



MISSION

Queen of All Saints School is a culturally diverse Catholic community dedicated to developing the whole child with compassion and integrity. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and soul, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

SAINTS' Scoop Newsletter

August 14, 2019

Dear Queen of All Saints School Families,

As we prepare for the first day of school, I hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing faith-filled learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and the children.

We will be welcoming our new families to the school community at a special orientation on **Sunday, August 18**, after which they will join our returning families and the faculty and staff at our annual PACE-sponsored Ice Cream Social from 5:00-6:00p.m. Our youngest students in Preschool, TK and Kindergarten will join their teachers for 'Milk & Cookies' in their classrooms from 4:00-5:00 p.m. This is also a great opportunity for you to drop off school supplies in the classrooms, meet the newest members of the faculty and staff, and give a SAINTS welcome to our new families.

A few reminders for the first days of school for students in **TK-8th Grade**:

- Students are to wear their uniform on the first day of school, and are required to follow all uniform policies for hair styles/color, and shoes.
- School begins at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, with dismissal at 10:30. There is no morning or afternoon Extended Care.
- Wednesday, August 21st is a minimum day with dismissal at 12:00 noon. Extended Care is open before and after school.
- Thursday, August 22nd and Friday, August 23rd are full days of school for 1st-8th grade from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Students in TK and Kindergarten have 12:00 dismissal.

Preschool begins on Tuesday, August 20th and is open regular hours from 7:40 a.m.-5:00p.m.

There have been a few important additions to the 2019-2020 Family Handbook, as well as minor updates to existing policies. Please see below for the additions that include updated policies from the Diocese of Oakland. For all other policies, please refer to the main handbook which may be found on the school website at ([QAS website](#)). As a reminder, when enrolling in Queen of All Saints School via Info Snap, all families agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the handbook. Thank you for your continued partnership.

I eagerly look forward to seeing all of you, and can't wait for the year to begin. It remains an honor and privilege to serve Queen of All Saints as your principal. 2019-2020, Here We Come!

With blessings and gratitude,
Lucia Prince
Principal

IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO FAMILY HANDBOOK

The following are important additions that are included in the 2019-2020 Family Handbook Additions. For all other policies, please refer to the main handbook which may be found on the school website at (www.gasconcord.com). As a reminder, when enrolling in Queen of All Saints School via Info Snap, all families agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the handbook. Thank you for your continued partnership.

NEW FOR 2019-2020 as Recommended by PACE and Advisory School Board

Q: If I sign up to help at a school event and can no longer keep my commitment, is there a penalty?

A: As with all events planned for our school, executing the event is dependent on the volunteers that make it happen. If you have signed up to help and can no longer fulfill your commitment, you have the option of finding a replacement, or being assessed a \$75 charge for each missed session.

Updated Policies per the Diocese of Oakland

School Searches

Students' legitimate expectation of privacy in their person and in their personal effects they bring to school must be balanced against the school's obligation to maintain discipline and provide a safe environment for the school community. School officials may conduct a search of a student's person and personal effects only upon a reasonable suspicion that the search will disclose evidence that the student is violating or has violated the law or a school rule.

If school officials have a reasonable suspicion that the student has violated or is violating the law or a school rule, school officials do not need a warrant or permission from parents/guardians to conduct the search.

A "reasonable suspicion" may be established in many ways, including but not limited to personal observations, information provided by third parties or other students, or tips provided by law enforcement. An alert from a trained and certified detection dog is sufficient to establish a reasonable suspicion and serve as the basis for a warrantless search of the student's person, locker, car, or personal property and effects.

Whenever a school official conducts a search of a student's person or personal effects, an adult witness should be present. The school should notify the students' parents/guardians of any search of a student's person or personal effects.

Expectation of Privacy

A student does not own a locker/cubby or other school property. The school makes lockers/cubbies available to the student. The student does have some expectation of privacy in his or her locker from others. However, a student does not have a high expectation of privacy in his or her locker/cubby from the school and may not prevent school officials from searching the locker/cubby if the school official has a reasonable suspicion that the student has violated or is violating a law or school rule.

A student has a greater expectation of privacy regarding his or her person and personal effects. A school official who conducts a search of a student's backpack, purse, clothing, cell phone, or other personal effects must have a reasonable suspicion that the student has violated or is violating a law or school rule. Generally, students should be asked to empty their pockets, purses, backpacks or other bags for inspection of the contents by school officials. Strip searches or searches that include a student's underwear may only be conducted by law enforcement and may not be conducted by a school official.

Every student is subject to the Diocese of Oakland Technology Use Policy for Students and Parents. (Technology Use Policy) This policy concerns cell phones and other electronic devices, whether the devices belong to the student or the school.

Student Cooperation

If a student refuses to cooperate in a reasonable search of school or student property (including electronic devices), the school may call the student's parents/guardians and/or the police for assistance or referral. (6251 - Home School Partnership Policy)

Confiscating a Student's Personal Property

If any of the student's items are confiscated, the person in charge should document the confiscation and when possible, take a photograph of the place where the confiscated object was found and of the object itself. It is also recommended that the school obtain a written statement, signed by the student, acknowledging that the item was in his or her possession at the time it was found.

Maintaining a Positive Home-School-Partnership

All schools in the Diocese of Oakland are intended to be environments that educate, nurture and support students according to basic Catholic principles. Everyone involved in the development of children and youth – teachers, administrators, parents, family and friends – is required to behave in accordance with these principles. These Catholic principles include but are not limited to the following:

1. Parents, guardians, family members, childcare providers and friends (including but not limited to grandparents, stepparents, siblings) are expected to work courteously and cooperatively with the school in all areas of the school and student life. This principle is intended to broadly apply to all on and off campus behavior that affects the school in any way.
2. Students, parents, guardians and family members may respectfully express their concerns about the school operation and its personnel. However, they may not do so in a manner that is discourteous, scandalous, rumor driven, disruptive, threatening, hostile or divisive and must use appropriate channels of communication to raise these concerns. Appropriate channels of communication include contacting the teacher or the principal directly by phone or email. Inappropriate channels of communication include posting information on Facebook or similar social media, using the school's contact list to email or text others. Such channels of communication are considered divisive and not designed to lead to a resolution of the issue in the most respectful and Christ-centered manner.
3. A parent with concerns regarding the behavior of another student must direct the concern to the classroom teacher or principal, not to the child or the child's parents.

Parents, guardians or other responsible adults who violate these Catholic principals may be asked to withdraw their student from the school. Conduct that materially disrupts class work or extracurricular activities or that involves substantial disorder will not be tolerated. These expectations for students, parents, guardians or other responsible adults include, but are not limited to, all school-sponsored programs and events (e.g., extended care, athletics, field trips, etc.). The School reserves the right to determine, in its discretion, when conduct is of such a nature as to warrant any action including asking that the parent withdraw his/her student(s) from the School.

It shall be an express condition of enrollment that the students and parents or guardians shall conform themselves to standards of conduct that are consistent with the Catholic principles of the school, as determined by the School in its sole discretion.

STUDENT ID CARD

SB 972 (a) Commencing July 1, 2019, a public school, including a charter school, or a private school, that serves pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and that issues pupil identification cards shall have printed on either side of the pupil identification cards the telephone number described in paragraph (1) and may have printed on either side of the pupil identification cards the telephone numbers described in paragraphs (2) and (3):

- (1) The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255.

- (2) The Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting HOME to 741741.
- (3) A local suicide prevention hotline telephone number.

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. O'CONNOR

- If you have not returned your signed tuition agreement, please do so immediately.
- If you are planning on sending your student to Morning Care or Afternoon Extended Care, you must complete the registration forms (refer to school [website](#)) prior to your student's attendance. Your FACTS account will be billed the registration fee.
- If you are a family who has opted out of fundraising, your FACTS account will be charged. Please contact the office if you have questions regarding this billing.
- As always, please be sure to read all correspondence from FACTS Management. You will be notified any time your account has been billed and reminded of payments that will be withdrawn. It is important to check for accuracy.
- As stated in the handbook we require all families to enroll in automatic payments for incidental accounts. Please note, if you do not enroll in Auto-Pay, your account will be automatically enrolled.
- All students are charged a classroom fee. This year we will be charging your FACTS accounts on August 15, 2019 and the funds will be drawn on Sunday, August 25.

PACE NEWS

Annual PACE sponsored Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 18 at 5:00 p.m.
We hope you will be here to see old friends and welcome new ones!

ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARD (ASB) NEWS

Annual Auction 2019

Ahoy! Get ready to set sail on Saturday, **September 28th!** Complimentary sip & stand tickets for a night of friends, food and plenty of fun are available. Remember the family that sells the most seated tickets will win Apple AirPods or Samsung Ear Buds!

Reserve your tickets here: [Set Sail with the Saints](#) 

On the last day of school your child was sent home with ALL the auction information, including raffle tickets. For more information please visit [Auction 2019 FAQs](#)

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets! The first Early Bird Drawing of \$50 takes place at Back to School Night!

Thank you to those who have already turned in donations over the summer! If you would still like to donate, please click here- [Sign-Up Genius Auction Donations](#)

If are looking to help volunteer for auction please come to the All-Volunteer Auction Meeting on **Thursday, August 29th at 6pm** in 8th grade classroom.

Saints Spirit Store Online

NEW ITEMS / OPTIONS coming soon! Check out current items and order your favorite before they're gone. With every purchase, five percent goes back to our school!

Playground Expansion Project (PEP)

How amazing does the new playground look?! Thank you to Mr. Bill and his incredible group of volunteers that helped over the summer to make it a fun and safe place for our students to play on for years to come.

Bake Sale

The first Family Mass Bake Sale with Kindergarten and 8th grade families is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th. The bake sale sign up will be coming soon!

Memorial Brick Campaign

We are always accepting orders throughout the year and will post when the next phase will be due by. You may order directly online or turn in a paper order form into the office.

Social Sharing

Follow, LIKE & SHARE QAS on social media!

Visit our Facebook page [Queen of All Saints, Concord, CA](#)

Instagram [queenofallsaints_concord](#)

Twitter [@QASConcord](#)

Happy Birthday To You

Want to have a special "Happy Birthday" shout out to your QAS student? You can have a special message displayed on our school sign (Bacon Street side) for only \$25. Come by the office for details.

QAS Alumni

QAS Alumni have begun planning an event for Spring 2020! Anyone interested should visit our Facebook group [Queen of All Saints School Alumni](#) to get all the up-to-date information.

Get involved! Contact Erleen Richards at erleen.richards@gmail.com for more information.

LESSONS FROM THE SUNDAY GOSPELS

Run The Race (Sermons4kids)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1-2

Dear Jesus, sometimes life is difficult. Help us to keep our eyes on you and to run the race that is before us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Have you ever run a race? Have you ever won a medal or a trophy for running a race? It is a thrill to run a race and hear the voices of the people who are watching as they shout words of encouragement. It is an even greater thrill when you finish the race and win a medal or a trophy.

Several years ago when the Olympics were held in Barcelona, Spain, the world saw one of the greatest moments in Olympic history. Derek Redmond, a young man from Britain, had dreamed all his life of winning a gold medal in the 400 meter race. He had worked hard to get to the Olympics and his dream was within his reach. He was in the semi-finals and was running the race of his life. He could see the finish line just ahead as he rounded the final turn. Suddenly, he felt a sharp pain in the back of his leg and he fell to the track with a torn muscle in his right leg.

As the medical attendants ran toward him, Derek struggled to his feet. He started to hop toward the finish line on one foot in an attempt to finish the race. Suddenly, a large man came out of the stands, pushed aside a security guard and ran to Derek's side. It was Jim Redmond, Derek's father. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek. "Well, then," said his father, "we're going to finish this together."

And they did. They stayed in Derek's lane all the way to the end. At first, the crowd watched in silence. Then they rose to their feet and cheered -- and wept.

Derek Redmond didn't win the gold medal, but he walked away with the incredible memory of a loving father who, when he saw his son in pain, left his seat in the stands to help him finish the race.

That is what our Bible lesson is about today. It teaches us that life is like a race that has been set before us. We may struggle and face many obstacles, but we have a great crowd of witnesses who are cheering us on. We have a Heavenly Father who loves us and will help us when the pain is too great. We have a Savior, who left his place in heaven and came to earth to show us how to run the race. If we keep our eyes on him, how can we help but finish the race?

WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS

School calendar is available on the school website

Sunday, August 18	New Family Orientation, 4:00 p.m. Milk & Cookies Event (Preschool, TK, & Kindergarten), 4:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social (ALL school families welcome) 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 20	First Day of School, 8:00-10:30 a.m. Preschool open (7:40 a.m. – 5 p.m.) NO EXTENDED CARE
Wednesday, August 21	Noon dismissal TK & K dismissal, 12:00p.m Preschool open (7:40 a.m. – 5p.m.)
Thursday, August 22	Regular Day – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. TK & K dismissal, 12:00p.m Preschool open (7:40 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
Friday, August 23	Regular Day – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. TK & K dismissal, 12:00p.m Preschool open (7:40 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
Monday, August 26	8:30 AM Mass STAR Testing
Wednesday, August 28	2:30 PM dismissal
Thursday, August 29	6:00 PM Auction Volunteer Meeting
Monday, September 2	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
Wednesday, September 4	Noon dismissal TK & K dismissal, 12:00p.m Preschool open (7:40 a.m. – 5 p.m.) Back to School Night
Wednesday, September 11	2:30 PM dismissal Picture Day 6:00PM PACE Board Meeting
Friday, September 13	Eighth grade dance at CTK

Stay tuned...

We are working on a *brand* new format for this year's 'Back to School Night' scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th.

Look for these important details in our next SAINTS' Scoop!