



Faith, Excellence & Joy *January 21, 2016*



7th and 8th graders at a field trip to Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum

Reminders

Queen of Apostles School follows Fairfax County for delays and closings due to snowy weather. A notice will also be placed on the school's website. The school has an emergency phone messaging service to notify families of closings and delays.

School Calendar Reminders

- Friday, January 22 – **12:15 Dismissal; Watch for updates relating to the weather**
- Friday, January 29 – **12:15 Dismissal** (last day of the quarter; teacher work day); Extended Day open
 - Last Day of School with Snow Days is June 17th

Re-Enrollment Forms and Financial Assistance

Re-enrollment forms were sent home on Thursday, January 14th. **Forms are due on February 16th.** The 2016-2017 kindergarten class has already received many applications. If you have a younger child entering kindergarten, please send in the application as soon as possible. Although the tuition has increased, our tuition is still one of the lowest in the diocese and the immediate area. I recognize the sacrifice parents make to send their children to our school. The tuition increase helps our school continue to maintain our current programs and purchase new technology and equipment for the students.

If you would like to apply for a need-based scholarship for your child(ren), please fill out the online SmartAid application (www.smartaidforparents.com). Applications must be submitted by March 14, 2016.

Tuition Assistance Deadlines: January 25 (High Schools) and March 14 (Queen of Apostles K-8). Parents must submit the application online to be considered for financial aid. The financial aid application can only be submitted online through SmartAidforparents.com.

Jan. 22 Talk: Mercy in Relationship

Due to the poor weather forecasted for tomorrow evening, the talk has been **postponed** until further notice.

Judges Are Still Needed for QofA Science Fair

We need **5 more volunteers** for the science fair on February 4th. Please [click here](#) for more details.

Families Needed to Host Students From Spain

One or two families are needed to host students from our partner school, Stella Maris in Madrid, Spain. The students in the two schools have had Skype visits, and now we are getting ready to welcome the Spanish students to Queen of Apostles. The students will be here after Easter through the month of April. If you are interested in hosting a student, please email Mrs. Littlefield (<mailto:k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org>).

CYO Sports

Congratulations...

3rd grade boys
4th grade boys
5th grade boys
7th grade boys

AND

8th grade girls in a very close 16-15 victory over St. Bernadette

ALL WON THIS WEEKEND

Almost every QofA basketball team is Top 3 in their Divisions!!!

Go Eagles!

A Message from the Knights of Columbus

Dear Queen of Apostles School,

Children in need from the Queen of Apostles Catholic Church area received new warm winter coats during a "Coats for Kids" distribution on January 20, 2016 at the Little Sisters of St. Joseph, thanks to the Casey

Women's Club, Knights of Columbus from the Pope John Paul II Council 4522, and the Queen of Apostles parishioners and School. The Annandale, VA, Council 4522, Knights purchased 96 coats, which were given out at the event.

This is the first year that the "Coats for Kids" initiative of the Knights of Columbus has given new winter coats to children in need from the Little Sisters of St. Joseph area. The enthusiasm of all involved in contributing \$2,100 to exceed the \$1,760 required has laid the foundation to continue the program in the 2016 Advent Season. Altogether, 34 Virginia Knights of Columbus Councils have purchased 1,956 coats to help keep children warm this winter across the Commonwealth. The "Coats for Kids" program is part of the Knights' Help a Child in Need campaign, which began in 2006 with a nationwide appeal during the Christmas season for donations to charities that support the needs of children. The initiative began as an effort to help families with children living in colder climates who have been severely impacted by the slowness in the economy. The coats were distributed without charge to the receiving families. We could not achieve our goals without your support.

Thank you,

Carroll D. Glass
Grand Knight
Pope John Paul II
Council 4522
Knights of Columbus

PTO News

Student Raffle Baskets

Parents, please remember to send in your basket raffle items each week. The last day for items to be sent to school is **Wednesday, January 27th**.

Basket Themes:

Kindergarten - Lego Basket
First Grade - Lego Basket
Second Grade - American Girl
Third Grade - TGIMovie Night- Girls
Fourth Grade-- Art and Craft basket-Girl
Fifth Grade--TGIMovie Night - Boys
Sixth Grade--Sports basket
Seventh Grade -Faith Basket
Eighth Grade-- Family fun/game night

Questions? email Kim Battaglia at levineka@hotmail.com

Tuesday, January 26 - Meaza Restaurant on Columbia Pike has agreed to support our school through a delicious Ethiopian Restaurant night. <http://www.meazaethiopiancuisine.com/>.

Saturday, January 30 - Spaghetti Dinner Night and Bingo @ QofA! Bring a friend, bring the grandparents, bring your children, and bring your appetite! This is also a fundraiser for the school, but for All You Can Eat pasta, soft drinks, and dessert, it is worth every penny. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under 12—pay at the door. Doors open at 6pm.

Box Tops Competition is still alive and strong! – We are working toward our overall goal of \$1,000 in earnings for our school. Keep collecting those Box Tops and reach out to friends and family to do the same. The Top collector in each class and the Top class will win an extra recess and more, compliments of the PTO. Turn them in on Friday, January 29th. We can do it!

Save the Date for the School's Auction!



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If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school office or send an email to Kathy Littlefield, Principal, at k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org.