

## Queen of Apostles Catholic School

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March 31, 2010

Dear Queen of Apostles Families,

I finally feel as if I am “thawing out” as the weather reaches the 60 degree range. I was asking a few second graders if they are excited about Thanksgiving vacation – it must have been the howling wind last night putting thoughts of November in my mind!

I have the usual reminders: Grandparents’ Day is scheduled (please see the website and the information in the Friday Folder for details); re-enrollment forms should be in so I can start ordering books for next year; Spaghetti and Bingo night is fast approaching; make sure your volunteer hours are completed – there are plenty of opportunities (help in the Library for the Book Sale, Spaghetti Dinner, Field Day, International Festival, etc.) and the fee is rather hefty for those who do not complete their hours. Thank you, as always, to those volunteers who do so very much to help and who support the various activities here at the school.

I want to wish all of you a blessed Easter. Enjoy the precious family time and, hopefully, the beautiful spring weather. Please know that you are in my prayers each day.

One final thought – at a retreat that I attended, the priest referred to the Cross as the greatest love story ever told. What a beautiful way to reflect on Our Lord’s suffering and death. May we all grow closer to Our Lord during this Lenten season, especially through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. May we be ever mindful of this wonderful gift of life bestowed upon us by Our Father, and may we take care of each other, pray for each other, and love each other in the sacred Name of the Savior.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Yates".

Joanne Yates

# The Q of A Weekly



**March 31, 2010**

**SPRING TRACK:** The Spring CYO track season has started and is open to all 3rd through 8th graders. Practice has started, and the track meet will be held May 1–2, 2010. No track experience needed. For information, contact Tom Sarisky at 703-379-2742 or Thomas.sarisky@yahoo.com.

**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 Cenia Bonilla at Columbia\_park@comcast.net for more information and to volunteer.

**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.

## Dates to Remember

<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

Have a Blessed and Restful Easter Break!



**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

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



Exciting plans are underway for our Annual  
Grandparents Day at Queen of Apostles School

We would like to extend a personal invitation to every grandparent or special person (aunt, uncle cousin if no grandparent is available) in each of our students' lives to attend this fun and extraordinary celebration.

The date is Monday, May 3rd

Please fill in the form below and return it to school



right away! Thank You.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**



Name of student(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Names of grandparents or guest to be invited \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Their mailing address \_\_\_\_\_



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

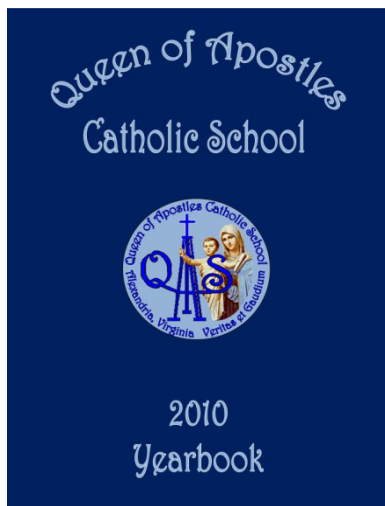
# 2010 Yearbook Order Form!

## 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

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E-Mail

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

Please include payment with this form.

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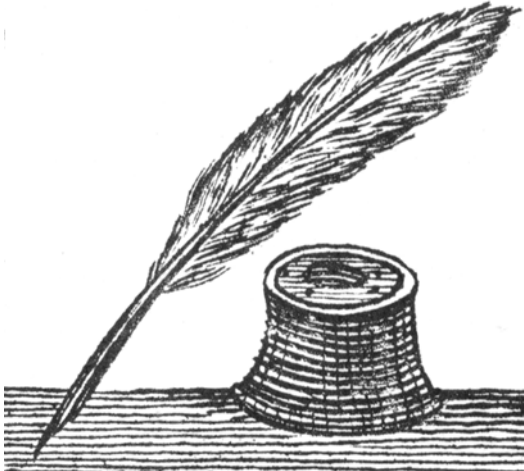
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# 2010 CHRISTY HARTMAN MYERS WRITING WORKSHOP

Gunston Hall – Home of George Mason

Sat., June 12, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



**Purpose:** The workshop provides an opportunity for students to write fiction, biography, poetry, and a news story and to become an illustrator of their own works.

**Eligibility:** All students in the fourth or fifth grade during the 2009 - 2010 school year.

**Workshop description:** Students first meet with George Mason in his home built in 1759. They learn about this Virginia patriot and his life and times through primary and secondary resources in preparation for writing in small group sessions. Time is set aside for a fabulous lunch and 18<sup>th</sup>-century activities.

**Location:** 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck, VA 22079 within easy access from I 95 or Route 1.

**Fee:** \$5 per student, paid upon arrival at the workshop, covers all sessions and materials plus lunch and snacks.

**Register by May 28:** Call (703)550-9220, weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Space is limited.

The workshop and an essay contest for students are made possible by the Christy Hartman Myers Fund. Learn about the Essay Contest and Gunston Hall's programs for children and their families by visiting [www.GunstonHall.org](http://www.GunstonHall.org).

## 2010 Christy Hartman Myers Writing Workshop Meet the Teachers

**Frank Barker** taught English and journalism for 31 years at Cooper Middle School in McLean. He was the faculty adviser for the school yearbook, newspaper, and literary magazine. In 2007, he became a docent at Gunston Hall and, in June 2009, became Gunston Hall's assistant education coordinator.

**Ed Heffernan** taught in public schools for 38 years, 30 of them in Fairfax County. In 2002 he was selected as the Fairfax County Teacher of the Year and the Washington Post Agnes Myer teacher of the year.

**Carla Heymsfeld** was a reading teacher in Fairfax County for twenty-one years and in Arlington County for ten. She is the author of 5 books for children, and 3 for teachers. In addition she wrote a curriculum for the National Park Service on *Slavery and the Underground Railroad*. Among the books she most enjoyed writing was *George Mason, Father of the Bill of Rights*, which she co-authored with Joan Lewis.

While illustrator and avid naturalist **Linda Johnston** was a Gunston Hall docent she wrote and illustrated *A Plantation Detective*, a children's guide to Mr. Mason's home. Linda formerly worked as Education Specialist for the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District currently serves on the Boards of Directors for the Friends of the Potomac River Refuges and the Merrimac Farm Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists. Her first book about life in the Kansas Territory will be completed this summer.

**Joan Lewis** was a media specialist in Arlington County and Fairfax County at both elementary and middle school levels. In addition, she was the FCPS Area II media specialist for two years, working with K-12 schools. She co-authored two books with Carla Heymsfeld: "Writer's Triangle" and "George Mason, Father of the Bill of Rights". She has been a docent at Gunston Hall Plantation for three years.