

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY

### September 18, 2026



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 seeing 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, self-motivation and academic integrity*
- *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*

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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| ▪ Monday, September 21   | NWEA Map Testing Begins (K2-8)                      |
| ▪ Tuesday, September 22  | Grade 8 Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting at 6:00 pm |
| ▪ Wed., September 23     | FSA Meeting at 7:00 pm (in-person and Zoom)         |
| ▪ Thursday, September 24 | Grade 8 Field Trip: Tree Top Adventures             |
| ▪ Friday, October 2      | Early Dismissal                                     |
| ▪ Monday, October 5      | Fall Clubs Begin                                    |
| ▪ Thursday, October 8    | Grade 5 Field Trip: Patriots Hall of Fame           |

### **FSA VOLUNTEERS:**

A huge THANK YOU our FSA Leadership Team (Family School Association). As we 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 16 – Trick or Truck (hosted by Father Lou and Divine Mercy parish)
- Friday, October 23 – Halloween Party 6:30-8:00 pm
- December 10 and 11– Santa’s Workshop (throughout the day)

### **MUSIC LESSON UPDATES**



**PIANO LESSONS** start next week, Monday, September 21 and Thursday, September 24

**BAND & OTHER INSTRUMENTS lessons** start the following week on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

**CLUBS** – QCA will be offering (6) week Fall Session CLUBS in a variety of activities starting October 5<sup>th</sup>. A list of CLUB offerings was sent home earlier this week and a registration form is attached. The cost will be \$72 per club for the 6 weeks. Check out the options and join the fun opportunities! Most of these CLUBS are geared towards younger students but more CLUBS will be offered in the Winter and Spring Sessions.

**RESOURCE OFFICER** – We are blessed to have Officer Bob Sweetland as our School Resource Officer. Officer Sweetland supports QCA in many important and critical ways behind the scenes and in person.

If you have any questions or concerns for him regarding his role and/or safety protocols, feel free to email him directly. He will be happy to assist you: **[Rsweetland@quincyma.gov](mailto:Rsweetland@quincyma.gov)**.

### **MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER:**

Our fall Meadow Farms fundraiser began on Wednesday! All order forms are due 9/28/26. Families who noted “fundraising” for their preference on the financial commitment sheet should have received an envelope with a product flyer and directions. Checks should be made payable to Quincy Catholic Academy. 50% of order total from Meadow Farms is credited to a family’s fundraising commitment. If you did not receive an envelope and believe that you should have, or would like one anyway, please ask teacher/office for one to be sent home.

### **Attachments:**

- Fall Club Registration Forms
- Trunk or Treat Flier
- Renweb Parent Portal Sign-Up Instructions
- Meadow Farms ??