

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY
October 13, 2023



Greetings QCA Families:

One of the best parts of my day is standing at the front of the school at the beginning of each day. It's so entertaining to watch the cast of characters as they begin their school day. The little guys tend to run up the stairs with huge smiles, offering hugs and enthusiastic greetings: "Good morning, Mrs. Kelly!!" I'm not sure why they have trouble saying "Mr.", but I'll take it!! By the time they get to the 4th grade, you usually get a polite, but somewhat subdued, "Morning. Have a nice day." By the time the Middle School students arrive, the tone changes as they lumber up the stairs, eyes half closed, grumbling, "Hmmm-mornin'", as they drag their over-loaded backpacks up the unnerving three flights of stairs.

It's a daily, fascinating lesson in child psychology, for sure. But I have to tell you, in all seriousness – your children are polite and respectful. Whatever their level of enthusiasm, they look you in the eye and they greet you with sincere courtesy. I'm very impressed and I'm very blessed to start my day with their welcoming and good hearts. And today there was a sea of PINK as they entered the building – The fun never ends! ☺

Switching gears... The calendar seems to be on the fast track... Our annual school **Halloween Party** is right around the corner – one week from today – Friday, October 20th! This is a huge event at QCA and we are looking to welcome over 400 people to join the fun. But we **NEED YOU** to help. I can't stress enough how much we need **MANY** adults to step up, as these kinds of events require "all hands on deck". So, please sign up on SignUpGenius for opportunities to volunteer or donate items! The links are attached. **THANK YOU!!**

Progress Report will be sent home today with the children. We are half-way through Term 1, so now is a good time to review your child's academic progress – to celebrate their success and to address any areas of weakness, which might require additional support or attention. Any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the classroom teachers or me.

Lastly, Picture Day is this Wednesday, October 18. Please see below for more details.

God bless,

Mr. Kelly

As we look towards the upcoming week(s), I want to remind you of a few very important events on the calendar:

- Monday, October 16 **High School Fair** for 8th graders at Saint Agatha's School in Milton at 6:00pm

- Wednesday, October 18 **Picture Day**
 - All students will have their picture taken.
 - Students are allowed to dress OUT of uniform, if you/they choose.
 - Parents should complete the Picture Day packets form and send it in with your child on Picture Day
 - There is a retake Picture Day scheduled for November 29th



- Thursday, October 19 **Middle School Field Trip** – Blue Hills Reservation
(weather permitting)

- Friday, October 20 FSA's sponsored **HALLOWEEN PARTY** -6:00-8:30 pm
 - ALL ARE WELCOME – Students, Parents and Siblings
 - See attachment for details and ticket information

- Thursday, October 26 **Grade 4 Field Trip** – Boston Symphony Hall Concert

- Tuesday, October 31 - **Halloween Celebration** -
 - Grades Pre K- 2 ~ Students are welcome to wear costumes today :)
 - Grades 3-8 are allowed to Dress Down in FALL COLORS for a free dress down day ☺
 - Haunted House at Rectory with Scary Father Lou! Grades PreK-5



- Wednesday, November 1 – **All Saint Day Liturgy** at 12:05

SCRIP GIFT CARD

We will be running the Scrip Gift Card holiday fundraiser again this year. Hard copies were sent home on Thursday (10/13). Please see the attached flier to buy gift cards at many, many stores with a percentage of proceeds going to QCA!! Please support this simple, but important effort. We will be placing orders until December 9th. Happy Shopping and thank you for supporting our school!

Any questions, email Teresa King in the main office: Teresa.king@quincycatholicacademy.org

Breast cancer Awareness Event:

Stephanie Deronette, of our QCA mom's, is involved in an important event that is happening this weekend, Saturday, October 14th, regarding **Breast Cancer Awareness**. A flier is attached with more details of how to participate or donate. Please consider joining the fun at the field and supporting this important cause. Thank you for your prayers and support for Mrs. Deronette and all people whose lives have been touched by cancer.

Attachments:

- Halloween Party Fliers
- Comedy Night Fliers
- Scrip Information
- Breast Cancer Awareness Event