising a family –especially in light of the challenges that a permissive society throws our way. Raising a child to have good morals, intelligence, courtesy, generosity, modesty, dependability, and a good sense of humor is not an easy task. That is why a community such as Queen of Apostles is so helpful – we are all here to help each other.

God bless  
  
Joanne Yates

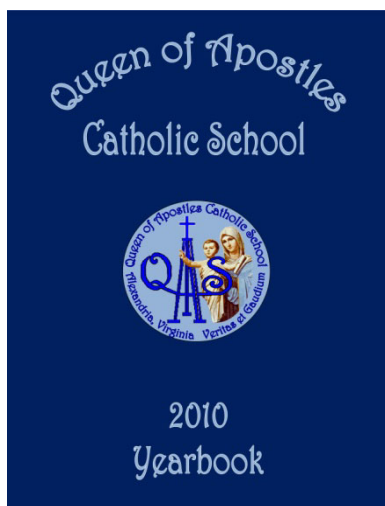
# 2010 Yearbook Order Form

## You Must Pre-Order Your Full-Color Copy of the 2009-2010 Queen of Apostles Catholic School's Yearbook

Please complete the form below to pre-order your copy of the yearbook.

**Make checks payable to Queen of Apostles School.**

**Thank you for your pre-order!**



**Please return the bottom portion of this form to the office before March 31, 2010**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail

2009-2010 Yearbook (Full Color) Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ X \$28.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please include payment with this form.

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Write Below This Line

Office Use Only

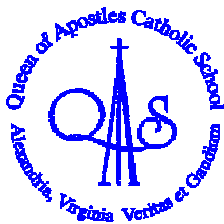
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Amount Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Receiver Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_



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Many parents have asked me about summer reinforcement/enrichment opportunities - this looks like a great program:

**Summer Experience for Middle School Students - Expand your horizons this summer with one- and two-week programs for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders at Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington, Va. Sign up for the Leadership Academy, The World Around Us, or the Performing Arts program. Sessions run July 12 - 23. For more information, visit <http://www.bishopoconnell.org/summerexperience> or call 703-929-3519**

# Summer Experience for Middle Schoolers



## BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL summer experience

Expand your horizons with one-week programs that enhance leadership skills and enrich your world vision, and a two-week performing arts program.

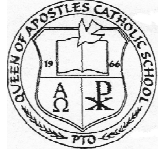
**Leadership Academy** - July 12-16

**The World Around Us** - July 19 - 23

**Performing Arts** - July 12 - 23

Visit our Web site at [www.bishopoconnell.org/summerexperience](http://www.bishopoconnell.org/summerexperience)  
or call 703-929-3519 for more information.

# The Q of A Weekly



March 26, 2010

## Thank you to another Auction volunteer

Special thanks to Sandra Beach for creating the beautiful centerpieces for our Masquerade Auction and Gala!

**APRIL LUNCH ORDERS DEADLINE:** If you wish your child to receive hot lunch Monday through Thursday in April, you must order by **today** through Schoolhouse Grill's online ordering system. If you miss this deadline, your child will have to carry a bag lunch next month. See the flyer in the January 15 Friday Folder for more information.

**ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S PTO BOARD:** It's that time of year again for all of you to seriously think about serving on the PTO Board next year. As part of the Board, you'll meet new people, influence what programs and events the PTO sponsors, and take a proactive role in your child's educational experience. The nominating committee is accepting nominations for all PTO Board positions for 2010–11. To make a nomination or for more information, contact Liliana Ward (lward@trustedtranslations.com), Carolyn Fanning (ckley@aol.com), Minh Do (mdo@cox.net), Alice Decker (Adecker1@hotmail.com), or Carolyn Flores (703) 924-9396). Nominations must be received by May 6; the election will be held at the general PTO meeting on Thursday, May 20.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Calling all bakers: We need desserts for Q of A's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night, to be held **Saturday, April 17**. We also need volunteers on Friday night for setup and Saturday for cleanup. Please contact Rafah at Rmasri001@gmail.com if you can help.

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL:** This year's International Festival will be held Saturday, May 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is an event that everyone looks forward to all year long, so we need a lot of volunteers to make it a success. If you have a favorite ethnic family recipe, we would love for you to bring it! This dish should serve at least 25 people; label it with the name of the dish and your country's flag, and drop it off at Hannan Hall before 11:00 a.m. on May 8. Volunteers from each class will be asked to help with rides, concessions, and games and to sell tickets. Help is needed Friday with decorating and setting up and on Saturday with setting up, serving, and collecting tickets. Please contact Cenía Bonilla at Columbia\_park@comcast.net for more information and to volunteer.

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**STILL DESPERATELY SEEKING COORDINATOR FOR THE FALL FUNDRAISER:** A volunteer is needed to run the giftwrap fundraiser in Fall 2010. This is a great chance to make a major contribution to our school! If you are interested, please contact Nina Russell at [nina\\_russell@verizon.net](mailto:nina_russell@verizon.net).

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b>April 1</b>	11:30 dismissal
<b>April 2–9</b>	No school
<b>April 17</b>	Spaghetti Dinner
<b>April 19–23</b>	Terra Nova/ACRE testing

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**QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
EAGLES - SPORTS GEAR SALE**

**SALE STARTS: March 26, 2010  
SALE ENDS: April 1, 2010**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AN ORDER FORM AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2010  
ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**



**Q of A - "Eagles Hoody" \$ 35.00  
SIZES YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL**

**STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Size	Amount

**Total Amount Enclosed (No. of Hoodies X\$35.00)** \_\_\_\_\_



**10**

**ADULTS**

**\$5  
under 12**

(prices include Bingo)

# Queen of Apostles PTO

*Presents*

## Spaghetti Dinner &

## Bingo Prizes Awarded

**Date: 04/17/2010 Time: 6:00 PM**

**At Hannan Hall**



### Menu

All-you-can-eat Spaghetti,

Salad \* Rolls \* Beverages

Coffee or Milk.

Dine-in or Take-Out available

For more info, contact:

Rmasri001@gmail.com 703-916-1829

**Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult**

CLIP THIS ORDER FORM AND SEND PAYMENT TO: QUEEN OF APOSTLES PTO

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kids (Under 12) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Totals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER YOUR  
TICKETS TODAY!  
THANK YOU!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

# SPIRIT DAY IS APPROACHING!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The SCA is proud to present the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Spirit Week. Spirit Week will begin on Monday, April 26, and will end on Friday, April 30, and the SCA has a lot of fun activities planned! On the Thursday of that week, April 29, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Mr. Miner will be leading our annual Spirit Day. They are asking for volunteers to help out. If you are able to help that afternoon, please email Mrs. Yates at [j.yates@queenofapostleschool.org](mailto:j.yates@queenofapostleschool.org). This annual activity is something that all the students look forward to, and we need volunteers to make it happen!

## **Your help is needed NOW!**

Members of Congress are working to reauthorize the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (most recently known as *No Child Left Behind*). As they do so, it is vital that they hear from the Catholic-school community about the importance of addressing the needs of students and teachers in nonpublic schools.

The U.S. Department of Education recently released a *Blueprint for Reform*, and Congress is holding hearings on reauthorization. The House Education and Labor Committee is encouraging those interested in this legislation to send their comments to [eseacomments@mail.house.gov](mailto:eseacomments@mail.house.gov) by Friday, March 26, 2010.

Many Catholic schools have found accessing services for their students and teachers to be very complicated and frustrating. To help Catholic school students and teachers receive services they are entitled to under federal law, you are encouraged to send the following message, or one like it, to the above email address either today or tomorrow:

"Equitable participation by students in nonpublic schools has been a requirement in *ESEA* since it was first passed in 1965. In recent years, however, funds generated by students in nonpublic schools have been diverted to public school programs in which nonpublic school students cannot participate, such as Supplemental Education Services and All School Improvement programs. *ESEA* should be changed so that the proportional share of funds to serve nonpublic school students and teachers in nonpublic schools will be based on the total allocation of a program *prior to a school district setting aside funds* which only public schools can use."