

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY September 22, 2023



Greetings QCA Families:

It was wonderful to see so many of you at last night's **Back-To-School Night** event. Thank you for making the effort to join us. For those who were not able to, I look forward to meeting you in the weeks ahead. In my remarks last night, I mentioned that we are all here for the same reason ... to raise loving, responsible, well-educated children. The fact that you have chosen QCA already communicates to us your commitment and desire to have your children learn in a place that is both academically sound and spiritually rich. We are honored to be part of their lives and we feel bonded to you because of our mutual dedication and love for your children.

You, as parents, have many other options for your children's education, but you've chosen QCA. We would confirm that this is an excellent decision! The reality is, it's a tough and scary world out there and it's hard to be a child in this society with so many pressures, expectations, social media influences.

But, in the midst of all life's complications, a Catholic Education offers something stable, something permanent, something to cling to... centered in our faith.

Research clearly shows that, among many other bonuses, Catholic Schools offer children some very significant advantages over other types of schools.

- *the gift of a love for learning*
- *the gift of high expectations*
- *the gift of challenge*
- *the gift of understanding that it is important to struggle and have the GRIT to persevere*
- *the gift of responsibility and self-motivation*
- *the gift of faith and a higher purpose in their lives*

More than ever, Catholic Schools provide not just an alternative, but an advantage...an advantage for life. We are forming young people of integrity, teaching to the WHOLE PERSON... the QCA Way!

May we continue to work together to build up this great school community to ensure that we are indeed providing our children with "an advantage for life"!

God bless,
Mr. Kelly

FSA VOLUNTEERS:

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Breen and Mrs. Quinn for spear-heading our FSA (Family School Association) efforts. As Mrs. Breen mentioned last night, NOW, more than ever, we NEED YOUR HELP to participate as volunteer members of the FSA. Without your hands-on support, we simply will not be able to provide the many amazing enrichment programs and activities for our students. It is truly a TEAM effort. So, please consider the ways you can help. Fill out the FSA Volunteer form and thank you for stepping up and being part of the action!!

There are countless ways you can help and become engaged in the events and activities sponsored by the FSA. Thank you, in advance, for your participation and support. For now....

Mark your calendars:

- Friday, October 20 – Halloween Party
- Friday, November 10 – Comedy Night
- December 7,8,9 – Santa's Workshop/Christmas Bazaar

ROOM PARENTS:

This year, we are hoping to reinstate a helpful tradition of having a ROOM PARENT assigned to each homeroom. Room Parents provide direct support for the classroom teacher, by assisting the teacher in a variety of ways identified by the teacher or the school. Some examples of Room Parent duties could include (but not limited to):

- Assisting the teacher in the classroom with a project or activity
- Acting as the liaison between the teacher and other parents/guardians in the classroom for volunteer opportunities
- Supervising the classroom while the teacher is called out for a meeting or other professional obligation.
- Serving as an additional chaperone one field trip

If you are interested in serving as a classroom Room Parent, please contact the teacher directly. If there is more than one interested volunteer, the teacher will randomly select a person by way of the old fashioned "name in a hat". THANK YOU in advance for your support in this endeavor, recognizing that we are in partnership with you to create the best possible *QCA Experience* for our students!

EXTENDED DAY PICK-UP/SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

Beginning on October 2, the designated person who picks up their child at Extended Day will be required to "clock in" on the school computer with your assigned number. This process should make pick-up dismissal more efficient and accurate. Thanks for your help as we make this simple change!

BASKETBALL is coming back – QCA will once again participate in the Parochial Basketball League. The number of teams we run will depend on the level of interest as well as coaching staff. Please return the Registration form by Monday, September 25th. If any adult would be interested in COACHING (Boys and/or Girls), please let Mr. Kelly know ... THANK YOU!!



CLUBS – QCA will be offering (6) week Fall Session CLUBS in a variety of activities starting the first week of October. A list of CLUB offerings and registration is attached (and hard copies also went home) The cost will be \$48 per club for the 6 weeks. Check out the options and join the fun opportunities! Most of these CLUBS are geared towards younger students through grade 6 (except for Art Club and Choir), but more CLUBS will be offered in the Winter and Spring Sessions. A CLUB Survey will be sent home next week to solicit ideas for future CLUBS!

FUNDRAISING:

Our Meadow Farms Fundraiser is wrapping up soon! Thank you for your support of this fundraising effort. ☺ Please note that **50% of order total from Meadow Farms is credited to a family's fundraising commitment. All orders are due by MONDAY, September 25th**

AHERA NOTIFICATION: We are required by law to post a **Adhera Notification Notice** for all parents, to share our Asbestos Management Plan. QCA is in great shape regarding the Asbestos Protocols and in full compliance with Federal guidelines and expectations. Thank you.

DROP-OFF REMINDERS – Please adhere to the safety rules during morning DROP-OFF. All cars must drop-off in the school yard parking lot. All students and adults must cross at the cross walk on Glover/Peirce Street with the crossing guard. Do NOT drop-off or unload your car on Glover Ave. This is a matter of safety and efficiency. Thank you for your full compliance!

Attachments:

- October Calendar
- October Lunch Form
- Club Registration Forms
- Grade 8 Snacks Flier