



Queen of Peace Catholic School

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Week of Monday, October 24th: Red Ribbon Week!**
- **Friday, October 28th: Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (by appointment only!)**
- **Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day. Dress as your favorite saint! 8:30 A.M. Mass**
- **Friday, November 11th: Group Picture day (and individual retakes). Wear Mass uniform!**
- **Week of November 21st: NO SCHOOL! (Thanksgiving Break)**

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

We are collecting *Box Tops for Education!* Please collect and turn in to the box in the front office hallway.

We are also collecting soda cans (cleaned & crushed), soda tabs, CapriSun pouches (cleaned), and potato chip bags (cleaned). **These items should be turned in on Fridays directly to the office!**

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

The BBQ fundraiser and performances were a huge success. We would like to thank our generous parents who gave their time, talent, and funds to make this event a success. As of last Friday, October 21st, we had a profit of approximately \$9,000.00. May God continue to bless the QoP community!

Special thanks to Rick and Alfonso Sosa for cooking the BBQ and sausage. Thank you to the staff who taught students their performances, and worked many hours during the BBQ fundraiser. I'd also like to thank PTO for sponsoring the soft drink and dessert tables.

The following parents contributed raffle items for the fundraiser:

Sophie Martinez: 2 Texan tickets (plus Texan goodies);

Debra Washington: 1-night stay at the Hyatt Regency; *Marisela Chavero & Gerald Sanchez*: 2 Texan tickets; *Liliana & Enrique Castrejon*: gift cards to Olive Garden and Outback Steakhouse; *J & N Food Service*: an iPod; *Kindergarten parents*: a Kindle.

Thank you to all parents who donated briskets, bread, beans, potato salad, pickles, onions, sausage, paper goods, and all other items that made this event possible for our school.

The Fall Dance was well attended! Students, staff, and parents had a lot of fun. Fr. David joined us as we attempted the Cuban Shuffle dance. Student Council, the Spirit Club, and Mrs. Cruz organized a great event!

Our Student Council members attended a Leadership conference at St. Agnes on Saturday, October 15th.

They are learning how to continue being great leaders.

Red Ribbon Week kicks off with activities promoting a drug free life:

Monday, October 24th—Kick Drugs Out of Your Life! Wear red socks & sign pledge to be drug-free

Tuesday, October 25th—Stop Drugs! Wear red shirt/top with jeans

Wednesday, October 26th—No Drugs in My Brain! Wear red cap/hat

Thursday, October 27th—Team Up Against Drugs! Wear shirt or jersey of favorite team with jeans

Friday, October 28th—Parent/Student/Teacher conferences (by appointment only!)

~ Dr. Hernandez



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We are still in 1st place for Steps for Students!

Remember to send those emails asking for donations!

All proceeds come right back to our school!



Make note of the following prizes:

\$200+: Free Dress Pass (one week) and Pajama Day

\$300+: Movie Theater Trip

\$500+: Putt-Putt Fun House Trip

\$700+: Kemah Trip in a limo



\$1,000+: Choice of XBOX 360, iPad, or PS3



Pre-K 3 rehearsing for BBQ Fundraiser.



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Early Childhood

Pre-K 3:

Pre-K 3 has been learning all about the number 3, squares and triangles, orange and green, and words that start with A, B, C, and D! We've learned all about fall and are excited to see pumpkins, leaves changing colors, and the leaves falling from the trees. We are also learning to appreciate our five senses that The Lord has blessed us with. We explored a variety of beautiful music and played instruments for our ears to hear. We also used a magnifying lens to explore things with our eyes. We are so happy that our BBQ Fundraiser and Talent Show was a big success, it was really

fun to dance and to watch the other performances.
~Mrs. Holden

Pre-K 4:

We've been practicing being cowboys and cowgirls for our rootin' tootin' western performance. We have also used clues to discover the identities of our latest Mystery Readers. We continue to work on alphabet letters and sounds, name writing, and gathering information from many stories read aloud. We learned about the importance of fire safety and we illustrated safety tips to share with others. We also practiced how to Stop, Drop and Roll if our clothing ever catches on fire. In math we have been

working on number recognition and counting different objects. We also began making AB and AABB patterns with classroom objects. We put on our lab coats and goggles to become super scientists as we did a wacky, wet experiment. We made predictions about whether or not interesting items such as straws, pennies, marbles, shells, rubber ducks, feathers, marbles, etc. would sink or float in water. We recorded our outcomes in a table. In religion we continued to say our traditional prayers but we have also discussed different reasons for praying. We can ask God for help, thank God, and praise God. We discussed our special names and the reasons why our families chose them for us. Each Thursday we've visited the church in preparation for All Saints day when we begin to attend Mass with the school.
~Ms. Cussen

Early Childhood

Kindergarten:

Thank you to our wonderful kindergartners and parents for helping to make the QoP BBQ fundraiser so successful. They raised enough money to purchase a Kindle for our raffle item! We are excited about getting a chance to portray the saints we have been learning about at the All Saints Day school mass. In language arts we are exploring the short A sound and beginning to read short stories

that contain words with these sounds and our sight words. In math we are studying and replicating patterns.
~Mrs. Roman

First Grade:

We are learning to subtract. It is new and will take a lot of practice. In Social Studies we are learning that laws keep us safe and how we can become better

citizens. Reading and spelling skills are improving every day. We are looking forward to Advent and all the new changes in the church. Maybe your child will help you learn more about the new liturgy.
~Sr. Sharon



2nd Grade Star Student of the Month: Dev Patel

Elementary

Second Grade:

October was an awesome month in second grade! Thank you for your help and support with the BBQ Fundraiser. Here is a look at what is coming up in November

Religion:

Students will about the sacraments and how we celebrate God's life in church

Reading:

Students will learn about nonfiction and fiction texts.

Math:

Students will learn how to read and create different types of graphs.

Science:

Dinosaurs

Social Studies:

Goods and Services

~Ms. Pittman

Third Grade:

We had a great time performing "Cotton-Eyed Joe" at the BBQ

Fundraiser! Thank you for your donations and time. We're completing our Science unit on plants and will begin studying states of matter in November. Our unit on Subtraction will finish up before the Thanksgiving holidays. We will begin multiplication in December! We've finished our second read-aloud (Bunnicula) and will be completing a character project for this Fantasy book.
~Ms. Esparza

Elementary



Fourth Grade:

Thank you for contributing the BBQ Fundraiser items on time. In Science students were very excited to make slime. They are working hard to complete their Saints' book report. Dr. Hernandez visits our classroom regularly. I look forward to seeing you all on

Report Card day. Let our Jesus be glorified in all our actions.
~Mrs. Kurian

Fifth Grade:

Fifth graders have been encountering some word challenges. With more than 800,000 common English words, we have many choices to make when deciding which word would be the most accurate and descriptive. Our search for synonyms often leads us to a thesaurus. We joined the junior high on a field trip and learned a little more about the writing process.

~Ms. Foltyn



Sports



The QoP Volleyball Lady Lions had a great season this year! We look forward to the Spring Volleyball

Tournament. Hope to see everyone there!



Basketball season is here!

Coach Sanchez will be taking applications for the 2011-2012 boys and girls Basketball team!

Please him for details or email him at sports@qopcs.org.

Student Council & Spirit Club

Our Student Council and Spirit Club are joining together to organize a Thanksgiving Potluck!

Please make plans to join the Parish and School staff as we gather together in prayer and a potluck dinner.

We ask for side dish or dessert contributions for our potluck!

Date: Thursday, November 17th

Time: 6:00 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

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Companions of the Cross



We are blessed to have priests who are very involved with our school! Fr. David came to our Fall Dance!



From the desk of Fr. John

What wonderful classroom performances the school put on! It was awesome. I would like to convey my thanks to all the teachers, staff, and parents who worked/donated to make the BBQ Fundraiser happen. It was simply great (and a lot of fun too).

Now that everyone has had a chance to see our new Community Center Hall, please note that it is available for rent on Fridays and Saturdays. The stained glass makes a beautiful backdrop to any occasion! The hall can hold 220 people seated at tables. The perfect spot for a Wedding or Quinceañera reception! All Queen of Peace school parents and staff qualify for the "parishioner discount."

To view the terms and conditions and rental fees, visit the Queen of Peace parish web site (<http://www.qophouston.com/>) and click on the "Parish Information" tab. The hall is available to rent by non-parishioners as well.