

**MR. KELLY'S FRIDAY NEWSLETTER**  
**March 22, 2024**



Dear QCA Families:

We are about to embark on the holiest days of the year. This Sunday is Palm Sunday, which sets the stage for the sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter) These services are meant to be experienced. Yes, the services are long and solemn, but it's important for us to expose our children to the centrality of their Catholic faith. Please try to bring them to the Holy Week services. Explain the rituals. Allow them to be swept up in the power of the Last Supper and the washing of the feet; the power of the sacrifice of the crucifixion; and the mystery and miracle of the Resurrection of our Savior. Let us never forget, this is the 'greatest story ever told' and it's our responsibility to proclaim it. We have been entrusted with the call to be God's voice to our children and to allow the story to become a part of their very being. It is only when we experience and comprehend the realities of our faith that we can truly proclaim "Alleluia", Jesus is risen. Our lives are busy, but we have the chance to prioritize. The opportunity is ours' to seize. I pray we have an intentional, purposeful and "holy" Holy Week.

God bless,  
**Mr. Kelly**

**Looking Ahead:**

- ◆ Sunday, March 24     **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**  
*Sponsored by Divine Mercy Parish*
  - 9:30 Procession for Palm Sunday
  - After 10:00 Mass – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in QCA Café
  
- ◆ Thursday, March 28 – **HOLY THURSDAY**
  - 9:00 – All School Prayer Service
  
- ◆ Friday, March 29     GOOD FRIDAY ~ No School
  
- ◆ Sunday, March 31     HAPPY EASTER ... Alleluia!
  
- ◆ Monday, April 1     EASTER MONDAY – No School

- ◆ Thursday, April 4      Grade 8 Field Trip to Kennedy Institute
- ◆ Friday, April 5      **Early Dismissal** ~ 11:15 for PreK/K1 and 11:30 for K2-8  
Extended Day ends at 2:30  
Teachers: Professional Development Meeting

### **BLESSING BAG PROJECT**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders are spear-heading a Lenten Outreach Project. On behalf of Father Bill's Place in Quincy, they will be collecting Personal Hygiene products for the clients at Main Spring House. Your donations are MOSYT appreciated and will be delivered to Father Bill's just before Easter. Please see the attachment (hard copy went home already) for a list of items to donate. MANY THANKS!

### **SAFETY AWARENESS DAY**

Today the whole school participated in a Safety Awareness Day which included an Evacuation Drill, Stay-In Place training and a Lockdown Drill. The students were amazing ... cooperative, respectful and serious. They are a testament to your parenting and their teachers' influence. We practiced with purpose and I am confident the students feel more secure and informed, should we ever have to exercise these drills in a real situation. Well done!

### **SPELLING BEE UPDATE:**

Congratulations to our 3 Regional *Spelling Bee Finalists* who competed against 8 other schools at Saint Paul School in Hingham last Tuesday night. Special 'shout-out' to Helina, who was the first runner up after 30 rounds of spelling words... A real nail-biter! We're so proud!!

*Soha Shiffas (8), Tayla Jiang (8) and Helina Adugna (7)*

### **FUN RUN UPDATE**

#### **Important Reminder:**

**Fun Run Sponsorship & T-shirt designs are due no later than Monday, March 25.**

Our annual Fun Run will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2024 (Rain date: Friday, April 26, 2024) at Cavanagh Field for grades 1-8 and in our gym for PK – K2.

This year's theme is "**BROADWAY MUSICALS**". This is a major fundraiser for the school. We are hoping that every student will participate!

General information and sponsorship opportunities are attached to this communication. Children who raise at least \$25 will receive a Broadway Musicals Fun Run T-Shirt. Sponsorship forms and T-shirt designs are due in the office **no later than** Monday, March 25th.

## **SUMMER PROGRAM 2024**

Believe it or not, registration for our Summer Enrichment Program is beginning NOW! Details about the 2024 Summer 8-Week Program went home in hard copy with the students today. If you are interested in the Program, please review the materials carefully. Remember, unlike many other Summer Programs, you can tailor-make your schedule to meet your daily, weekly or even Summer needs. Tracy Rixham will be overseeing the program. She does an amazing job! Any questions, see Tracy or call the main office!

### **Attachments:**

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Fun Run Info
- April Lunch Menu
- April Calendar
- Spring Club Offerings
- Blessing Bag Outreach Project

