

Queen of Apostles Catholic School

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Dear Queen of Apostles Catholic School Families:

The school is buzzing this evening as our Auction Committee is transforming the gym. There are many dedicated parents working this evening and it is looking beautiful already! This is going to be an amazing evening and I cannot wait! We have sold a record number of tickets, the food is being prepared, and the items are ready for display. We even have a DJ (I did offer my services since I have a record player and some Beach Boy albums but no one seemed very impressed!!).

The students and teachers gathered in the gym on Wednesday to say good bye to Mr. Cook. Next week will be his last week as our Facility Manager here at Queen of Apostles. As you are aware, Mr. Cook was instrumental in raising the funds to build the gym. He keeps our school facilities in tip-top shape and we are very grateful for all he has done. The students made him cards and we gave him a rocking chair with the Virginia Tech (he is a big fan) logo! We wish him well as he enjoys retirement (he keeps talking about fishing and golfing!!).

I want to mention a serious concern: I was informed that not everyone is adhering to the carpool dismissal policy. The area in front of the church is **not** a part of the carpool line – and while it is not fun sitting in the line waiting, it is the procedure that has been determined to be the safest and most efficient. As I have said many times, there is no perfect carpool line! Trying to get a few hundred children out of the building and into cars in a safe manner is a challenge that takes everyone's cooperation and patience. I know that we are all busy and have places to be and things to do but I really need everyone to abide by the policy. It is crucial that we all follow the correct procedure. I can only imagine the number of hours that I have logged in while waiting over the years for my own four children to be dismissed. I always was grateful to the teachers and administration for the time that it takes to do the carpool duty and for their focus on keeping the children safe. I hope that is the feeling here at Queen of Apostles – and know that, with the wonderful parents that I have the privilege of knowing, I can count on your support and cooperation. Please understand that the children's safety is our only objective and that we really need everyone to adhere to the policy.

Please send in your re-enrollment forms – today alone I registered four new families.

Also, I want to remind you that the PTO has placed a suggestion box outside of the office so if you have some great ideas to share, they would love to hear from you.

Please read in the Friday Folder the information on the project to help the people of Haiti. You can bring the items to the school during the week indicated. This is a wonderful activity to participate in during Lent and I hope that we are able to gather a great number of items.

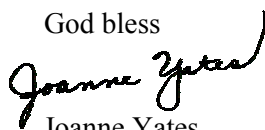
This weekend our basketball teams will be participating in tournament rounds. We had a great season and are grateful to our wonderful coaches, supportive parents, and terrific young athletes. A very heartfelt thank you to Mr. Smearman and to Mrs. Ward and Ms. Baragano for the many hours they have given to the administrative work that goes into running the CYO sports team program. Also, thank you to Mr. Leonard for opening and locking the gym every Saturday and Sunday. Those of you who have attended the games here at the school have seen Mr. Leonard cheering on our teams. Check out the information for the “free throw competition” that will be held here at our gym.

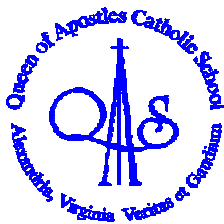
The Knights of Columbus will be conducting its annual collection for the intellectually disabled on April 17th and 18th. I am sure you have seen the Knights over the years at various establishments giving out Tootsie Rolls in return for a monetary contribution. They need volunteers to help with this wonderful service activity and it is an excellent opportunity for students to acquire service hours while helping the greater community. If you would like more information please call or email the school and we will provide you with the contact information of the Knights who are organizing the event.

I want to say a special thank you to Hyde Loomis – as you are aware, she writes the Q of A Weekly and is also the force behind the Herald (our monthly newsletter). As is true of all our amazing volunteers, Hyde is a busy lady with work and taking care of her sons, but yet she donates her time and talents so that you can be kept informed of what is happening here at school.

I am looking for someone to volunteer to serve as parent liaison with the Virginia Catholic Conference. The position entails such things as joining the legislative advocacy network to receive e-mail alerts and updates on key legislation; encouraging parents and staff to join the Conference network, coordinating with me to disseminate Conference alerts to all school parents (a high volume of emails, letters, and phone calls can make a difference on the outcome of a vote). It is important that we are kept informed about legislation that makes a difference in academic opportunities for our children in parochial schools. If you are interested, please give me a call or send me an email.

Thank you for your support and especially for your prayers. You truly are the best!

God bless

Joanne Yates



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Faculty Update:

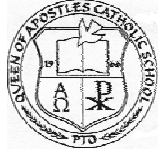
Senora Kado has resigned due to family concerns. We are very blessed and lucky to have Mrs. Daisy Sanchez step in as the long-term sub for the fifth through eighth grade students. Mrs. Sanchez grew up in Puerto Rico. She has two children and is very excited about being here at Queen of Apostles. She understands the importance of learning another language – a benefit that will serve them now and in the future. She is focusing on vocabulary, grammar, and reading, as well as fluent speaking skills. If you would like to come and say hi to Mrs Sanchez, I know she would be very happy to meet you.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joanne Yates'.

Joanne Yates

The Q of A Weekly



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Thanks to Our Basketball Coaches

Special thanks to all our Eagles basketball coaches for teaching our kids not only the mechanics of basketball, but also the important values of good sportsmanship:

2nd grade:	Coaches Ivan Patino and Ilya Marvich
3rd grade:	Coaches Michael Caballero and Dick Fonda
4th grade boys Blue:	Coaches Ilya Marvich and Melvin Coles
4th grade boys White:	Coaches Stephen Smearman, Minh Do, and Basil Wilson
5th grade boys:	Coaches Michael Caballero and Father Vander Woude
6th grade girls:	Coaches Minh Do, Kyle Wright, and Maria Delaflor
6th grade boys:	Coaches Kevin Hogan and Marion Miner
7th grade girls:	Coaches Steve Pfeifer and Marion Miner
7th/8th grade boys Blue:	Coaches Jeff de la Concepcion, Joel Bacquelod, and Stephen Smearman
7th/8th grade boys White:	Coaches Jeff de la Concepcion, Joel Bacquelod, and Stephen Smearman
8th grade girls:	Coaches Steve Pfeifer and Marion Miner

A warm round of applause to Steve Smearman for giving the gift of his time and talent to organize the teams. Special thanks to Liliana Ward and Claudia Barragano, who provided seamless administrative and organizational help with uniforms and registration materials, and to Mr. Leonard and Mr. George Cook for keeping our gym in great shape and for setting up and cleaning up after the games. We also thank all the parents who supported the teams, the coaches, and their sons and daughters. Go, Eagles!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AUCTION CLEANUP: If anyone could help with cleanup from tomorrow's auction fundraiser, please come to the gym after 9:00 mass on **Sunday, March 7**. You'll earn service hours, and your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

FREE THROW CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus Council 4522 (Pope John Paul II Council) will hold their annual Free Throw Championship in Queen of Apostles School gym on **Tuesday, March 9**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. This event is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14; participants will compete in their age and gender division. This is a fun event, and winners will advance to the Knights of Columbus district-level competition. Parent or guardian approval is needed to participate. For more information or to receive a registration form, please contact Brian Vaccaro at vaccarobd2000@yahoo.com.

REMINDER: HOT LUNCH ORDERING THROUGH SCHOOLHOUSE GRILL: If you haven't already, register your child at www.schoolhousegrill.com (you can register without ordering), and you'll receive reminders each month about the due date for hot lunch orders for the next month. If you miss this deadline, your child will have to carry a bag lunch the next month. See the flyer in the January 15 Friday Folder for more information.

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PASS THE PASTA, PLEASE! Q of A's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night will be held **Saturday, April 17** (changed from March 20, previously announced) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for spaghetti, pasta, salad, bread, beverages, desserts, and more. Take-out will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (including food and bingo). We need volunteers!! Please contact Rafah at Rmasri001@gmail.com if you can help.

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.

Dates to Remember	
March 6	Masquerade Auction and Gala
March 12	Diocesan inservice--no school
April 17	Spaghetti Dinner--NEW DATE

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Help



Bring In:

- Jump Ropes
- Board Games
- Coloring books
- Markers & Crayons



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Haiti

School Drive

March 22-27

The Grade
with the
Most Items
Wins a
Dress
Down Day!



Is God calling you to help with Vacation Bible School this summer? Spring is coming and summer is not far behind. It is time to start our prayerful preparation for the Vacation Bible School which will be held at Queen of Apostles from **July 19th through 23rd**. We will be celebrating the Year of the Priest with the theme of *Circus of Stars: Spotlight on the Father*. We will be holding a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 13th. We will start with the 8 AM Mass and then move to the School Library. We will finish at noon. If you can join us, please contact Anne Souser at csouser@verizon.net or 703-941-6293.