

MR. KELLY'S FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

September 3, 2026



Greetings QCA Families:

What a great start to the school year! It's such a blessing to have the kids back, bringing life and energy back into the building. It's crazy how much they grow up over the summer months! Once again, welcome to all our new students and families. I hope that in a very short amount of time, you will feel "at home" and begin to enjoy the many blessings of QCA.

God willing, this will be a positive year of growth for all of us. With our top-notch veteran staff and an enthusiastic group of new faculty members, we will be inspired by their gifts of expertise and dedication. I pray that each child will grow academically and socially this year as they learn more about themselves and each other and more about the world in which we live. I hope, too, that each family grows this year, always learning to be compassionate and supportive of one another. Strong families provide a solid foundation for a community. Be sure to make good choices for you and your family by spending quality time together, by prioritizing your demands and by growing as a team with common goals.

I pray, too, for all of us to grow spiritually this year. I hope that our efforts here at school will reinforce your efforts at home to further embrace the Gospel truths and to come to know Jesus Christ in a more personal and life-giving way. We are on a journey together and we are called to find joy and create the joy, so that we can discover JOY IN THE JOURNEY, trusting in the One who gives our lives purpose, meaning and direction...the God of today, tomorrow and forever.

Welcome back and God bless you all! Have a great long weekend. See you on Tuesday!

Paul Kelly
Principal



Welcome New Teachers and Staff:

We are thrilled to introduce six new amazing members to the QCA Faculty/Staff. I know you join me in extending a warm QCA welcome to:

- ◆ Mr. Liam Walsh – New Middle School ELA teacher/grade 8 homeroom
- ◆ Ms. Hannah Gardner – Grade 5 teacher
- ◆ Ms. Zoe Robertson – grade 3 teacher
- ◆ Ms. Sophie Costello – grade 2 teacher
- ◆ Ms. Janine Bushman – PreK teacher
- ◆ Ms. Marissa Hennesey – Phys. Ed teacher

Pick-Up Times

Our Pick-Up times are staggered starting with the youngest to oldest students.

Full Days

PreK and K1 pick up at 2:00

K2 and grade 1 starts at 2:15

Grade 2-5 stagger their dismissal until 2:25

MS students exit the front door at 2:15

Half Days

PreK-K1 pick up at 11:00

K2 and grade 1 starts at 11:15

Grades 2-5 stagger their dismissal until 11:25 (ish)

MS students exit the front door at 11:15

Friday Newsletters:

I will continue to send a weekly Newsletter to QCA Families every Friday afternoon. I hope that this correspondence will be helpful to keep us connected throughout the year, as we share good news that has happened during the week and look ahead to the activities and events that are coming up soon. I thank you, in advance, for taking the time to read these Newsletters, so that we remain connected and so that everyone is “in the loop”! I will be as succinct as possible, although some weeks, like this first one, will be heavy with information. Again, thank you for taking the time to read and digest the information. Here are some timely updates.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday September 8

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Thursday, September 10

Monday, September 14

FULL DAY of SCHOOL for ALL Students (PreK-8)

First day of Extended Day Program (2:15-6:00 pm)

Opening Assembly and Band Demo 12:45-2:00

All-School Liturgy – at 1:00 ~ All are most welcome to join us at Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ *Thursday, September 17 - Back-To-School Night – from 6:00-7:30 pm*
 - Please join us for a General Meeting beginning at 6:00 in the Gym/Auditorium. This will be an opportunity for me to share some of our goals and plans for the upcoming year.
 - Following the general meeting, parents are invited to visit with their child’s classroom teacher to learn more about the curriculum and academic highlights that are planned for this upcoming year
 - Some of the Specialist teachers will be on hand as well, if you care to have a quick visit (Phys. Ed, Music, Art, Computers)
 - The evening will wrap up no later than 7:30 pm
 - We hope to see you there!

- ◆ *Friday, September 19 –Dress Down Day ~\$1.00 to participate. More details to follow!*

RENWEB Emergency Alert - Assuming we have your correct cell phone numbers, you should have received an “Instant Alert Testing” text from our Alert System today, Thursday, at 9:30 am). If you did not receive the Alert, then we probably do not have your correct cell phone number. If this is the case, please contact me at paul.kelly@quincycatholicacademy.org or call the main office.

COMPLETE & RETURN FORMS by Tuesday, September 8

- Emergency Contact Form
- Statement of Compliance
- CORI Form
- **Emergency Contact Form**
 - Please complete the ENTIRE FORM
 - All students must have (2) Emergency Contacts **other than the parents**
- **CORI Forms** (for anyone planning to volunteer.
 - This can be completed at home but must be authorized by the main office. Be sure to bring your driver’s license.
- **Court Orders and/or Custody Documentation**
 - If applicable to your particular situation, all updated and current documentation must be filed with the main office by the opening of school.

MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC - QCA is pleased to continue to offer some exceptional **Music Opportunities**. If your child has an interest in music or a hidden talent waiting to be untapped, please consider any of the following opportunities:

- Piano Lessons – **See attachment** from Piano Playtime for Registration Information
 - *Piano Lessons will begin on Monday and Thursday afternoons.*
- Instrument & BAND Lessons – More info to come!
- School Musical Production in March – More information to come!
- School Liturgy Choir (grade 3-8) – We rehearse every Wednesday afternoon from 2:15-2:50 – We will start this Wednesday, September 9th. ALL ARE WELCOME!



AFTER-SCHOOL/EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM:

We are looking forward to a great year at **Extended Day!** The program will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The hours are 2:00-6:00 for preschool and K1 and 2:15-6:00 for K2 through Grade 8. On half days the program ends at 2:30.

Important: If you have NOT registered yet the 2026-2027 school year, you must do so asap! Even if you participated last year, you MUST re-register to participate this year! It's simple... just go on the school website (www.quincycatholicacademy.org) and click on the Program Tab for Extended Day. We encourage **all families** to consider signing up, in case you need to use the Program at any time during the school year. Registration fee is \$30.00 for the year.

Extended Day is a great way for your child to have some time with friends in a relaxed environment after school. The typical schedule for the students is as follows: snack and free time, homework (staff can provide assistance), activity time (gym, playground, school yard, etc). We have a strict No Electronics policy at Extended Day. Students will not be permitted to use phones, tablets, etc. unless they are for specific homework assignments (this will be monitored). Any questions, please reach out: tracy.rixham@quincycatholicacademy.org

We kindly ask that all families send students with a snack and water. These items will not be provided by the school.

We will be using an online timeclock for attendance. Each family will receive a student number that will be used to manually clock out your child/children from the program. If you do not clock out, you will be billed for the entire day. The cost is \$9.50 per hour and is billed by the hour. Please plan accordingly. **Any family arriving after 6:00 on full days or 2:30 on half days will be billed additional fees**

Thank you,
Tracy Rixham
Director, Extended Day

NUT-FREE SCHOOL:

The students of Quincy Catholic Academy are aware and sensitive to the serious medical conditions of some of their classmates with allergies. NO nut products or by-products are allowed at QCA. Thank you!

DROP OFF AND PICKUP:

We are so grateful to all our families for cooperating so effectively with our drop off and pickup procedures. All the planning in the world would not work unless our families cooperate. Your patience and support are vital to our success...thank you so much! Please remember... **NO drop off in front of the school or schoolyard.** Please drive around and drop students off at the drop off area. This is MUCH safer! **Anyone crossing Glover Ave MUST cross at the crossing walk.** We are blessed to have a crossing guard here for everyone's increased safety.

If you happen to arrive after 7:45 a.m. for K2-Grade 8 or after 8:15 a.m. for the Early Childhood, please go to the front main door for admittance.

Attachments:

- Piano Playtime/Piano Lessons Registration Form (ages 3-10)
- QCA Choir Participation Form (grades 3-8)
- Emergency Contact Form
- Statement of Compliance
- CORI form (must be completed by all adults who plan to volunteer at QCA this year)