

PTO Corner

Wow! We – students *and* families – have just completed four weeks of school! At my house we are settling into our new after school routine. I am absolutely amazed at what Charlotte is learning in sixth grade this year – already! Again and again my husband and I are so thankful our daughter is a student at Queen of Apostles.

We are thankful for the quality education our daughter is receiving and also for the spiritual guidance and wisdom of our pastors, Father Leopoldo Vives and Father Juan Espino. At the PTO Volunteer Appreciation Reception last Monday Father Juan began the evening with prayer. Father Leopoldo spoke to each family member in attendance and reminded all of us that involvement in our children's education demonstrates to them the value of our school and their education. Father Leopoldo stated that when we volunteer, our children are more confident, are more engaged in the classroom, have a more positive experience and do better scholastically.

As a new family to the school last year, being involved helped Charlotte meet other students and feel more comfortable in her new surroundings. The "Family Restaurant Night Fundraisers" were one of her favorite things to do because she got to go out for dinner and spend the evening with other QofA kids from every grade level. The first Family Restaurant Night Fundraiser of the school year is TONIGHT, Monday, September 26th. Have dinner at the Noodles & Co. Mark Center located at 1480 N Beauregard St, Alexandria. When you order – take out or dining in – present the attached flyer or mention Queen of Apostles and our school will receive 20% of your total order. Please email friends and neighbors who live in the area and post it on your Facebook wall. The more the merrier. The PTO will be there and we will save a seat for you!

Upcoming Events – Please Add to Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Family Restaurant Night Fundraiser – Noodles & Co. – **TONIGHT** - Monday, September 26, 5:00 - 9:00pm

OCTOBER

Annandale Parade – Saturday, October 22, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Fall Family Picnic at Queen of Apostles School – Saturday, October 22, 12-3pm

NOVEMBER

Family Restaurant Night Fundraiser – Meaza Ethiopian Restaurant – Monday, November 7, 5:00 – 9:00pm

50 Years of Eagle Excellence Anniversary Mass and School Dedication – Saturday, November 12, 5:00pm

50 Years of Eagle Excellence Reception at Clyde's of Mark Center – Saturday, November 12, 6:30pm RSVP to 50@queenofapostlesschool.org

Family Restaurant Night Fundraiser – Rice & Spice Thai Restaurant – Tuesday, December 6, 5:00 – 9:00pm

After School Clubs

Math Club

Volunteers are needed to help with the Math Club. No math expertise is required, but we welcome anyone with a math background. The Club meets each Monday afternoon and volunteers are needed to assist the students. The first Monday of every month the Club is open to all students in 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The second, third and fourth Mondays of each month the Club is open to students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th and is a more challenging experience for students. If you can volunteer 1, 2, 3 or 4 Mondays each month, please contact Mrs. Pilot at sln2s@yahoo.com.

Chess Club

We need parents to continue the Queen of Apostles Chess Club. The Chess Club Coordinator will organize club meeting dates, times and activities. The coordinator and volunteers will organize students by skill level, help students learn the game of chess and game strategies, and organize games between students. If you are able to volunteer with the Chess Club please contact Julia McCluskey at mailto:juliab@yahoo.com.

Fundraising



Check your child's backpack for the Mickman Brothers Christmas Wreath Fundraiser catalog. For every product you order Queen of Apostles School will receive \$5.00. You may submit the enclosed order form or order online. If you order online Queen of Apostles receives even more. All products are guaranteed to stay fresh until New Years and all products are shipped direct to the recipient via Federal Express. Final orders are due on October 27, for an early December delivery.

Share the online catalog <https://online.mickman.com/assets/2016holiday.pdf> on your Facebook wall and email family and friends who may also wish to order one of the beautiful products offered. They truly make a wonderful gift to business colleagues, coaches, teachers, tutors, friends and family.

Fall Box Tops Competition



The Fall Box Tops for Education (BTFE) Competition will kick off on this Wednesday, September 28th and end on Wednesday, October 26th. Classes compete to see who can win bragging rights and a special treat by collecting the most box tops during this period. Collection sheets will be distributed this week, both hard copy and via email through the room parents. Let the clipping begin!

Before you shop, visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/coupons> for printable coupons on most General Mills products. You may also wish to visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/card-linked-offers/retailers> for digital coupons and coupons only available at certain retailers including:





CYO Sports

Thank You Virginia Lorenzo for volunteering to be the Queen of Apostles Catholic School CYO School Sports Coordinator!

Mrs. Lorenzo will help organize sport teams at Queen of Apostles and help teams understand the rules of participation through the NVJCYO sports program. You may contact Mrs. Lorenzo at mavir2006@yahoo.com.

Coaches are Needed for CYO Girls and Boys Basketball Teams

The NVJCYO organizes a Winter Basketball league for Boys and Girls in grades 3 through 8. **We need adults to coach each team.** Coaches and other volunteers are required to have completed the Diocese's Virtus Training. Coaches are responsible to teach the rules of the sport and the proper skills, techniques, strategies, and tactics for their sport in an age appropriate manner. Coaches are responsible for supervision of their team at practice and competitions and must be present at all scheduled practices and games.

Practices will begin in November and teams will usually practice two times a week depending on gym availability and number of teams organized. Games are held on Saturdays and Sundays mostly at Arlington Diocese Catholic Schools beginning the first weekend in December though the end of February.

Coaches and Volunteer Time Commitment: Approximately 3 to 6 hours a week - Two practice sessions each week at school plus a Saturday or Sunday game in the NoVA area.

If you can help organize and coach a team, please contact Mrs. Littlefield at k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org

Plan the Fall Family Picnic!

Do you love fall and all the glory of the season? Want to plan the food, fun and games for the Fall Family Picnic? The PTO is looking for a volunteer to plan this fun family picnic. If you are interested in planning the Fall Family Picnic, please contact Julia McCluskey at [mailto:juliab@yahoo.com](mailto:mailtojuliab@yahoo.com).

Please signup online to volunteer:

Afternoon Car Line
1 Volunteer Each Month <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-afternoon>

Grocery Store & Amazon
Smile Coordinator <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-qofa1>
Click on the "RSVP Now" button to complete your signup.

Annandale Parade –
Saturday, October 22 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-annandale>
Click on the "RSVP Now" button to complete your signup.

QofA Fall Family Fun Picnic
– Saturday, October 22 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-qofa>

Hearing/Vision Screening
Volunteers, October 25 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-hearing>

If the links above do not work, you may go to www.signupgenius.com and click on "Find A Sign Up" and then search for all QofA signups using the email volunteeratqofa@gmail.com.

◆ After completing your volunteer service hours, don't forget to record them using the online Volunteer Tracking Form at <https://queenofapostlesschool.org/volunteer-tracking-form/>

Thank you all you do to support the the students of Queen of Apostles.

Contact the PTO anytime at goa-pto@googlegroups.com.