

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY
October 27, 2023



Greetings QCA Families:

Allow me to use this Newsletter to thank the many people who made last Friday's **Halloween Party** such a huge success! First and foremost, I want to thank the FSA leaders and work-a-bees who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to create a fun and spooky backdrop to the event, ran the activities seamlessly and magically managed all the clean-up until the school was once again pristine! Their dedication to this was generous and selfless and the efforts were Herculean. Secondly, I want to thank all the 8th grade students for really stepping up to help facilitate all the games and activities (and set-up and clean-up as well). They showed true leadership in helping to create a QCA beloved tradition for their younger students. Truly, we could not have pulled it off without their help. And lastly, I want to thank the 400 guests who attended the party! Your enthusiasm and participation has proven that the QCA Spirit is alive and well and that people want to find ways to support and build their school community. Let's build on the momentum of this event and continue to find ways to celebrate the wonderful things that are happening here, as we create an EXPERIENCE for our students that is second to none!

The Halloween Fun will continue next week. On Monday, our 8th graders will once again join forces with our youngest students in PreK and Kindergarten, creating a Halloween Festival of games, arts and crafts and face painting. The connection between the two groups proves another example of the unique value of a Pre-K through grade 8 school model... true community! And finally, on Tuesday ... it's **Halloween Day**. Notoriously, in Elementary Schools, it's a pretty crazy day, and a classic case of – "If you can't beat'em, join 'em!" So, we will engage in the celebration in full force. Here is the plan:



- Halloween Costumes for Pre-K through Grade 2
- Free Dress Down Day for Grades 3-8 (Fall Colors)
- Costumes (scary) optional for Grade 7 to help at Father Lou's Haunted House in the Rectory for grades Pre-K through 5.

Finally, on Wednesday, we will refocus and get back to business in the classroom and with a spiritual emphasis in church at the Holy Day Mass at 12:00 for **All Saints Day**. All are most welcome to join us, especially our 3rd grade parents! Our 6th graders will host the mass by leading us in the readings and petitions and our 3rd graders will transform into living "saints" parading through the church, sharing their knowledge of the saints and singing a block-buster tune called "The Saint Society". It's going to be a very special liturgy at church.... Please consider adjusting your calendar and joining us!

It's all about balance and all about planting seeds. It's what we do so well here at QCA.

God bless,
Paul Kelly
 Principal

Reminders:

- Our annual **Veteran's Day Celebration** is scheduled for November 9th. In preparation for this event, we need your help. Please read the attachment below for details.
- Paperwork for the **Mobile Dentist** was sent home last week. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to receive **free dental care**. Please refer to the forms that were sent home and complete the forms asap. The dates are scheduled for November 6 and 7 and there are still plenty of appointments available. You are encouraged to take advantage of this free service.
- **COMEDY NIGHT EVENT** for QCA ADULT Community – Please join us for a fun-filled evening of great comedy, delicious food and good company. One of our major goals this year is to build the QCA Parent Community, believing that the stronger our partnership is, the stronger our school will be!

This event is one way for us to build the QCA Community. We appreciate your support and presence on November 10th at the *Pho Countryside Restaurant* (owned and operated by our own Trinh Family!). Please see the attachment for more information. We hope to see many of you at the Comedy Night!

DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, November 1	12:00 ~ All Saints Day Mass
Friday, November 3	EARLY RELEASE DAY 11:30 Dismissal
Thursday, November 9	Red, White, and Blue Dress Down Day Veteran's Day Assembly 9:00 am
Thursday, November 9	Comedy Night for Parents/Adults
Friday, November 10	NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
Tuesday, November 21	All-School Assembly Thanksgiving (9:00 am)
Wednesday, November 22	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 23	NO SCHOOL – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Friday, November 24	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Perhaps you are not aware of the amazing **All-School Assemblies** that we have here at QCA!! Parents & Friends are invited and encouraged to attend any and ALL of our assemblies! We would LOVE to have YOU join us as we celebrate in a number of unique and inspiring ways. Please come and discover the JOY at QCA, as it comes to life ... **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Wednesday, November 1	12:00	All Saints Day Mass	Specifically Grade 3
Thursday, November 9	9:00	Veteran's Day Assembly	All Grades
Tuesday, November 21	9:00	Thanksgiving Assembly	All Grades
Monday, November 18	9:00	Christmas Concert	PreK and K1
Monday, November 18	10:15	Christmas Concert	K2-Grade 5
Wednesday, November 20	9:00	Christmas Assembly	All Grades



Attachments:

- Veteran's Day Project
- Comedy Night Fliers

