

# Queen of Peace Catholic School

2011 - 2012

*Making the World a Better Place...  
One Child at a Time*



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What Do We Believe?

## Mission Statement

~ Queen of Peace Catholic School shares the mission of our Parish, to provide students with a Christ – centered education that focuses on spiritual formation, academic excellence, and the fostering of individual gifts to better serve our community.



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## Vision Statement

~ Inspired by our Catholic faith, the Queen of Peace family aims to provide all students with the opportunity to reach their full potential in academic achievement, faith development, and community service.



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## Yesterday and Today

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Opened by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in 1958, Queen of Peace Elementary School was intended to serve the academic and spiritual needs of students in grades 1 – 8. Under their direction and guidance, the school was able to grow and mature up until 1969, the year in which the Sisters announced they could no longer sustain the school and its mission. Without the Sisters' generosity and vision, the school was forced to close its doors.

Then in 1998 the Mustard Seeds Preschool was formed for students between the ages of four and five. The first year of the program was highly successful, with a healthy and promising enrollment of 31 pupils. Acting upon the success of the Mustard Seeds Preschool and the recommendations of parishioners, Queen of Peace Elementary School reopened its doors. It was agreed by the Pastor, Principal, teachers, and parish families that the enrollment process should be gradual, with a new grade level phased in each year until the school was able to serve students from preschool through eighth grade.

Continual progress has been made in recent years to improve both the school's curriculum as well as its facilities. In the fall of 2002, a capital campaign project was started to provide additional classroom space, as well as a new administrative area. In the Fall of 2006, nearly three years since the idea was first presented, the doors to the new Queen of Peace Catholic School were opened. With the renovation of the school building, it was now possible to expand our efforts and offer a curriculum for our junior high. This past June our school celebrated the commencement of its 6<sup>th</sup> graduating class.

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**Preschool:** Queen of Peace Preschool engages and challenges children to develop early learning, age-appropriate behaviors, and social skills. We work to promote spiritual, social, cognitive, and emotional growth. Children participate in a rich variety of learning experiences from art, music, literature, play, social, and discovery activities. Children also learn basic skills to prepare for kindergarten. They work in small and large groups, as well as independently. They have time to work and play in center areas and practice important skills such as name writing, cutting, sharing, etc. Queen of Peace Preschool also begins to introduce students to the foundational aspects of the Catholic faith. We emphasize the importance of God in our life and never forget that we are all truly loved by God.



**Elementary:** Queen of Peace Catholic School's elementary programs provide for the development of the total child, including the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual dimensions. A balanced pattern of growth enables children to become enthusiastic about life and learning as they grow in awareness of self and their relationship to nature, others, and God. Below are the curricular areas for our elementary program:

Reading	Science	Technology	Art
Social Studies	Mathematics	Religion	English
Writing	Music	Spanish	Physical Education



**Middle School:** In the middle school - sixth, seventh, and eighth grade - students are given more independence and are allowed to travel with their homeroom to teachers who specialize in their individual subject matter. Students at the middle school level receive instruction in each of the following curricular areas:

English/Grammar	Science	Mathematics
Literature	Social Studies	Technology
Religion	Latin	Music
Physical Education	Art	



## *Academic Leader*

Queen of Peace Catholic School is a fully accredited school. We are recognized as an *Exemplary School* by the Indiana Department of Education. We have an overall passing rate on last year's ISTEP+ of 96% with an improvement of 1.8% from last year. *ISTEP+* Test results show a jump in students passing and achieving "Pass+" designations across the grades. On the next page, you will see some examples of how our students and staff have worked very hard to achieve such gains.

To understand a school is to know the people that constitute its very fabric: the faculty, students, parents, and alumni. At Queen of Peace Catholic School, you will discover a community that believes in our school and our ability to educate, motivate, and inspire.

At Queen of Peace Catholic School, we are committed to providing the best scholastic programs, geared to meet individual needs, in an environment which fosters Christian values and stimulates students to reach their fullest potential intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually.

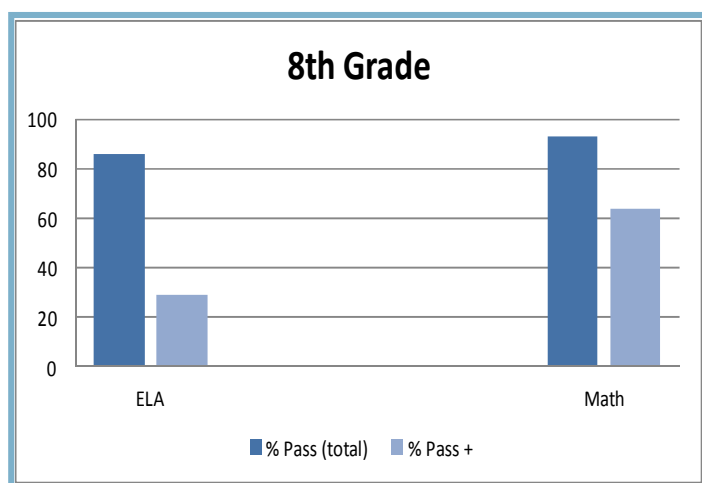
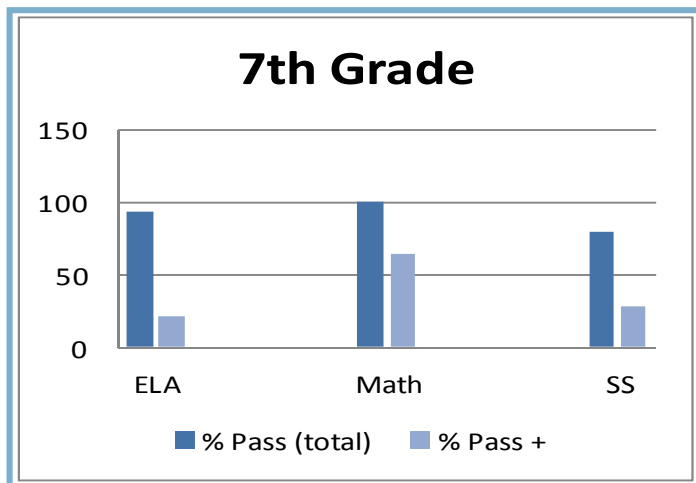
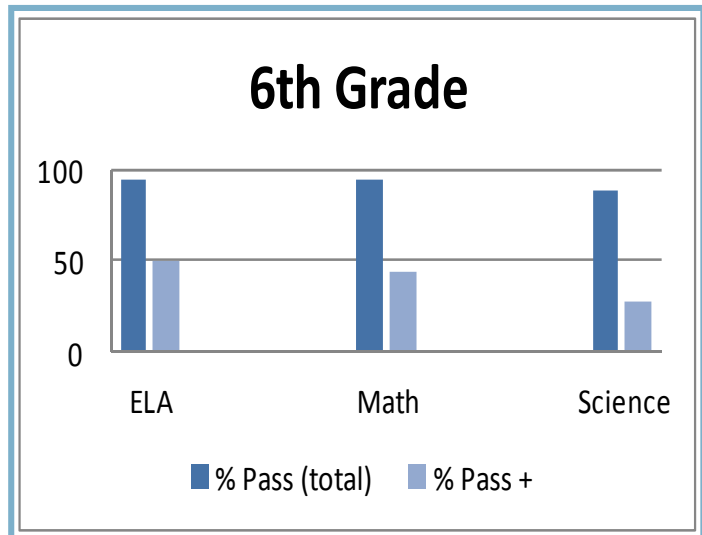
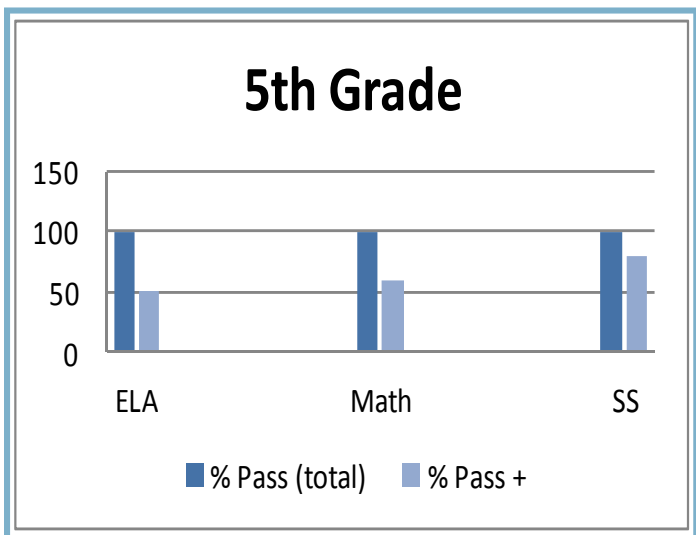
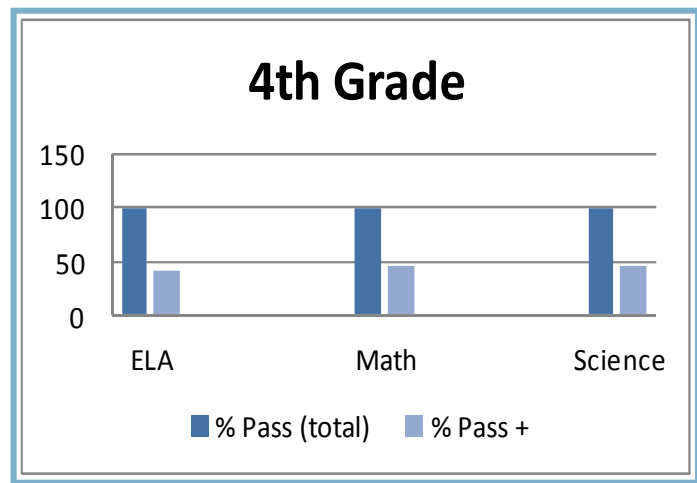
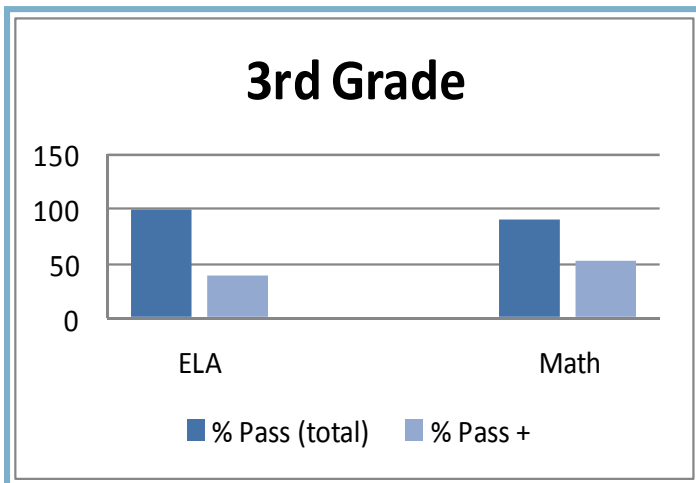
The school's most important resource is our community of teachers – highly qualified, caring individuals who make each child their top priority. All teachers from Preschool onward are certified in their field and pursue continuing professional development. Our teachers' long-term dedication to school and students translates into a stable learning environment.

The relationships between faculty and students are at the heart of the Queen of Peace learning experience. Our exceptional teachers ask as much of themselves as they ask of their students. Their role extends far beyond the classroom and into each student's life.

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## 2011 Spring ISTEP+ Results



## Extra-Curricular Activities

There are numerous extra-curricular programs and activities to support and enhance the curriculum at Queen of Peace Catholic School. The purpose of extra-curricular activities is to provide meaningful experiences which aid in the formation of a well-rounded student, and to help children identify and develop their strengths, talents and interests.

The following information provides a synopsis of some of the activities provided at Queen of Peace Catholic School through the cooperation of parents, teachers, administrators, support staff and students. We are proud to take our life at school beyond the walls of the classroom.

### *Service Projects*

Our school philosophy emphasizes service to others and is manifested in activities done in and out of school to promote both the learning and the living of our faith.

#### *~Food Drives and Clothing Drives*

Throughout the academic year, students at all grade levels participate in numerous food and clothing drives. Much of what is collected by our students is either given to support our local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society or is donated to the Christ Child Society and/or other Catholic charities.

The “Mini Vinnies” is a youth component to the Queen of Peace Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. All children grades 1 – 5 are welcome to attend! The focus of this group is to provide service to our parish as well as the greater community. We now have added a Middle School component to our chapter called the “Young Vincentians”. They, too, participate in many service projects throughout the year.



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## Activities

Extending the learning experience beyond the classroom, Queen of Peace Catholic School offers more than just books ...students have opportunities to express themselves in a multitude of ways:

- ~ Mini-Vinnies
- ~ Quiz Bowl
- ~ Choir
- ~ Science Club
- ~ Student Government
- ~ Boy/Girl Scouts



## Athletics

Students in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade can participate in the *Mishawaka Catholic Junior Soccer League*, as well as our school's Intramural Basketball Program.

Queen of Peace Catholic School sponsors interscholastic athletic programs for our students in grades five through eight. Under the direction of our volunteer coaches, students compete against other Catholic schools in seasonal as well as tournament play.

As a rationale for its existence, athletics should teach fair play and sportsmanship, as well as an understanding and appreciation of teamwork. These are lifelong traits which will help produce productive citizens for tomorrow. Academic work, hand-in-hand with athletics, helps the school achieve its mission of educating the whole person.



### Boys

- Football ~ Fall
- Soccer ~ Fall
- Basketball ~ Winter
- Baseball ~ Spring

### Girls

- Softball ~ Fall
- Soccer ~ Fall
- Volleyball ~ Winter
- Basketball ~ Winter
- Cheerleading ~Fall/Winter
- Track ~ Spring



## *Faith Formation*

Faith formation at Queen of Peace Catholic School is not only about cultivating the intellectual knowledge of our Catholic faith, but also developing the full relational response of the heart. Prayer is integrated throughout our life as a school community, from the beginning of classes, to “The Angelus” at noon, to the closing of the day right before dismissal.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade celebrate and become actively involved in our weekly Masses. Pre-K through fifth grade experience religious enrichment weekly in *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. As children work with the Good Shepherd materials, they learn the tradition of meditative Christian prayer. Students in grades sixth through eighth continue their growth in faith through the studying of Church history and Christian morality, as well as the Old and New Testaments.

### *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is an approach to the religious formation of children rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "atrium," a room prepared specially for their size, learning style, and sense of beauty.

In the atrium, the child can ponder a biblical passage or a prayer from the liturgy by using carefully crafted objects meant to engage all the senses. For example, small children can place wood figures of sheep in a sheepfold of the Good Shepherd; or they can set sculpted apostles around a Last Supper table; or prepare a small altar with the furnishings used for the Eucharist. Older children who can read often copy parables from the Bible, place in order written prayers from the rite of Baptism, or label a long time line showing the history of the kingdom of God.

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## ***Sacramental Preparation***

Various sacramental preparations are offered to our students throughout the academic year. Below is an overview of the various programs and activities students may participate in at Queen of Peace:

### ***First Reconciliation***

During the academic year, students in the second grade are prepared to make their First Reconciliation.

***First Communion***  
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During the Easter season, students in second grade receive the Sacrament  
  
Eucharist.

### ***Confirmation***

At the end of their eighth grade year, students at Queen of Peace are confirmed by the Bishop at a special Mass for them.

### ***Rite of Christian Initiation for Children***

Children seeking to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church will attend the fall and spring semesters of the RCIC program.

Their journey of faith culminates in the beautiful Easter Vigil Mass, when they are invited fully into the life and faith of the Church.

## *Tuition Rates*

Tuition covers only part of the total cost of educating a child at Queen of Peace. Thanks to the subsidies provided by the Parish and active involvement of school families in fund-raising efforts, tuition can be kept significantly lower than the \$4,600 it costs to educate each child. Our Church subsidizes 44% of that cost.

Please do not let the cost of tuition discourage your desire to provide the very best education for your child. Queen of Peace Catholic School participates in the School Choice Scholarship Program. Your family may be eligible for a School Choice Scholarship through the State of Indiana. Please contact the School Office if you think your family would be eligible.

Should your family consider itself unable to pay the full tuition cost, you have the option to apply to the Facts Grant and Aid Assessment program. In order to apply to this program, you will need to submit your most recent tax information. The Facts Management Company will utilize this information to provide a recommendation for tuition assistance for the upcoming school year. Based on this information, and the amount of tuition assistance we have available at the time, an educational award will be determined by the school administration.

Any families experiencing financial difficulties should contact the School Office to inquire about other possible tuition options.

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## *Tuition Guide for 2012-2013*

<u>School</u>	<u>Active Parishioner Rate</u>	<u>Non-Parishioner Rate</u>
1 Child KG—8	\$2,595	\$4,628
2 Children KG—8	\$4,541	\$9,256
3 Children KG—8	\$5,998	\$13,884

### **Fees**

Registration (per child)	\$50.00
Book Fee (per child)	\$150.00
Technology Fee (per child)	\$50.00
Material Supply Fee (per family)	\$25.00
HASA Membership Fee (per family)	\$21.00

<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Active Parishioner Rate</u>	<u>Non-Parishioner Rate</u>
3-4 AM (Thur. & Fri)	\$1,100	\$1,100
4-5 AM (Mon./Wed./Fri.)	\$1,300	\$1,300
4-5 PM (Mon.—Fri.)	\$1,650	\$1,650

### **Fees**

Registration (per child)	\$50.00
HASA Membership Fee (per family)	\$21.00

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## *Additional Services/Programs*

Our support services add extra comfort and convenience for you each day at Queen of Peace Catholic School. From our daily hot lunch program, to before and after-school care, we help our students and their families get the most from the school day.

Queen of Peace Catholic School remains an active proponent of life-long student reading. To achieve this end, Queen of Peace Staff encourages students to participate in the competitive Accelerated Reader program. To further our promotion of reading, students are given the opportunity to attend library once a week. During this time students can peruse and check out books of interest or those needed in classroom projects.



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## *SCRIP*

SCRIP is one of the most successful and easy fund raising programs at Queen of Peace Catholic School. The program requires no out-of-pocket expenses and allows the School to earn profit from local merchants you already frequent. Queen of Peace Parish purchases gift cards to local merchants at a discount, from 2% - 15%. Families purchase the gift cards at face value, with the difference going to Queen of Peace Catholic School and your child's tuition. Half of all the proceeds from your sale go directly to help subsidize your tuition.



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## *Extended Care*

Queen of Peace is pleased to offer our families the opportunity to take advantage of our extended care program. Known as Puma Pals, it is available each school day beginning at 7:15 AM. Extended care is also offered in the evenings until 6:00 PM.



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## **Hot Lunch Program**

Queen of Peace Catholic School offers a daily hot lunch for its students. The hot lunch is nutritionally balanced and meets the State's guidelines. The cost for a hot lunch is \$2.00, which includes milk. Students are also given the opportunity to purchase milk for 50 cents. Free and/or reduced lunches are available to families who qualify.



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## **Uniforms**

Queen of Peace Catholic School requires that students follow a specific Uniform Dress Code. As a Catholic school, Queen of Peace promotes modesty in dress and appearance. All school clothing is to be clean and free from holes, tears or tatters. Throughout the year, Queen of Peace Catholic School hosts a uniform exchange program in which families can purchase uniforms at a fraction of the original cost.



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## **Service Hours**

A Parent Participation Program encourages the involvement and contribution of parents to the nurturing environment of Queen of Peace Catholic School. Families are required to complete 32\* hours of service throughout the academic year. Hours can be completed in a variety of ways, which may include time spent at school or at home. Through parent involvement, friendships are formed and the school community is strengthened.

**\*Subject to change**

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As you guide your child through life—always striving to make the best decisions—you are faced with important choices at each new stage you encounter. Making the right choice when it comes to your child's education is no different. You want to choose a school that will bring out the best in your child.

At Queen of Peace Catholic School, the grade school of Queen of Peace Parish, we empower students to be spiritually, academically, socially and culturally prepared to meet the many challenges of life.

We are proud to offer a Christ-Centered, child-focused learning community for students from preschool through grade eight. By directing our educational programs toward the growth of the whole person, we are able to reach students with a multitude of learning styles.

Queen of Peace Catholic School's dedicated faculty is focused on the uniqueness of each child. The teachers and staff are committed to challenging each of our students to attain his or her potential.

Choosing the right school can often be a difficult decision, so choose a school that has what you're looking for.

Look at Queen of Peace Catholic School and see....

**There is a place for you!**

