



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wishing all our families and staff a Thanksgiving full of love and blessings.

Dismissal today is at 1:30 for K-8 and 1:20 for preschool.

- No Extended Care
- No bus

Our next Cougar Spirit Day takes place on Friday, Dec. 1.

Every Sacred Family: A 52 Week Catholic Mass Discussion Guide- [November 26](#). This is an excellent tool to use to prepare for the weekend Mass. It would be wonderful if each family could find time each week to look at the handout.

11-28 Mass is led by Grade 4

12-08 Mass is led by Grade 1 (Feast of Immaculate Conception- Friday)

12-12 Mass is led by Grade 7

12-19 Mass is led by Grade 8

01-09 Mass is led by Grade 4

01-16 Mass is led by Grade 5

01-23 Mass is led by Grade 6

01-30 Mass is led by Grade 3

School Board

The Strategic Planning Committee

Survey Update

Thank you so much for your involvement and feedback in our initial survey to create a comprehensive strategic plan for the next five years for QR. The information all of you provide directly impacts areas of focus and callouts for bettering ourselves over time with the correct amount of attention.

A special thank you to grades Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 4th for achieving and exceeding the 85% mark!!!! We will set the ice cream date here soon!!!!!!

We achieved participation of 60% of the families in the school that represent 66% of the student body. This is a great start as it greatly exceeds prior surveys dramatically, but I believe we can do better. We would like to see over 80% family participation.

The top three categories out of the survey that you identified as areas for primary focus are below:

Infrastructure

Student Programs

Curriculum

Starting today you will see a survey independent for these three topic to better gain insight and detail. This will be every two weeks for the next six weeks through the end of the year.

Please give as much detail as possible. The more information we have, the better understanding we gain to make the improvements.

Please understand the other categories will not fall to the wayside either, we are simply starting here to begin this process.

Attached below is the Infrastructure survey that kicks off this phase of our data gathering. Please take 3-5 minutes to fill this survey out and earn your grade(s) an ice cream treat as well!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InfrastructureQR>

Thank you sincerely for your help in making a difference.

Athletic Program

- **Any student attending games needs to be accompanied by an adult and is expected to be in the gym watching the games and not in the lobby.**
- Basketball Spirit Wear orders are due by 11-26: <https://apparel.qrschool.org/qraparel/shop/home>
- All coaches and assistant coaches must complete all Virtus volunteer requirements (www.qrschool.org Parent Tab/ Volunteer). In addition, the online concussion training needs to be taken and the certificate turned in to school.
- Eligibility will be run weekly for players in grades 5-8. If a student is placed on supervision, he/she may practice and play. However, a student who is placed on suspension may not play or practice.
- Athletes must have a current physical on file. (He/she may not practice or play until the current physical is on file.)
- Many opportunities to volunteer through our Athletic Program: volunteersignup.org/BEP9R

Restaurant Benefit Nights

Our next restaurant benefit takes place at Lou Malnati's on Wednesday, December 6. See **flyer** for details

Parent Club

All flyers, forms, and links can be found on the Parent Club page on the school website:

Gift Card Orders: Now is the time to stock up on all of your holiday gift card needs for teachers, coworkers, teammates, or that special someone who has everything! You can even purchase gift cards to make your own purchases as you shop for the holidays. A percentage of the sales go to QR Parents Club at no extra cost to you! Complete the **attached form** and return this order form with your payment to "**Gift Card Order c/o Luca C.**" **by December 1st.** Pay for your gift card order with a personal check made out to *Queen of the Rosary School*

or cash. Late orders cannot be accepted. Gift cards will be sent home with your child by **December 18th**. To see other available gift cards go to <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>
ONLY PHYSICAL CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED, NO EGIFT OR RELOAD are available for purchase.

Pictures with Santa: Santa is making a special stop at QR on Sunday, December 10 after the 10:30 mass. He will be available for pictures and to listen to your Christmas wish lists. We will also have cookie decorating available, 1 cookie per child. Please RSVP by Friday, December 1 so we know how many cookies to purchase. Grand Raffle winner will also be announced! Sign up will close Friday, December 1. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FADA629A6FA7-46040749-pictures>

Scripted Designs By Cassie is back by popular demand and with a Christmas twist! Cassie will be at Pictures with Santa to help personalize all of your Christmas gifts and decor. See **attached order** form for more details. Please contact Cassie at scripteddesignsbycassie@gmail.com with any questions. Pre-orders are highly encouraged because quantities are limited, send them to Cassie c/o Kyle 2E. More Photos will be shared on <https://www.facebook.com/scripteddesigns>

Santa Secret Shoppe: Santa is looking for some elves to help the children at QR do some Christmas shopping for the special people in their lives. Santa Shoppe will be open December 14 and 15, the children will be attending with their class. Please be courteous when signing up to volunteer, if you will be unable to make the event please take your name off the list so someone else has the opportunity. You will need to be Virtus trained to volunteer at this event. Sign up will close Thursday, December 7. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FADA629A6FA7-46040884-santa>
Set up for Santa Shoppe will be on Wednesday, December 13 starting at 5pm. You must be Virtus compliant. Sign up will close Wednesday, December 6.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FADA629A6FA7-46052969-santa>

Parents Club Meeting: Join us for our last meeting of 2023! December 6 @ 7pm in Room K, enter through the front doors. Please RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAAAC22A5F9C70-december>

Mother Son Event: Join QR mothers and sons at the Windy City Bulls game on Saturday, December 9 at 5pm. Come see our school name in lights on the board and all the boys will have access to stand near the Windy City Bulls tunnel and high-five players and coaches as they run onto the court prior to the game. Tickets are \$20 per person.
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Queenrosary>

Art Appreciation: Art Appreciation volunteers are needed for multiple grades from K-8th. You can do art appreciation for any grade level, your child does not need to be in that grade level. This give you a great opportunity to do a fun interactive learning experience with the students and earn volunteer hours. You must be virtus trained. Refer to the attached flyer for more info and/or email Lauren Shaffer at lmshaffer3@gmail.com

Chicago Wolves Catholic School Night: Join QR and other Chicagoland area Catholic Schools for Catholic Schools Night Saturday January 27 @ 7pm. Wear your cougar pride, see our school name displayed on the LED screen and enjoy the evening with other school families and parishioners. We will all be seated together in the same section. Purchase game tickets through the link that follows. There is also an option to purchase a meal ticket as well, this is not mandatory, see the flyer on how to purchase the meal ticket. Every attendee will get a free Chicago Wolves hat. Lastly, it is superhero night, how fitting since we are a Super school! <https://fevogm.com/event/queenrosarywolves/offer>

To purchase your meal ticket please contact: Stefanie Evans, Phone: (847) 832-1936, Email: skevans@chicagowolves.com

Moms Night Out: Save the date for Friday, January 26. Will be an off-site event. More details for a fun night to come.

High School New

St. Francis High School – Upcoming Events

ENTRANCE EXAM for current 8th Graders: Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

- Scholarship eligibility and priority admission consideration given to those who test at SFHS.
- Register at <https://www.sfhscollegeprep.org/admissions/applyentrance-exam-registration>.

BASKETBALL, BAND, & CHOIR MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT: Friday, December 15, 2023

- **Choir** – rehearse and then perform with the SFHS Choir before the boys basketball game!
- **Pep Band** – rehearse and then perform with the SFHS Band before the boys basketball game and during halftime!
- **Basketball** – come 30 minutes before game time to enter a raffle and win prizes! Free admission for middle school students!
 - **Girls** - game begins at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Boys** - game begins at 7:30 p.m.
- Register at <https://www.sfhscollegeprep.org/admissions/visit-st-francis-high-school>.

Any questions? Please contact Director of Admissions Maureen Isphording at misphording@sfhscollegeprep.org or (630) 668-5800, ext. 1120.

Parish Happenings

OLBS Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m. St. Julian Campus

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Queen of the Rosary Campus

9:15 a.m. St. Julian Campus

10:30 a.m. Queen of the Rosary Campus

Looking Ahead

11/21 **No Bus To/From School**

1:30 Dismissal

No Extended Care

11/22 Thanksgiving Break

11/27 School Resumes

12/01 Cougar Spirit Day

12/03 1st Sunday of Advent

12/05 No School Mass

12/06 7:00 PM Parent Club Meeting

Lou Malnati's Restaurant Benefit

- 12/08 8:15 Mass
- 12/09 Mother Son Event
- 12/10 Pictures with Santa
Grand Raffle Drawing
- 12/12 Band Concert @ St. Zachary School (corrected date)**
- 12/13 Food Drive
9:00AM Preschool Christmas Program (School)
- 12/14 Santa Shoppe
- 12/15 Santa Shoppe
- 12/20 6:00 PM Christmas Program (Church)
- 12/21 Noon- Advent Prayer Service (Church)
1:30 Dismissal
No Afternoon Extended Care
- 01/08 School Resumes
No Bus
- 01/10 Food Pantry Collection
7:00 PM Parent Club Meeting
- 01/12 Cougar Spirit Day
Mid-Trimester

PDF of Newsletter

QR School Website: www.qrschool.org

Link to Volunteer Requirements/ Service Hours: https://qrschool.org/QR_Parents/volunteer_requirements

Link to handbook: https://qrschool.org/QR_Parents/school_handbook