

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from MR. KELLY

September 25, 2026



Greetings QCA Families:

With almost one month under our belts, we are well on the way to 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 8th grade students displayed another level of excellence yesterday on their exceptional field trip to *TreeTops Adventures* in Canton. 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 8th graders and Mr. Walsh, and I was moved to witness how the kids started out timidly and with self-doubt and by the end of the day, they were fearless and dauntless, boosted with confidence and endurance. They supported one another, cheered each other on, and bonded as a group of brothers and sisters. 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

And now, as we look forward to the month of October, let's take a look at NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, Sept. 29 **Instrument Lessons/BAND** begins – After School

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

Monday, October 5 Fall CLUBS begin today (this week)

Friday, October 9 **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 28th! Lots of great CLUBS being offered this session. Join the fun!!
- Students who are taking lessons and participating in Clubs after school will be escorted to their lessons/clubs and picked-up by Extended Day personnel
- TWO Major **Halloween Events** are coming up soon!!



- Friday, October 16 – Father Lou's annual **"TRUNK OR TREAT"** spooky extravaganza which takes over the whole street and schoolyard. Bring the whole family to join the fun. Please consider signing up to decorate your own TRUNK and pass out goodies to all the goblins! It's a great night for ALL.
- Friday, October 23 – QCA's annual **HALLOWEEN MONSTER BASH** is right around the corner!! The big event will be on Friday, October 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Games, DJ's, costume contest, food and more.....We will need LOTS of VOLUNTEERS to make it happen. Please look for details from our FSA for opportunities to volunteer on the night of the event or to make a donation to support the fun!

The FSA (Family School Association) Update:

The FSA had their first meeting of the year last Wednesday and it was very successful. Thank you to the people who joined the meeting in-person or via Zoom. Lots of great ideas were shared. The major topic focused on our upcoming **Halloween Monster Bash** on Friday October 23rd (not to be confused with Father Lou's Parish Community Event on October 16th). I've attached the minutes from the meeting. They are quite detailed, but very informative. Check it out to catch a glimpse into the work of the FSA and to learn more ways you can participate and support their efforts. THANK YOU!



Looking Beyond.....

Monday, October 5	After School	CLUBS Begin
Friday, October 2	11:30	Early Dismissal for all students
	2:30	Extended Day ends early
Friday, October 9	1:00	School Liturgy – All are welcome !
Monday, October 12	NO SCHOOL	Columbus Day ☺
Wednesday, October 14	Lifetouch School Pictures	
Friday, October 16	Grade 4 Field Trip	Quincy Historical Society
Friday, October 16	Progress Reports	Distributed to students
	Parish <i>Trunk or Treat</i> Event - Time: 6:00-8:00 pm	
Friday, October 23	Halloween Party	6:30-8:00 pm ☺

MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER:

Our fall Meadow Farms fundraiser ends Monday! All order forms are due Monday! 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.

Picture Day is coming on Wednesday, October 14!

You can place your order on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID: **EVTQ3M2FH**. Order before midnight on Picture Day to get FREE shipping!

Your child can also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Picture Day.
Orders after Picture Day must be placed online on mylifetouch.com

Attachments:

- October Calendar
- Trunk or Treat Flyer
- CAR WASH flier
- FSA Meeting Minutes