

# Mary Queen of Apostles SCHOOL

## Principal's Note Winter 2019

*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. ~Colossians 1:17*

DEVELOPING MINDS. BUILDING CHARACTER. STRENGTHENING FAITH.



### Catholic Schools Week

**Catholic Schools**  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

With the help of Student Council, MQA will celebrate Catholic Schools Week in style. We kick it off with a CSW Mass at St. Margaret Mary! After our CSW Mass we have an Open House at both sites from 1:00-2:30. Bring your relatives and neighbors and families interested in joining our MQA School community for the 2019-2020 school year! **Re-registration for the 2019-2020 school year also begins this week. We will probably be wait listing this coming school year in a few grades.**

The CSW schedule for the week is as follows:

**Sunday, January 27: 11:00 am Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church**

**1:00-2:30 Open House FRS/GS & Online Re-registration Opens**

**ALSO, Knights of Columbus Foul Shooting Contest during Open House at GS Gym for those ages 9-14 as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

	FREEPORT ROAD SITE	GREENWALD SITE
Monday, January 28	Jump Rope for Heart	Game Day & Assembly w/ Jamie Dilion
Tuesday, January 29	Game Day & Assembly w/Jamie Dilion	Jump Rope for Heart
Wednesday, January 30	Buddy Reading	Lunch with a Loved One
Thursday, January 31	Breakfast w/ Loved One & Student Teaching Day	Student Teaching Day & CLO Show
Friday, February 1	100 <sup>th</sup> Day & Food Collection by the 100's	Talent Showcase
<b>Friday, February 1</b>	<b>11:30 Early Dismissal and Staff Luncheon</b>	<b>11:40 Early Dismissal &amp; Staff Luncheon</b>

### Not Getting Texts from MQA?

About half of the School Messenger texts I send are not being received. I send texts with email messages. I sent phone calls, texts, and emails for weather delays. If you are not getting the texts, you can fix that by **texting the letter Y to number 67587** and it will be resolved! If you did not elect to have us call your cell numbers by signing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act permission, please do that today at

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/55db263c8712f/web/> .

### Night at the Races!

The annual Night at the Races fundraiser supporting the sports program at MQA is scheduled for Friday, February 1. It is held at Mount St. Peter Marble Hall and is a really FUN event. Information on the event is found online at

<http://www.mqaschool.org/Documents/Night%20at%20the%20Races%20Special%20Flyer%202019.pdf> .

Come join us!

## Safe2Say Something

Pennsylvania has adopted Act 44, a state mandate asking K-12 schools to provide an anonymous reporting system for reporting at-risk behavior. Mary Queen of Apostles is complying with a program titled Safe2SaySomething. Our faculty and grade 6, 7, and 8 will be trained in the use of this program.

## Great Kindness Challenge

MQA has signed up to be included in the Great Kindness Challenge, a week-long challenge to perform as many kind deeds as you can in one week! Kindness matters!

## Latest Awards for MQA



First Lego League teams did well this year at the FLL Grand Championship Tournament held at Sewickley Academy. Teams competed in the Scholastic Division in Core

Values & Teamwork, Robotic Design & Strategy and Innovation, a Research Project, and the Table Games for Robotic Performance. The RoboKnights earned a special award, Team Excellence Trophy. They finished 19<sup>th</sup> in the Table Games with consistent scores in all four rounds. The Knightbots earned a First Place in Programming. Thanks to everyone who helped mentor the students and congratulations to our robotic teams.



The Forensic Team competed at Mellon MS and earned 13 First Awards, 2 Second Awards and 3 Third Awards at the December Forensic Tournament. Our team competed with public schools and Catholic schools in Allegheny County. Congratulations!



The Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest had six students earn awards. Honorable Mention went to Aurelia Tomayko, Dominic Dellemonache and Samuel Litz. Logan Davis won a first place in the 6-8 division, Liliana Hadley won a first place for 3-5 grade division, and Mara Brell won for the K-2 group.



The Arnold Lion's Club honored Aiden Zicarelli and Xavier Andree at their meeting as part of their Student of the Month program.



Aurelia Tomayko was presented with a plaque of her award-winning art work for the Holy Childhood Mission Christmas artwork annual competition. She traveled to Washington, D.C. for the award with her family and art teacher, her grandmother.

Students are currently working on the Christmas card project for next year! Each Advent, the cards are available to send as e-cards. Mrs. Kuniak has the students complete this project as part of our art curriculum. This is our third year competing and Aurelia is the fourth student from MQA to win. Only 24 images are chosen across the country.



The Freeport Road students in kindergarten through grade three completed a book entitled, Hail Mary, Reflections on the Mysteries of the Rosary. It is a published book of our students' illustrations and reflections on the Mysteries of the Rosary. It is being delivered to St. Clare School in Molo, Kenya. It is funded by the Innovation Grant awarded at the Celebration of Catholic Schools for our project, "Books that Bind: Connecting Cultures in Christ".

## Make Me a Maker – an Adult/Child Preschool STEM Program

We are once again offering a Preschool/Adult STEM program on Saturdays this winter and spring. Make Me a Maker Space is at the Freeport Road Site. The STEM program is for preschool age children and a loved one. They are 1.5 hour sessions that occur over a six week period. We are offering two sessions this year. The flyer filled with a description of the session, general information, times, dates, and costs is found on our web site homepage. A registration form is part of the flyer. The registrations are accepted with payment on a first come, first served basis. The program is open to the public and is also advertised in our parish bulletins. [FLYER AND REGISTRATION](#)

## SCG Winter Carnival

The SCG Winter Carnival was a great success with about 200 in attendance. It was a lot of fun with a carnival atmosphere complete with hot dogs, popcorn and Sno Cones! The games were fun and Santa and Mrs. Claus once again graced the event. The Cake Walk raised \$140 dollars for the [Superheroes Believe in Miracles](#) charity.

## Seton Arts Service Corps

Registration and information about the fine arts program presented by students from Seton Hill and the Sisters of Charity can be found on our web site homepage. The program is open to students in grades 2-8. Consider being a part of the art, music and drama adventure! [Registration and Information](#)

## Knights of Columbus Foul Shooting Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council 1381 Foul Shooting Contest will be held at the Greenwald Site gym on Sunday during the Open House. It is open to girls and boys age 9 - 14 as of January 1, 2019.

Winners advance to the district level on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph, New Kensington gym from 1:00-3:00. The address is 1129 Leishman Avenue. Winners advance to regionals at St. Joseph HS in Natrona Heights. Info to follow as needed!

## Second Grade's "Can You Help" Project

The second graders are on a mission to collect cans of food for our parish food banks.



you help? Second grade is getting ready for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and Catholic Schools Week. We



count to 100.



you help second grade practice counting? We are collecting



goods for the

local food banks and we need your help. If your child could bring



goods in to school by January 23<sup>rd</sup> we

would appreciate it. We would like to display our



throughout the school in groups of 100. Hopefully, if

each classroom participates, second grade will be able to practice counting even higher than 100. Thanks for your

help. We know we



count on you.

Second Grade

## Re-registration & Applications Begins!

We are growing! Our enrollment went from 179 to 206 to 220 this year! We have already toured many families for next year, and have many RSVPs to our new, Prospective Families Open House on Sunday, March 3, 2019. With the high interest in MQA, I wanted to be sure you were all prepared to re-register for the upcoming school year. We have always had plenty of space for our current families. While that is good for our families, late registrations cause delays in administrative duties including establishing busing, awarding financial aid, and preparing summer reading and math assignments. We are therefore asking you to be timely with your re-registration or transfer requests. Re-registration and registration of new siblings and applications for new families begins January 28<sup>th</sup>. We are asking our existing families to re-register no later than May 21, 2019 to guarantee a spot for the 2019-2020 school year.

**[Re-registrations for returning students are most easily done online.](#)** You need one submission per student. You can also print the form and send it in through backpack mail. The family \$50 fee can be paid online through PayPal this year. A check or money order can also be sent to the school offices. **[Siblings joining us for the first year and new families can also apply online.](#)** One fee is required for the family, not per child.

Financial aid applications are completed through your **[FACTS](#)** account online. If you do not have an account you must create one. There will not be any paper applications this year. To recoup the financial aid application fee, complete the online form by March 15. The fee will be deducted from your MQA tuition.

If you know of a family that is interested in joining us, please have them call the school office to schedule a tour, conversation with the principal, and to arrange a shadow day before the summer.