QP School Newsletter

From the Desk of Ms. Miller:

Don’t forget that tomorrow is Grandparents’ Day at Queen of Peace. We will start with Mass at 8:15am. Following Mass we invite special guests to join us in the school to visit the student classrooms and enjoy special time with their grandchildren. We are excited to honor all of our guests tomorrow morning.

Our Puma Pride band is beginning this week. This week during music class your child will have the opportunity to sign up for the after school band program. If your student is in 4th through 8th grade they can participate. The band practice will begin this Friday, September 28th from 3:10pm-4:30pm in room 15. All instruments are welcome, we also have a few instruments in class that we can provide your child with if your child doesn’t have one. Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Okello at zokello@queenofpeace.cc if you have any questions.

Next Friday is 17th Annual Worldwide Children Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour. Following Mass, our children will all participate in adoration and praying the rosary. The schedule of this special time is being organized by Mrs. April Weisser, the sponsor of our Adoration Club, and Mrs. Ann-Marie Kankel. You are welcome to join us during this event.

With October coming up, I want to address that October is National Bullying Prevention Month. “Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include: An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.

Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.” (https://www.stopbullying.gov/what-is-bullying/index.html) If you or your child feel they have been or are being bullied, please use our Speak Up number which is free to text or call to report, 574-999-3064.

PRAYER CORNER

To Share the Lord’s Gifts

Lord Jesus, please grant me hope in times of hardship, faith in your promises, life-giving and true, Belief in your love unfailing, And desire to share these gifts coming from you.

Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/27 Grandparents Day
All School Mass
10/4 All School Mass
10/5 Ministry Fair
10/6 Ministry Fair, Volunteer Appreciation, New Parishioner’s Brunch with Special Mass at 10 Am
10/8 Team Tuesday
HASA Mtg 6:30pm
10/11 All School Mass
HASA

Good Afternoon Queen of Peace!

HASA is off to a great start this year. We’ve had our first meeting where we discussed the new discipline program implemented in all classrooms. We would love to see more come to our Tuesday, October 8th meeting at 6:30 pm in the school commons. We will be having a BBQ that evening and welcoming our Queen of Peace School Grandparents. Please feel free to invite your children’s Grandparents to this meeting so they can learn about the volunteering opportunities perfect for them. If your child has another person they’re close to, such as an Aunt or Uncle, please invite them as well. Studies show children do better with behaviors and academics when they have loved ones involved in their education. We have many ways your children’s loved ones can participate in activities around the school.

HASA is still in need of your help for Notre Dame apparel booth. The first home game, the two booths netted about $16,000 in sales. Which equates to $1,600 in profits! That’s just one game! We only have 3 out of a 8 person minimum signed up for the October 12th vs USC, which is the night home game this year. Also we need 4 more volunteers for the last home game of the season, November 23rd vs Boston College. Please consider working either game if you went to the training. See the volunteer tab on the Queen of Peace website for the sign up genius link.

HASA upcoming events:

- October 6th Ministry Fair/Volunteer Appreciation/New Parishioner at 11:00 am after special 10 am Mass.
- October 8th HASA meeting at 6:30 pm in the school commons. Come hungry for grilled food!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

~Margaret Mead

Thank you,
Carrie Crosbie, HASA President

MARIA FAMILY TAILGATE

Friday, Sept. 27th starts at 5:30 pm

All are invited to attend the annual Marian Tailgate on the patio inside the stadium gates and adjacent to the football field. $5 for Adults Plus admission to the Game, 8th Grade and under is free admission to Tailgate.

Marian VS. Bremen Lions
7:00 pm

Please RSVP to Nicole Walter at 574-258-7676 or nwalter@marianhs.org

HARVESTING GRATITUDE

Volunteer Appreciation/New Parishioner Brunch & Ministry Fair

Join us Sunday, October 6th for a special 10AM Mass followed by our Volunteer Appreciation/New Parishioner Brunch and Ministry Fair. We're combining these three fun events into one, so if you're a NEW PARISHIONER, a VOLUNTEER, or if you want information on the ministries we have at Queen of Peace, then join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

*You must R.S.V.P by September 30th.*
* SPECIAL MASS TIMES ON OCTOBER 6TH: 7:30 AM & 10 AM*

HOLIDAY BAZAAR HELP NEEDED

If you enjoy being in charge of setups and takedowns of tables and chairs, we have just the task for you. Our annual Holiday Bazaar, which is always the second Saturday in November, requires 2 to 3 hours on the Friday before and about 2 hours at the end of the bazaar. We will take care of all of the planning and work before and during the bazaar but would really like another crew to help us out with the setup and takedown. If you are interested, please contact us at qp19bazaar@gmail.com and we will be more than happy to set down with you and go through it all.

Ed & Carol Gill - Bazaar Chairs
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<td><strong>Grab &amp; Go Breakfast is offered daily for $1.50. Breakfast will include a Main item and a Fruit, Fruit Juice, &amp; Milk.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Lunches: We offer our Hot Lunch daily, with 4 additional lunch options Ham &amp; Cheese sub, Turkey &amp; Cheese Sub, Chef Salad and QP Lunchable.</strong></td>
<td>5 Corn Dogs Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Bar</td>
<td>6 Nachos Grande (Taco Meat, Chips, Cheese) Salsa &amp; Sour Cream Fresh Bar</td>
<td>7 Cheeseburger/ Hamburger Crinkle Cut Fries Fresh Bar</td>
<td>1 Stuffed Cheese Pizza Caesar Salad Fresh Bar <strong>All School Mass All Saints' Day</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mass 7:30, 9:30 &amp; 11:45</strong></td>
<td>4 Cheese Omelet Hash Brown Rounds WG Biscuit Fresh Bar</td>
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<td>2 <strong>All Souls' Day 9Am Vigil Mass 5:30pm</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mass 7:30, 9:30 &amp; 11:45</strong></td>
<td>11 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Fresh Bar <strong>All School Mass Veteran's Day Assembly Mini Vinnie's</strong></td>
<td>12 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Fresh Bar</td>
<td>13 French Bread Pizza Caesar Salad Fresh Bar</td>
<td>14 WG Pancakes Sausage Links Yogurt Fresh Bar HASA Mtg. 6:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Mass 7:30 &amp; 11:45 Family Mass 1st Reconciliation Enrollment At 9:30 am</strong></td>
<td>18 Hot Dog Baked Beans Rice Krispie Treat Fresh Bar</td>
<td>19 Breaded Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges Fresh Bar</td>
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<td><strong>Mass 7:30, 9:30 &amp; 11:45</strong></td>
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<td><strong>THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE</strong>*</td>
<td><em>Bring in a Box of Cereal and wear Red, White &amp; Blue</em></td>
<td><em>Bring in a Box of Stuffing and wear Fun Shoes (no sandals)</em></td>
<td><em>Bring in a Box of Potatoes and wear Crazy Hat &amp; Socks</em></td>
<td><em>Bring in Box of Pancake Mix and Syrup and wear Comfy Clothes (No Pajamas)</em></td>
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<td><em><strong>11/9-11/15 FALL BOOK FAIR</strong></em>**</td>
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September 26, 2019

Dear Parents,

As you may know, our school library has been closed for the last few weeks. When the library was being prepared for the students to return this year, we noticed damage to some of the books as a result of a previously resolved issue with high humidity levels in that space. Some of older books in the library that haven’t been checked out for some time had evidence of mold on them.

Once this was discovered, the library was closed immediately and proper measures were taken to assess the issue. First, an environmental company was called to test the air quality and inspect the area. This report indicated much lower levels of mold that what is found in the outside air. Although guidelines would allow for our internal maintenance staff to clean the space because these levels were so low, we chose to bring in a professional company this past week with experience in library cleanup to clean the space. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution to ensure a clean and healthy space for our students and staff.

We anticipate the library reopening in just a few weeks. Our librarian, Mary Wikman, has been continuing her library teaching in the homeroom classrooms during this time of transition.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns at 574-255-9674 x124 or via email at lhaverty@queenofpeace.cc.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Laurie Haverty
Parish Administrator
Date: 9/26/2019
Re: Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Virus

Dear Queen of Peace Families and Staff,

Last week our Superintendent of schools, Dr. Joe Brettnacher, sent a notification to administrators at all the schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend about the rare Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus resulting from mosquito bites. As a precautionary measure, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) posted that Indiana had not had any reports of humans infected with the EEE virus, but three human cases occurred in southwest Michigan; one was fatal (go to this link for more details: http://bit.ly/MI_EEE). However, three horses and one group of mosquitoes have tested positive in Elkhart County for the EEE virus.

The ISDH recommends the following measures:
- When possible, avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are active (especially late afternoon, dusk to dawn and early morning)
- When outdoors, the ISDH recommends the use an EPA-registered insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-methane-diol on clothes and exposed skin
- Cover exposed skin by wearing a hat, long sleeves, and long pants in places where mosquitoes are especially active, such as wooded areas

From Queen of Peace:
- Parents are allowed to send with their students in their backpacks a non-aerosol insect repellent (see above what the ISDH recommends) in the form of lotion or wipes for students when they go outdoors or have outdoor after-school activities. We prefer these students to bring non-aerosol products to school to prevent getting the products in their eyes. They will be applying the spray outside the school building before playing.
- When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Insect repellent can also be applied to the clothing for a longer-lasting effect and helps prevent bites.

School maintenance/grounds personnel will vigilantly inspect and maintain our school properties to minimize the risks of students exposure to mosquitoes.

For information on EEE that includes transmission, signs, and symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, statistics, and resources, to go this link: http://bit.ly/EEE_IN_Info.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Jill Miller
Principal
Queen of Peace Catholic School
MAHONEY'S
Free Dental Day
It's all about your smile!
SATURDAY, September 28TH

Registration: 6:30-9:00am
Everyone registered will be seen.

Treatment begins at 7:00am

You have your choice of ONE FREE:
Cleaning, Extraction, or Filling
Adults 18+ Only

Complimentary breakfast!

Patients are encouraged
to dress for the weather
and bring chairs, water,
and snacks.

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