



Queen of Peace Catholic School

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Tuesday, February 21st: Progress Reports**
- **Tuesday, February 21st: P.S.A.S. Workshop, 6:00 P.M.**
- **Wednesday, February 22nd: Mass, 8:30 A.M. (Ash Wednesday)**
- **Friday, February 24th: Go Texan Day!**
- **Sunday, February 26th: Parish/School Mass, 10:45 A.M.**
- **Tuesday, February 28th: Talent Show Tryouts, 3:30 P.M.**
- **Week of March 5th-9th: IOWA/CoGAT Testing**
- **Week of March 12th-16th: SPRING BREAK!**

From the Principal

Parents,

Queen of Peace continues to have success stories. We were blessed with the presence of Cardinal DiNardo at the Priest/Principal Brunch on January 27th. Priests and Principals were able to visit the school, and told us they were impressed with the Catholic atmosphere on our campus.

Catholic Schools' Week was a great success! We held our Spring Open House on January 30th, with many new families who have taken advantage of Early Registration. Our Book Fair made a profit of over \$700.00. The school also held a rosary on January 31st and wrote letters to the Bishop and the Cardinal. Career Day was a lot of fun! Houston Firefighters talked about fire safety and gave our older students the opportunity to try on their gear. Students donated baby items to Project Gabriel as a form of service.

Multicultural Day was also a great success. Students were able to study different countries and enjoyed music and food from various cultures.

Our school Spelling Bee winners attended the Archdiocese competition. *Jerry Amaro* and *Janvee Patel* represented our school at these events.

Several of our students received "Honorable Mention" in the University of St. Thomas Essay contest. They are *John Roman*, *Dev Patel* and *Joshua Sanchez*. Those students and their teachers attended a prayer service where they were recognized by Superintendent Sr. Kevina and Cardinal DiNardo.

Several students attended the Science Fair for the Archdiocese: *Angelica Ordaz*, *Joshua Ramirez*, *Pakawan Phokapant* and *Mathew*

Soto (6th grade), *Darren Lowry*, *Jerry Amaro*, *Crystal Cano*, *Kiersten Rosales* (7th grade), *Rene Bustos*, *Anastasia Tristan*, *Douglas Davila*, and *Sarah Cordoba* (8th grade). At the Archdiocese level, *Mathew Soto* received Honorable Mention.

Our Valentine Dance/Dinner was also well attended. Thank you to the P.T.O. for their continued support with the cooking, serving and cleaning of the gym. Thank you also to Christopher Cuellar for donating his time and talent by providing DJ music for the dance. Thank you to all parents who donated items for the dance.

Parents, please practice friendly driving while picking up your child. *For the safety of our students, please do not drive more than 5 mph in the parking lot.*

~ Dr. Hernandez

The Lenten Season

Queen of Peace students will attend Mass on Wednesday, February 22nd to observe Ash Wednesday. Priests will mark our foreheads with ash to publicly demonstrate repentance. In biblical times, ashes represented mourning and sadness for sins. Ash Wednesday kicks off the season of Lent, marking the start of a 46-day-long season of prayer,

fasting, reflection, almsgiving, confession and the willful sacrifice of personal vices. Lent culminates with the holiest holiday, Easter Sunday, on April 8th. Traditionally, Lent is 40 days, but the six Sundays in the 46-day period are not counted, representing Jesus' victory over sin and death. The observance of Lent represents



the 40 days Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert before he began his ministry—as well as the 40 hours he is thought to have spent in the tomb after his Crucifixion.

Let us take time this Season to ready our hearts for Christ.
~Dr. Hernandez

Early Childhood



Pre-K 4:

The new year brought new experiences for Pre-K 4. A few literacy activities that we enjoyed were reading books about Winter, learning a Groundhog's Day poem and making groundhog puppets. We discovered that there will be 6 more weeks of Winter thanks to Phil seeing his shadow. We also began working with simple sight words that are read most often in books, newspapers, magazines, etc. For math and science we celebrated the 100th

day of school by making crowns and counting 100 snack items, focusing on numbers 11 to 15, and experimenting by using our 5 senses. We celebrated Catholic Schools Week by thanking our families for our Catholic education, doing school service projects and celebrating Multicultural Day. It was an exciting event for our class. We traveled from country to country learning interesting information along the way. With a cheery "Buongiorno" we welcomed

visitors and served up some tasty pizza rolls. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Solis for helping us bake and serve the pizza rolls.

~ Ms. Cussan

Kindergarten:

Thank you for making Multicultural Day such a great success! The Kindergarteners did a great job portraying Spain and they received numerous compliments. We have been busy reading short sentences

Early Childhood

and continue to add to our list of sight words. In Math, we are still learning to tell time and will move on to learning basic currency value. In Religion, we will begin learning about the Lenten season by celebrating Fat Tuesday!

~Ms. Roman

First Grade:

Multicultural Day was a lot of fun for our class. We had good food and learned about other countries. We are busy counting money and getting ready for the achievement test in March. The students have really improved in reading. Each child brings a reader home to practice. This has been a big help with expression. We are looking forward to Lent and all

the ways we can get ready for Easter.

~Sr. Sharon



Elementary

Second Grade:

January was an outstanding month! In math students mastered two-digit subtraction and addition. They are eager to start our money and time unit. Please continue to review basic addition and subtraction facts at home. In reading, we have been working on narrative elements of a story. These focus points are the title,

author's purpose, and setting. They should be able to answer the 5 W's "who, what, where, when, and why" about the story. They are continually working on their word study words and vocabulary from their stories. We have also been reading and learning about fiction and non-fiction stories. In social studies, we are currently working on our unit on Famous

Americans. We will soon begin studying our unit on Geography. In science, we learned all about matter and we are currently learning about different forms of energy. Lastly I would like to congratulate Jacob Esquivel, the January Star Student of the Month!

~Ms. Pittman

Elementary

Third Grade:

Third graders have been busy mastering their multiplication and division facts! They even started multiplying 3 one-digit numbers. In Religion, we have followed Sr. Sharon's example and started meditation before praying the Our Father. Students spend time in silent prayer with Jesus. They are also very excited about their daily Prayer Journals. They take time each day to pray for someone or something in their life or to simply thank God for the blessings they received that day.
~Ms. Esparza

Fourth Grade:

Multicultural Day was a great success. The students enjoyed performing the Indian dance in their Indian outfits. Our IOWA testing begins next month. Please make sure students arrive on time this week! Everyone did a great job on the Science Fair. Winners were: Dhruv Patel (1st place), Dennis Lowry (2nd place), Dylan Gomez (3rd place), and Laura Reyes (Honorable Mention). Representing 4th grade at the Regional Spelling Bee will be Janvee Patel. Our new student, John Ledford, joined us two weeks ago, and is now a part of our fourth grade family. ~Mrs. Kurian

Fifth Grade:

Fifth graders have been especially creative lately! They made an awesome "quilt" for Multicultural Day, rodeo boots, and illustrations comprised of hearts. Their creativity did not end with the visual arts. Students have entered an essay contest and were allowed to choose the form in which to present their ideas – poetry, interview, essay, etc. It's always a great challenge to think in different ways!

~Ms. Foltyn



Middle School

Math/Science:

Students have been working on the following project:

Which juice contains the most Vitamin C? Although common knowledge claims it is orange juice, the shelf brands which the 8th Graders tested showed this to not be the case. The rankings were as follows:

1) Pineapple, 2) Grapefruit,

3) Tomato, 4) Orange, 5) Mango, 6) Grape, 7) Cranberry and 8) Apple!

The really good news? No need to start drinking bottled lemon juice any time soon. It ranked lowest in Vitamin C content. However, with fresh juice extracted from each fruit, results could have been different.

~Mr. Brindise



Middle School

Religion:

6th Grade is full of wisdom this month. We have covered proverbs, kings, and even written some of their own proverbs as well. We are truly learning what it means to be wise and not just "smart."

7th Grade Religion is also seeking the wisdom of Jesus in his parables. They have read why Jesus taught the way He did and how each parable holds a special meaning and lesson for them in their lives. They have also created their own parables. Tour our hallway to see them!

8th Grade Religion is learning about the wisdom of Jesus as well. They have been analyzing their relationships with Jesus, and learning to discern the meaning of His holy scriptures and how it applies to their lives. They have written several essays expressing their newfound knowledge, and continue use their bibles to find scriptures related to these topics.





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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

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A Lenten Message for QoP Students:

“Cleaning up our hearts to make room for God is like cleaning your room so someone can stay over.”

~Fr. John Paul

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.