

MR. KELLY'S FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

February 9, 2024



Greetings QCA Families:

Today we celebrated the 100th day of school – a milestone for sure. The morning prayer reminded us of an important point. The temptation is look ahead and count how many days are left in the year! The better choice is to take a moment to pause and think about how much we have accomplished over the past 100 days in school. From a spiritual perspective, it's an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that God has blessed us over these past 100 days in school. I, for one, am grateful for the gift of your children and how they have brought me such JOY to my life. Although the role of a principal can certainly be challenging at times, the pure delight of spending the day with the students off-sets the stress and replaces it with bliss – indeed, with true blessings. Thank you for sharing your children with us – they are the gift that keeps on giving!

Although it's a short month, February is chalk -full of events. In addition to wrapping up Catholic Schools Week last Friday and celebrating our 100th day at school today, we are committed to highlighting the importance of Black History Month as well as Lunar New Year. QCA is an authentically diverse community, and we enthusiastically embrace the vast variety of cultures that make our community so richly blessed. Throughout the month, we will be learning about and living out some of the unique traditions and histories that make up the mosaic of our school population. In the very middle of the month, February 14th hosts two very different, but important events – *Valentine's Day* and *Ash Wednesday*. Truthfully, it's a bit difficult to find a common denominator between the two, but we'll find balance as we spread the love of the **holiday** and enter into the depth of the **Holy Day** and the Lenten Season!

So.... For so many reasons, February is a meaningful month. I pray that each day is blessed with the significance it deserves and that the children get caught up in the joy and importance of the moment. Here's to a wonderful month – with no surprise winter storms!!

God bless,
Mr. Kelly

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Wednesday, February 14 – **Valentine’s Day**
 - Dress Down Day (Pink or Red) \$1.00 donation to benefit the American Heart Association
- Wednesday, February 14 – **Ash Wednesday**
 - All students in grades K2-8 will attend a Prayer Service at church to receive their ashes. Parents are always welcome to join us at Sacred Heart Church
- Friday, February 16 – **Lunar New Year Celebration Assembly** at 1:00 in the Gym ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!
- February 19-23 – NO SCHOOL ☺
 - **February Vacation** – ENJOY!!

Celebrating Lunar New Year at QCA

Monday, 2/12	Ring in the New Year Fun Facts about Lunar New Year
Tuesday, 2/13	The significance of the Red Envelope
Wednesday 2/14	Panda Bear Raffle Drawing
Thursday, 2/15	The Year of the Dragon – Artful Activities
Friday, 2/16	All-School Assembly Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chinese Zodiac Trivia- Student Traditional Entertainment- Traditional Songs- The Dragon Parade

Other Calendar Reminders

- The QCA Musical, **“Cinderella”**, is almost here. You can support the show by taking out an AD in the Program and, more importantly, by attending one of the shows. There are two evening performances at 7:00 pm – March 7 and 8. Advanced Tickets are available (see attachment) and tickets will also be available the door. Mark your calendar!!
- Because of the need for the Gym/Stage for the upcoming show, the remaining Volleyball Club sessions will be postponed until after the show. So, there will be **NO VOLLEYBALL CLUB** on February 14, 28 and March 6. Sessions will resume on March 13th.
- Also, there will be **NO CHOIR** for next two weeks so that Mr. Kelly and the cast can focus on the musical. So.... NO CHOIR on Wednesday, February 14 and 28th.

Attachments:

- “Cinderella” Sponsorship Form (for ALL)
- “Cinderella” Advanced Tickets Form
- March Lunch Menu

Inter-Faith Social Services – Thank you AGAIN for your generous support of the Inter-Faith Social Services in Quincy. Our combined efforts have culminated in donating over 1200 food and other items to this amazing organization to help those in need in our Quincy Community. This is a powerful example of “putting our FAITH into ACTION”. The folks at the Inter-Faith Center were overwhelmed!! Thank you so much!!