

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY September 13, 2024



Greetings QCA Families:

We had our *Welcome Back Assembly* for students and teachers on Tuesday morning. It was wonderful to gather together in the gym - to reunite the QCA Family and to welcome many new students and 4 new teachers. During the assembly we talked about the uniqueness of our school and the sense of common purpose, teamwork, and community. We recommitted to living out **“THE QCA WAY”**.

Yesterday, one of our QCA families experienced an overwhelming loss of their home in a house fire. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hsu Family (Alex is one of our 4th grade students) as they begin to rebuild their lives. Thank God, no one was hurt, but we know it will be a long road back to reality for this family. I know you join me in wondering how we, as a community, can support them through the next difficult days, weeks and months. I think **“The QCA Way”** offers a beacon of direction and hope, as we can promise them our ongoing prayers and emotional care as well as some practical support. If anyone is moved to make a donation to help out this family, please allow me to offer a few ways.

Here at school, we will be collecting donations in the main office in the form of cash, check (*made out to Quincy Catholic Academy*) or gift cards to stores, restaurants or other relevant venues. We will gather and organize the donations over the next week or so and present them to the Hsu Family from all of you, the QCA Family. Since we are a non-profit organization, we can serve as a very simple liaison of generosity, to ensure that every donation goes directly to the Hsu Family.

Next Friday, September 20th, is a scheduled DRESS DOWN DAY. This may be good timing.... All proceeds from the Dress-Down Day will go directly to the family, so please be as generous as possible.

On behalf of the Hsu family and the QCA Family, please know how grateful we are for every thoughtful donation and prayer. We are called to be the hands, feet and heart of Jesus to those most in need. May we respond to this call and invitation to care for one of our own families in their time of need. I know we will.

God bless,
Mr. Kelly

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

We are excited to welcome you ALL to our Back-To-School Night event on Thursday, September 19th. This is one of the most important events of the year – a chance for you to meet your child’s new teacher(s) and learn more about the upcoming plans for the new year! We hope to have a HUGE turnout and a full-house to kick-off the year.

This is a PARENT ONLY event. However, if you need to bring your children along ... NO WORRIES. We will have some teacher aides and 8th grade assistants downstairs, watching your children during the event, so that you can focus on the meetings. Here is a general schedule:

- 5:30 Grade 8 Parents in Music Room (on 1st floor)
- 6:00 General Meeting in Gym with Mr. Kelly
- 6:30-6:50 Session One – classroom visits (MS meeting on 3rd floor)
- 6:50 Change classes (if you have another class to visit)
- 6:55-7:15 Session Two
- 7:15 Wrap Up
(Used Uniform Sale in gym)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please Return **Emergency Forms** to Office by Monday, September 16
- **Piano Lessons** begin on Monday, September 16
- For those interested in taking a musical **instrument lesson**, please complete and return the forms that were sent home last week. Lessons begin in a couple of weeks. Stay tuned!

FIRE DRILL - We had our first Fire Drill today and the kids were fantastic! We got every person out of the school building and into the church in 2 minutes! They kids were cooperative and mature. We'll have a separate practice for the PreK and K1 once they get a little more settled into their routines.

BASKETBALL - QCA is excited to once again participate in the South Shore Parochial Basketball League. The number and make-up of the teams we will run will depend on the level of interest as well as coaching staff. We have the potential for Boys and Girls Teams in grades 7/8, 5/6 and possibly 3 and 4. Please see the Information, Registration and Medical forms related to the Basketball Program. Hard copies were sent home to students in grades 3-8.



BASKETBALL CLINIC – In addition, some of our own QCA graduates will be offering a 5 Week FREE Basketball Clinic to students in grades 3-8 (boys and girls). This is a great introduction to the game of basketball in a fun and non-competitive venue with some great graduates!! Please see the attached flier, if interested, see the attached flier – a hard copy was also sent home today.

CLUBS – QCA will be offering (6) week CLUBS in a variety of activities starting in October. Please look for more details in next week's Newsletter. The cost will be \$72 (\$12 per session) per club for the 6 weeks. Stay tuned for more details and registration forms.

FUNDRAISING:

All families signed a financial commitment paper. If you signed up for fundraising, our first fundraising project has already begun. **Meadow Farms** order forms were distributed last week. Only families who signed up for the fundraising option will receive a package (1 per family), but any family is welcome to participate. Just let us know if you would like a package!

Please note that **50% of order total from Meadow Farms is credited to a family's fundraising commitment.** **All orders are due by Thursday, September 26th**

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNSELOR, MRS. MARCHESANO

Greetings!

I am Mrs. Marchesano, the new counselor at Quincy Catholic Academy, and I am thrilled to be here. I look forward to supporting the students' social and emotional growth, fostering a growth mindset, and supporting their wellbeing. With twenty years of experience as a licensed clinician in both clinical and academic settings, I am eager to contribute to QCA's vibrant school community.

Outside of work, I enjoy skating and outdoors with my family, reading, and cheering for baseball. I am excited about this opportunity and am grateful for the warm welcome from both the students and staff. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Marchesano

Family School Association Welcome Letter

Hello from the QCA **Family School Association** QCA FSA

Briefly about the FSA: We are volunteer based that provide activities of fun and enrichment to our students and staff throughout the year. We are very much in need of volunteers for all activities to function. Volunteering can come in many forms from simple all the way complete involvement if you so choose, but always with support.

More will be talked about on back to school night this coming Thursday, September 19th

Current Activities on the books we need volunteers for are:

* *Italian Family Night (September)*

* *Halloween Dance and Party (October)*

* *Secret Santa and Craft Fair (December)*

Please Join us on Facebook @ QCA Family School Association Page (FSA) this page will be private to our community to maintain safety for our families so please answer the security questions asked to become a member. Our email is: qcafsa370@gmail.com

Feel free to email us with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to a great year. Have a great weekend and see you next week!

The FSA



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

Attachments:

- October Lunch Form
- Basketball Forms – Information, Registration, Emergency Forms
- Basketball Clinic Form