

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY September 27, 2024



Greetings QCA Families:

It's always a bit of a milestone to turn the calendar from September to October... One month under our belts and we are moving forward into what I hope and pray will be a blessed year for all at QCA. I'm so grateful to all the teachers, parents and students for diving into this new year with such enthusiasm and positivity.

As I greet the children every morning and as I walk through the halls and stop into the classes, I find myself in wonderment at how polite, respectful and well-behaved our students are. In a world that is often so fast-paced and negative, life here at *370 Hancock Street* feels somewhat nostalgic of a time when life was simpler and less rushed. I don't mean to suggest that it is old-fashioned – on the contrary – the teaching that is happening in the classrooms is engaging and innovative. But, the atmosphere, created by the children's sincere desire "*to do the right thing*", is rather inspiring. It's clear, you are doing a wonderful job at home raising respectful and kind children and it's undeniable that the teachers here at school are devoted to creating an atmosphere of high-expectations with love.

Our Middle School students displayed another level of excellence yesterday on their adventurous field trips to *TreeTops* in Canton and the *Sheriff's Camp* in Braintree. At both venues, the students tested their physical and mental abilities by conquering challenging climbing structures, complicated rope obstacles and thrilling zip-lining. Moreover, they expanded their leadership skills and bonded together as a team and community. I was lucky enough to spend the day with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at *TreeTop Adventures* and I was moved to witness how the kids supported one another, cheered each other on, and bonded as a group of brothers and sisters. Mrs. Brown and I did our best to keep up with the kids and pushed our own limitations (and age-related challenges!) with the encouragement of the kids shouting out: "You got this, Mr. Kelly"! It was a great experience!

God's presence is alive and well at QCA. It's the kind of spirituality that is lived out in simple ways throughout the day. It is truly what we call – *Faith in Action*. And that's the best kind of theology. That's what I see here at QCA – a living, breathing example of God's love – through the eyes and hearts of the people who make up this unique community. It's good stuff... let's build on it.

God bless,  
Mr. Kelly

**IMPORTANT DATE UPDATE – Mark Your Calendars!!**

**Friday, November 1** (All Saints Day) – This will be a **FULL DAY** of school  
(*even though it is technically the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month*)

Students in grades 1-8 will attend Mass at 12:00  
Dismissal at 2:15

Extended Day Program ends at 6:00 pm

**Friday, November 8** – This will be a **NO SCHOOL DAY** for Students.  
*The teachers will have a full day of NEASC Professional Development*

***And now, as we flip the calendar to October, let's take a look at NEXT WEEK...***

Tuesday, October 1 **Instrument Lessons/BAND** begins – After School

Wed., October 2 PreK/K1 **Apple Picking Field Trip**  
Choir Rehearsal from 2:15-2:50

Friday, October 4 **EARLY DISMISSAL DAY** – 11:30 Dismissal for Students  
Extended Day ends at 2:30

Saturday, October 5 **CAR WASH** – Sponsored by QCA Grade 8 (*to benefit their Washington DC Trip*)

Monday, October 7 **LITURGY:** Feast of the Holy Rosary at 1:00 in church  
Hosted by Grade 7 ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Please Note:**

- All **CLUB** Registration Forms are due to office on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>! Lots of great CLUBS being offered this session. Join the fun!!
- Students who are taking lessons after school will be escorted to their lessons and pick-up by Extended Day personnel
- The annual **HALLOWEEN PARTY** is right around the corner!! The big event will be on Friday, October 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We will need LOTS of VOLUNTEERS to make it happen. Please look for details from our FSA's Kristen Breen for opportunities to volunteer on the night of the event or to make a donation to support the fun!

## Looking Beyond.....



Monday, October 7	After School	<i>CLUBS</i> Begin
Friday, October 4	11:30	Early Dismissal for all students
	2:30	Extended Day ends early
Monday, October 7	1:00	<i>School Liturgy</i> – All are welcome !
Monday, October 14	NO SCHOOL	<i>Columbus Day</i> 😊
Wednesday, October 16	NEASC School Visit	
Friday, October 18	Lifetouch School Pictures	
Friday, October 18	Progress Reports	Distributed to students
Friday, October 18	Halloween Party	6:00-8:00 pm 😊
Monday, October 28	Field Trip: Grade 5	Patriots Hall of Fame

### Attachments:

- October Calendar
- Highway to high School Flier
- Car Wash Flier