

Queen of Apostles Catholic School

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May 7, 2010

Dear Queen of Apostles Families:

We started our week on a beautiful note by celebrating our grandparents. Monday we had our annual Grandparents Day program. God bless those men and women -for they love our children so much and our children love them. Mrs. Janet Smith plans and organizes this event every year, the teachers plan skits and songs (with Mr. Cotton as the accompanist), and Mr. Doxzen emcees. We get contributions from businesses in the area, parents from the school make the treats, and grandparents come from far and near. This year our eighth graders served as photographers, tour guides, and hosts. Mrs. Lash stepped up to make sure the pictures got developed (back in the "olden days" – last year – we used Polaroid cameras and could give the pictures to the grandparent right on the spot but they have stopped making the Polaroid film!! All this digital "stuff", boy, do I feel ancient!!).

We are also ending the week on a beautiful note as we had our May crowning of Our Blessed Mother before Mass today. The whole school processed down the center aisle with flowers to put in the vases at the foot of the statue of Our Lady. The second graders were dressed in their First Communion finery while the choir sang beautiful Marian hymns. One of my fondest memories of my own Catholic school education is the May crowning – in fact, I was chosen to crown Mary when I was in eighth grade and I still remember how very special that was to me.

We had a very successful Book Fair – the profit was close to \$4,000 which will be used to enhance the library, purchasing more books for the students and teachers. (Needless to say, I purchased several books for the baby including one about an elephant and a dog who become best friends – it is a true story and I get teary-eyed every time I read it).

These are some of the reasons I love Catholic schools (and our school best of all). We really are a community. None of these things happen without the dedication of so many. I walk around the halls and see parents helping, teachers going above and beyond, and students happily reaping the benefits of so many caring adults.

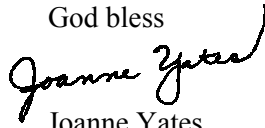
Tomorrow is the International Festival and I want to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Bonilla for all the work she puts into this amazing event. Also, we certainly appreciate all of the volunteers who have offered to help out – I know how busy weekends can be so we are grateful for your time. Please bring your children and enjoy the festivities. The students report to their classrooms by 10:30, the program begins at 11:00 and should be done by about 12:00. After the program there will be games, food, and entertainment all on the Parish grounds.

Also coming up is another wonderful event that we do every year – Field Day. Mr. and Mrs. Caballero spearhead the event every year and have gracefully agreed to do so again this year. As with all of our undertakings, they will need volunteers. This is a great opportunity, for anyone who has not fulfilled their service hour requirements.

I want to wish all of our moms and grandmothers a beautiful and peaceful Mothers Day this Sunday. You deserve a huge breakfast made by the children (how much fun is it to clean up after the children have fried the bacon! I remember those days), flowers (I love the ones they pick themselves – right off the rose bush in the front yard or the bouquet of “beautiful” dandelions), and candy (sometimes they even leave us a piece!!). These are memories that last forever.

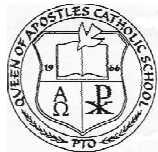
As always, I thank you for your support, all the kind words to the faculty and staff, and, most of all, for your prayers.

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Yates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Joanne Yates

The Q of A Weekly



May 7, 2010

Grandparents Day

Many thanks to Mrs. Smith for organizing another fabulous Grandparents Day, enjoyed by grandparents and children alike. A big thank you to all the moms and families who donated baked goods and juice and helped set up and clean up. Special thanks to Mrs. Lash, who took the pictures out to be developed and hurried to get them back in time, to Mrs. Fox, who opened the school Sunday for setup, and to all the teachers, especially Mr. Cotton and Mr. Doxzen. It was a great day!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL TOMORROW! The International Festival is here! It will be held Saturday, May 8, from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. Loads of rides and activities are planned for the children, the international food will be fantastic, and dancers will be performing! Volunteers from each class have been asked to help with rides, concessions, and games and to sell tickets. Help is also needed Friday with decorating and setting up and on Saturday with setting up, serving, and collecting tickets. Please contact Cenia Bonilla at Columbia_park@comcast.net for more information and to volunteer.

PTO GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION: The last general PTO meeting of the year will be held Thursday, May 20. Door prizes will be awarded! We encourage you to attend; this will be your opportunity to meet the candidates for next year's PTO Board and to cast your very important vote.

FIELD DAY: Calling all volunteers for the annual Field Day event on Friday, May 28! We can use volunteers for food preparation and serving lunch from 9 to 12 noon, as well as volunteers for helping coordinate games in the afternoon (12–3 p.m.). We had a lot of great volunteers last year and would love to see those folks again. Contact Mike and Kathryn Caballero at kathryn_caballero@yahoo.com.

Dates to Remember

May 8	International Festival
May 20	PTO General Meeting and Election
May 28	Field Day

Principal: Mrs. Yates j.yates@queenofapostlesschool.org • Pastor: Father Vander Woude

President: Gladis Griffith ggriffith@uspsoig.gov • Vice President: Nina Russell nina_russell@verizon.net

Treasurer: Allie Bernardo allie.bernardo@bipc.com • Secretary: Shannon Hines shanrhines@excite.com

Members-at-Large: Paige Fashanu PFashanu@VCBOnline.com • Kyle Wright Wright.Kyle@verizon.net

Publicity: Hyde Loomis khydeloomis@gmail.com • Teacher Representative: Kathy Littlefield k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org

Queen of Apostles Catholic Church

International Festival 2010 Saturday, May 8th

Performances Begin in the Gymnasium at 11:00 a.m.

**Students should wear a combination
of the flag colors as indicated below.**

Kindergarten—France—Blue, White, Red



1st Grade—Argentina—Light Blue, White, Yellow



2nd Grade—Philippines—White, Blue, Red



3rd Grade—Brazil—Green, Yellow, Blue



4th Grade—Ireland—Green, White, Orange



5th Grade—Mexico—Light Green, White, Red



6th Grade—China—Red, Yellow



7th Grade—U.S.A.—Red, White, Blue



8th Grade—Zulu (South African Tribe)—Black, Red



Are You Ready For Adventure

Cub Scout Pack 863 invites you to a
Scouting Gym Night!

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

7:00-8:30 pm

at 4409 Sano Street

(in the Queen of Apostles School Gym)



**Come join us for some fun dodgeball action
and information about Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs**

Boys completing Kindergarten through 4th grade can join Cub Scouts!

Kinders can join Tiger Scouts 2nd graders can join Bear Scouts
1st graders can join Wolf Scouts 3rd/4th graders can become Webelos

Boys completing 5th grade and older can join Boy Scouts!

**Pack 863's Summer:
Lake Barcroft Fishing
Boy Scout Centennial
Parade
Summer Camp
Raingutter Regatta
Rock Climbing**



For more information on
Cub Scouts or Boy
Scouts, please contact
Dick Fonda at
Troop853@hotmail.com
or 703-354-7820

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CIRCUS of STARS

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FATHER
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Year for Priests
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Queen of Apostles Church

July 19th - 23rd 2010

8:45 AM - Noon

Be a STAR and help the children
discover the STAR that God the
Father made them to be.

Adult Informational Meeting
Sunday, April 18th from 2 - 4 PM
School Multi-purpose room.

Contact Anne Souser at
csouser@verizon.net or 703-941-6293.



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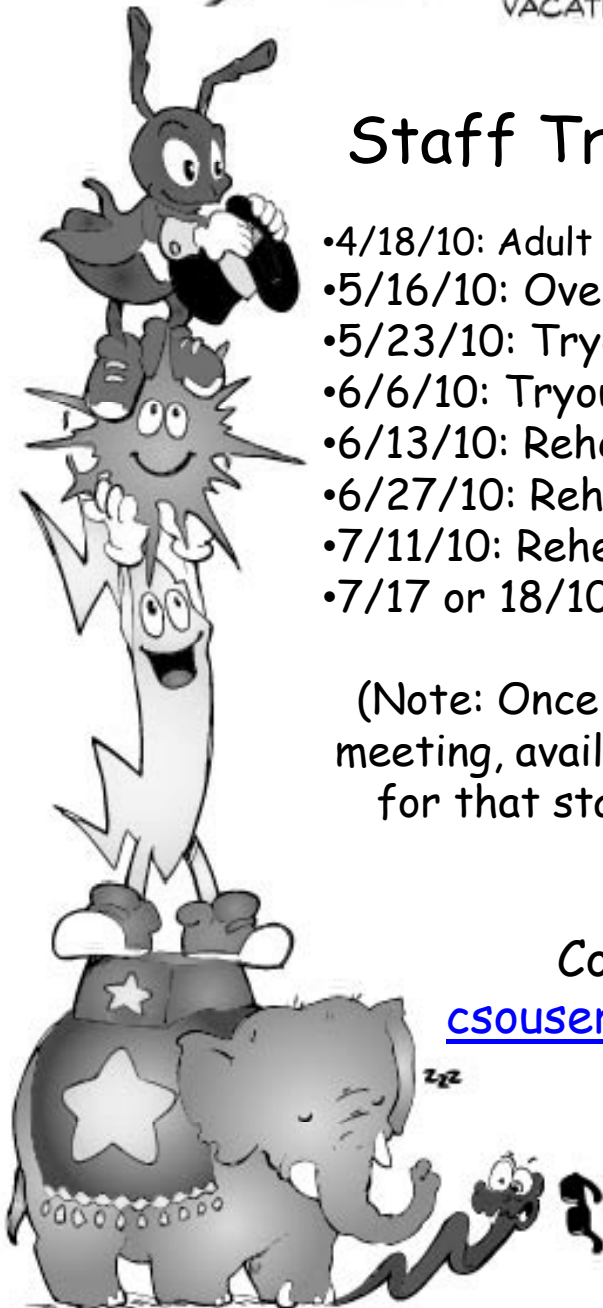


Staff Training Meetings:

- 4/18/10: Adult Information Meeting
- 5/16/10: Overview, Music, Circus Acts
- 5/23/10: Tryouts, Decorations, MiM, Circus Acts
- 6/6/10: Tryouts, Crafts, Circus Acts, Rehearsal
- 6/13/10: Rehearsal, Games, Circus Acts
- 6/27/10: Rehearsal, Snack, Circus Acts
- 7/11/10: Rehearsal, Guide Training, Circus Acts
- 7/17 or 18/10: Set-up, Rehearsal, Circus Acts

(Note: Once a station has been introduced at a meeting, available people will work on preparation for that station as time allows at subsequent meetings.)

Contact Anne Souser at
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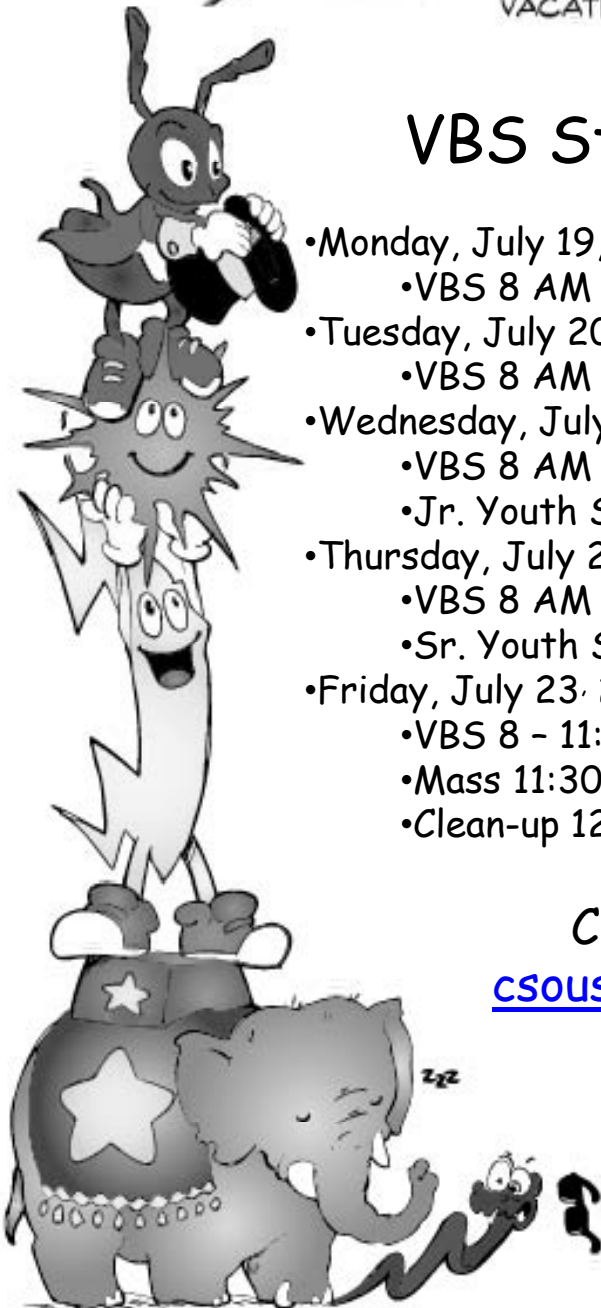
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VBS Staff Schedule:

- Monday, July 19, 2010:
 - VBS 8 AM - 12:30 PM
- Tuesday, July 20, 2010:
 - VBS 8 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, July 21, 2010:
 - VBS 8 AM - 12:30 PM
 - Jr. Youth Staff (5th - 8th gr.) Activity 12:30 - 3 PM
- Thursday, July 22, 2010:
 - VBS 8 AM - 12:30 PM
 - Sr. Youth Staff (9th - 12th gr.) Activity 12:30 - 3 PM
- Friday, July 23, 2010:
 - VBS 8 - 11:30 AM
 - Mass 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
 - Clean-up 12:30 - 3 PM

Contact Anne Souser at
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Toss your hat into the Ring. Join us for a great
Circus of Stars Vacation Bible School!

Queen of Apostles Church

July 19th - 23rd 2010

8:45 AM - Noon

Calling all interested **4th thru 11th graders!** Come to
our Youth Leader Meetings/Circus Performer Trainings:
First Meeting : Sunday, May 16th from 3 - 5 PM

Remaining Circus Performer and Helper Training dates:
May 23rd , June 6th , 13th , 27th; July 11th and 18th.

Training will take place from 2 -4 PM on these dates.

All training will start in the Multi-purpose Room of
Queen of Apostles School.

Questions? Contact Anne Souser at
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010: Permission for Care

(A form is required for each individual on the premises – infant through adult.)

Name: _____

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian (if under 18): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Date of Birth (if under 18): _____ Date of last Tetanus Booster: _____

List food allergies or write N/A if none (Continue on back if needed):

List medicine allergies or write N/A if none (Continue on back if needed):

Any other medical problems that should be noted (Continue on back if needed):

Current Medications (Continue on back if needed.):

Family Physician Name & Phone: _____

Insurance Carrier & Policy Number: _____

As the parent/legal guardian of _____, permission is hereby given for my child to attend Vacation Bible School from **July 19 – 23, 2010 at Queen of Apostles' School in Alexandria beginning at 8:45am and ending with pick-up at Noon.** I understand and acknowledge that my child will be participating in activities that are low impact; however, accidents may still happen. These activities include field day activities, scavenger hunts, and relay races. I agree to indemnify the Parish, Volunteers, and the Diocese of Arlington for any costs or expenses arising out of my child's participation in the activities including the cost of any medical care given to my child.

I further give my consent to that in my absence the above-named minor may be admitted to any hospital or medical facility for diagnosis and treatment. I request and authorize physicians, dentists, and staff, duly licensed as Doctors of Medicine or Doctors of Dentistry or other such licensed technicians or nurses, to perform any diagnostic procedures, treatment procedures, operative procedures and x-ray treatment of the above minor. I have not been given a guarantee as to the results of examination or treatment. I authorize the hospital or medical facility to dispose of any specimen or tissue taken from the above-named minor.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date _____

OR

Permissions, indemnifications, consents, and authorizations listed above are given for my personal medical care.

Signature of adult: _____ Date: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010: Media Release Form

I agree to permit picture(s) of the family members listed below, who will be present at Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles Church from July 19th through July 23rd, 2010, to be posted on a web blog and to be used in promotional materials at Queen of Apostles Church functions. (Please note that the web blog site will not appear on search engines.)

I release and indemnify Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, all employees, all volunteers, and the Diocese of Arlington from any and all other uses of these pictures by other individuals and organizations.

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Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

I do NOT give permission for picture(s) of the family members listed below, who will be present at Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles Church from July 19th through August 23rd, 2010, to be posted on the web blog site.

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_____	_____
_____	_____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____



July 19th - 23rd, 2010 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____ Home Phone: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Daytime Phone: (Mother) _____/(Father) _____ Email: _____
 Cell phone number: (Mother) _____/(Father) _____ Parish: _____

Registration information for Campers (Age 4 through grade 4 in Fall 2010)

Child's First and Last Name	School Grade Fall 2010	Gender	T-Shirt Size	School in Fall 2010	Sacraments received
		M F	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL		Baptism Penance Holy Eucharist
		M F	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL		Baptism Penance Holy Eucharist
		M F	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL		Baptism Penance Holy Eucharist
		M F	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL		Baptism Penance Holy Eucharist

Registration information for Youth Leaders (grades 5 - 8 in Fall 2010) and (grades 9 - 12 in Fall 2010) Note: Minimum 2 Preparatory meetings required.

Person's First and Last Name	School Grade Fall 2010	Gender	T-Shirt Size	School in Fall 2010	Sacraments received	Volunteer position
		M F	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL <i>(Youth Leaders)</i>		Baptism Penance Holy Eucharist Confirmation	Crafts Games Snacks Nursery Music Other
		M F	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL		Baptism Penance Holy Eucharist Confirmation	Crafts Games Snacks Nursery Music Other

Registration information for Adults

Person's First and Last Name	Availability and Area of Interest (see Youth Leaders)	VIRTUS Trained	T-Shirt Size
		Y N	YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL <i>(Adult Leaders)</i>

Camper fee (\$30 per) _____
 grade 5 - 8 Youth Leader fee (\$25 per) _____
 grade 9 - 12 Youth and Adult Leader fee (\$5 per) _____
 or Family Maximum (\$90) _____
 Donation _____
 Check number _____ Total _____

Return Registration Form (1 per family), Media Release Form (1 per family), and Permission for Care forms (1 per person) to: Queen of Apostles VBS, 4329 Sano St, Alexandria, VA 22312. Questions or scholarships contact: K4J VBS Director, Anne Souser, at csouser@verizon.net or (703) 941-6293.