



Queen of Peace Catholic School

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday, August 28th: Parish/ School Mass, 10:45 A.M.
- Monday, September 5th: NO SCHOOL!
- Thursday, September 8th: Heavenly Mary's birthday
- Friday, September 9th: Grandparents' Lunch

School Photos Needed! If you are a teacher/parent/ alumni of Queen of Peace school we would love to have a few copies of your old school photos for a new display board we will be putting up in the main hall. You can scan them and then send them digitally to Fr. John Vandenaeker's email address (ccjohnv@gmail.com), or else get them copied and dropped off at the school office. We are particularly in need of photos from the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, and 2000s.

From the Principal



Parents,

Students began the school year on August 16, 2011. They look eager and ready to begin another school year. For some of our students it is their first time at Queen of Peace. I know that both staff and students made our new additions feel at home and welcome. We encourage our parents to visit the campus.

As we begin this year, I would like to share some of the initiatives that we have agreed are top priority. First is the organization of our students in regards to their class and homework assignments. Students in grades 1st -8th will have a binder or folder to organize their work. The sections include a "Peek of the Week" that allows both parent and child to know what is expected regarding homework assignments, events and/or conduct updates.

We are looking for new ideas for our PTO! If you are interested in joining or nominating someone, please complete the PTO Nomination Form in the front office. The deadline for submissions is September 2, 2011.

We celebrated the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on Monday, August 22nd. Students were reminded that we are under our Heavenly Mother's patronage, under the title of Queen of Peace. To commemorate the day, everyone received a popsicle treat. What a wonderful way to begin our school year!

We will also begin developing a Student Council. We believe that our students should have a voice at Queen of Peace. We will always listen to what they have to say.

We're off to a great start!

~ Dr. Hernandez

From the Development Office

2nd Annual BBQ Cook-off

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Student performances will begin at 4:00 P.M.

2nd Annual Alumni Gala

Friday, February 10, 2012

Details coming soon!

Casino Night

Friday, April 27, 2012

Details coming soon!

Early Childhood

Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4:

Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 have been doing such a wonderful job on learning our procedures, routines, and rules. We need to have these skills mastered so that we can focus on beginning to learn our letters and numbers. We are looking forward to September when we learn our first letter, the letter A! ~Mrs. Holden and Ms. Cussan

Kindergarten:

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am so excited to have such a wonderful class and know we are going to have an awesome and productive year. We have been doing basic letter and number recognition this week but intend to begin incorporating phonics and handwriting as the month progresses. Beginning next week your child will be asked to bring

something beginning with the letter of the week for show and tell on Fridays. Please remember that boys are to wear pants and girls their jumpers on Fridays for mass. Thank you for your dedication to Queen of Peace Catholic School and I look forward to seeing you at the parish/school mass on Sunday. ~Mrs. Roman

Early Childhood

First Grade:

The First Graders are very excited about learning to read. We are learning about Baptism and how Jesus was Baptized in the River Jordan. In Science we will learn about plants and what plants need to grow. It will be a fun year. ~Sr. Sharon



Kindergarten Class 2011-2012

Elementary

Second Grade:

Welcome back to Queen of Peace! It is great to see so many new & familiar faces. Second grade has been busy learning the rules, routines, and procedures we will need to succeed in second grade. We are now ready to jump into to the fun stuff! Please

look over the Queen of Peace Parent/Student Handbook and sign and return the Acknowledgment Form and the Media Release Form. Please look over the information in the Second Grade Parent Packet. I am looking forward to a great school year! ~Ms. Pittman

Third Grade:

Welcome to another year at QoP! We're off to a great start. The students have already started learning cursive. Thank you to everyone who made it to Open House on Tuesday night!

Elementary



one for attending Open House on Tuesday! It was great getting to meet you. Please fill out and return the forms in your Parent Packet as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to a great year! ~Ms.

Esparza

Fourth Grade:

I am excited about the new school year and hope you all feel the same way. I thank the Lord for giving me the chance to help these children grow spiritually, mentally and emotionally. Thank you for coming to Open House. These children are a gift from God. Let us ask Jesus to guide us to mould them according His ways. Please remember students are expected to read 30 minutes every night! I expect your full support and cooperation this year!

~Mrs. Kurian

Fifth Grade:

The year is off to a great start! We have not only learned class procedures, but have spent time reviewing Math facts and concepts as well as forming sentences using alliteration. The idiom, "All Ears", has been discussed and practiced. Each week, a new idiom will be learned so that our oral vocabulary will grow! The 5th grade forecast calls for lots of learning this year. ~Ms. Foltyn



Middle School

Sixth Grade:

We're off to a great start and looking forward to a wonderful year at Queen of Peace!

Seventh Grade:

Mr. Brindise's science and math classes are hard at work! 8th Grade Science this week will be determining just exactly what you

get in various brands of paper towels. After discovering which appears to be the best buy, they will analyze other qualities of them to see which product truly presents the best value among four common brands. Stay tuned for the exciting results!

~ Mr. Brindise

Eighth Grade:

Our 8th graders will be visiting St. Pius on Thursday, September 29th!



Announcements

Uniform Sale:

We will have slightly used uniforms for sale in the gym from 3:00-6:00 P.M. every day. Please stop by if you are in need of uniform clothing.

Picture Day:

Individual pictures will be taken on Friday, September 30th. Group pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 11th.

Sacraments:

If your child (grades 3-8) has not received Baptism, First Communion or Reconciliation and wishes to do so, he/she needs to be registered in their parish's sacramental program. If you are a member of Queen of Peace parish, please call the Faith Formation Office at 713.926.4494 for more details.

Snack Sales:

Food Service will begin selling snacks next week for students enrolled in after-school care and/or activities. Items will be available in the gym from 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.



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Our History:

Queen of Peace Catholic School continues over 60 years of educational ministry in the Roman Catholic tradition. Founded in 1947, by the Dominican Sisters of Houston, we strive to foster the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each student.

Our Programs:

- ~ Religion, Technology and Library
- ~ Dance, Karate, Chess, Robotics and Athletics
- ~ Before and After School Care

For more information about programs, please contact: 713.921.1558



Companions of the Cross

From the desk of Fr. John

Dear Parents & Friends of Queen of Peace School,

Queen of Peace Catholic School was established in 1947 by the Dominican Sisters. With the beginning of this school year, we continue to grow and are looking ahead at our bright future in the community. We are blessed that the Parish has been able to build a community center that will support both the School and the Parish. More importantly, we continue to have the support of Cardinal DiNardo and the Catholic Schools' Office of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

As one of 13 'Inner City' schools we are eligible for special funding support from the Archdiocese. While we must do our part to boost enrollment and funds, it is reassuring to know that the Archdiocese continues to support our efforts. Support for Inner City schools is a high priority, and they are always willing to lend a helping hand and see us through any 'rough patches' we may encounter.

The economic downturn has affected the ability of some families to afford tuition. Regrettably some were forced to withdraw their children from Queen of Peace. We pray for them and hope they resume their education with us when their financial situations improve. We have also had to tighten our belt and consolidate one teaching position. We remain fully committed to keeping one teacher per grade level (no split grades). Our enrollment is currently at 164. The silver lining in all this is the fact that our students will experience a much better teacher-student ratio than could be found in HISD or elsewhere.

I ask everyone to join us in 'building up' our bright future as we begin another exciting year. We remain, first and foremost, a Catholic Christian community of faith.

My door, and that of Dr. Lupe Hernandez, will always be open to any parent who wishes to discuss concerns with us. We have parish-school institutions such as the PTO and the Board of Education which can also serve as a forum to exchange ideas and express concerns. We request your assistance in helping to honor of Queen of Peace. A new chapter in our history has begun. We are in God's hands with Dr. Hernandez at the helm.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a Roman Catholic community of priests, committed to living and ministering together as brothers in the Lord. We are called to the ongoing renewal of the Church through a dynamic evangelization in the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we are called to serve, with special attention to parish communities, the poor, youth, and those alienated from the Church.