

# Mary Queen of Apostles SCHOOL

## Principal's Note November 2022

"Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands, but ours, no feet, but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world. Ours are the feet with which He goes about doing good. Ours are the hands with which He blesses His people." ~ *St. Teresa of Avila*

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### Calendar News

#### A Peek at the 2022-2023 Calendar for November

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| 11/1     | Feast of All Saints  |
| 11/2     | Early Dismissal Day, see the chart below for times         |
| 11/3     | Report cards sent electronically                           |
| 11/3     | \$1 PNUT Day   |
| 11/5     | Forensic Tournament at MQA                                 |
| 11/7     | NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conference Day                   |
| 11/8     | NO SCHOOL, Election Day                                    |
| 11/10    | Salute to Veterans Lunch and Performance at Greenwald Site |
| 11/11-13 | Willy Wonka, Jr. Performances at Burrell Middle School     |
| 11/12    | FLL Scrimmage at Upper St. Clair                           |
| 11/16    | SCG Meeting, GS Cafeteria                                  |
| 11/17    | Save Day   |
| 11/19    | Girls Basketball Tournament, JV and Varsity Teams, GCC     |
| 11/19    | FLL Scrimmage at Aliquippa                                 |
| 11/23-28 | Thanksgiving Vacation                                      |
| 11/29    | Classes Resume   |
| 11/29    | Valos Candy Orders Due                                     |
| 12/2     | Mid-term   |
| 12/3     | Forensic Tournament at Archangel Gabriel in McKees Rocks   |

### Salute to Veterans, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Please let any veteran or anyone in active service or reserves know about our Salute to Veterans. It is an annual event that honors our service men and women with a lunch of pasta and homemade sauce and meatballs followed by a musical tribute by our band and 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> grade chorus. Our Greenwald Site halls will be lined with students waving flags and thanking our veterans and active and reserve military for their service. We ask that the veteran or military person RSVP to Mrs. Macioce at 724.339.4411 or [kmacioce@mqaschool.org](mailto:kmacioce@mqaschool.org) by November 4<sup>th</sup>. Each person may bring one guest.

Please spread the word. [Share the flyer!](#)

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year the parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Scheduling a conference time with a teacher is done by visiting this link

<https://www.mgaschool.org/Documents/2022-2023%20Signup%20Genius%20Links.pdf> locating the teacher's name on the list, and clicking that teacher's link. The available conference times are found there. Please call or email Mrs. Bernot and Mrs. Young if you want to discuss your child's progress with either of these teachers.

## Greenwald Site Cafeteria in Need of Volunteers

Please consider volunteering at the Greenwald Site for lunch. Lunch volunteers come around 9:30 and stay until 1:30 or so, depending upon the lunch and the number of lunches served. Email Mrs. Pujol at [lpujol@mgaschool.org](mailto:lpujol@mgaschool.org) for more information or to schedule a day each week, or a few days each month that you could volunteer.

## Dismissal Notes for Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities at MQA

Please send in a change of dismissal note when your child is staying after school for a club or activity. We generate a student list for each day to verify changes in dismissal. Send an email to Mrs. Macioce for GS ([kmacioce@mgaschool.org](mailto:kmacioce@mgaschool.org)) and copy in the teacher or club moderator. Send an email for FRS to Mrs. Domiano ([kdomiano@mgaschool.org](mailto:kdomiano@mgaschool.org)) and copy in the teacher or club moderator.

## P.E. Clothes Orders – Black is the New Navy Temporarily

Unfortunately, the navy fabric is nowhere to be found for our normal p.e. mesh pants. So, instead on waiting for backordered items, we decided to give in and have the shorts that were ordered this year be black. The black shorts are not a mistake. These were OK'd when we found out the navy ones would not be available this year and no firm date in 2023 could be given.

## Altar Servers at NKCC

If you child is in grades 3-8 and you are members of one of the New Kensington Catholic Churches, consider becoming an altar server!

**BECOME AN ALTAR  
SERVER TODAY!**

*Join the Ministry*  
*Open to Students in Grades 3-12*

### CONTACT US

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**NEW KENSINGTON CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
MOUNT SAINT PETER, ST. JOSEPH,  
ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA



## Valos Candy Orders and Tuition Credit

Valos Candy orders are going home on November 9<sup>th</sup> and orders are due on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The candy will be ready for pickup or to take home on the bus/car on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The bonus is that 40% of the order is given to the family as tuition credit for the upcoming school year.



## Thanks for Wonktoberfest; Plan for Willy Wonka, Jr.



Wonktoberfest was a grand success! The event was filled with good food, a performance by Alpen Schuhplattlers including audience participation dances, raffles, and of course a stellar performance by the Willy Wonka, Jr. cast! Thank you to the parent committee that chaired the event and the Wonka parents who came to do their share as volunteers that kept it running smoothly.

You won't want to miss the show! Tickets for Willy Wonka, Jr. can be purchased for the evening shows on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> or the matinee on November 13<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/67868>

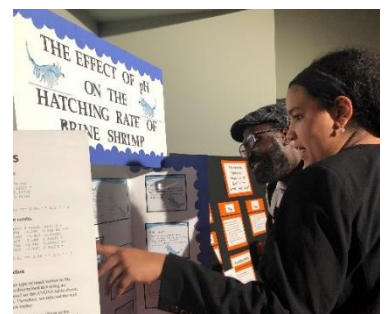
Support the Mary Queen of Apostles Fall Musical Willy Wonka, Jr. by buying an ad in the musical program. Make your ad a personal ad to your student or support entire production, cast, crew and directors with an ad. Sizes range from 1/8 to full page with prices from \$15 - \$150. The musical debuts November 11 - 13. <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ZTQRD>.

## Student Awards

### Carnegie Science Award



Vanessa Ibrahim was honored with a Carnegie Science Award at the 2022 Geek Out Gala held at the science center. She received the Intermediate Division Student Award for her research and experimentation that concluded with her presentation, "The Effect of pH on the Hatching Rate of Brine Shrimp." Congratulations, Vanessa, we are proud of you. We thank Mrs. Kestner, the advisor to the PJAS/PRSEF competitions.



## Bronze Award

Five 6th-grade students at MQA have earned their Bronze Award from Girl Scouts of Western PA. This is the highest award in scouting for their age level, and we are all very proud of them. Alana Matt, Ava Myers, Emma Sieminski, Joelle Ondriezek, and Sophia DePascale from Troop 28807 have earned this award.



Bronze Award recipients are tasked with finding a problem in their community and taking action to solve this problem. A minimum of 20 hours of service work is required to earn this award. Troop 28807 identified that the community of Tarentum was without a library. For their Bronze Award, the girls worked on creating a children's library located inside BridgePoint Church's social hall. The girls held book drives to collect donations of gently used children's books, labeled/sorted/shelved donated books, hosted several fundraising dinners for the community to benefit the library, and using their artistic talents to decorate the library.

Finally, the girls hosted a free community story time at the new BridgePoint Church's Children's Library. They publicized the event, as well as planned and hosted all activities at the Down on the Farm Storytime.

## Tracking TOP Service for Donor Report

TOP Scholarship students and families are responsible for service to their churches and communities and school. This information is reported to the donor on a quarterly basis. If you have completed any service projects during July, August, September, or October, please be sure to record what your child or the family has done on the form linked to our homepage "TOP Scholarship Service Record Link" before November 4<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to report any school service projects. I manage that part of the report.

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=aTEFDZ8GDUuYEq6an2UtRq\\_y-pd6shFKsZ-dgsWwx0tUN1NLSVdRSDBGV1hRTTIQRks2MUREMFIOOC4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=aTEFDZ8GDUuYEq6an2UtRq_y-pd6shFKsZ-dgsWwx0tUN1NLSVdRSDBGV1hRTTIQRks2MUREMFIOOC4u)

## Car Dismissals—Freeport Road Site Including Early Dismissal Times

Bus riders	2:30-2:40 (11:15 Early Dismissal Day)
Kindergarten and older siblings	2:40-2:45 (11:25 Early Dismissal Day)
1 <sup>st</sup> graders and older siblings	2:45-2:50 (11:30 Early Dismissal Day)
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders	2:50-2:55 (11:35 Early Dismissal Day)

## Car Dismissals—Greenwald Site Including Early Dismissal Times

Bus riders	2:40-2:50 (11:30 Early Release)
Car riders	2:45-2:55 (11:35 Early Release)

## Redirect your Pennsylvania Taxes to MQA

If you want to learn more about how you can redirect your PA State Income Tax to MQA, call the school office at 724.339.4411 to learn about the EITC program and tax credits.

## Light of Life Collections

Once again, in honor of Mr. Simoni, our retired maintenance person, MQA is sponsoring a collection for the Light of Life Mission. Each year, Mr. Simoni would save cans, metal scraps, set up class collection jugs, and ask for a PNUT day to support the Lift of Life and the Thanksgiving dinner project. Mr. Simoni himself volunteered at the kitchen over the years. The class collecting the most gets a pizza party in honor of Mr. Simoni. The collection runs from 10/31 to 11/11 at the Greenwald Site for those in grades 4-8.

## MQA Free/Reduced Lunch Applications Available

If you would like to apply for free/reduced lunches at MQA, the link for the online application is found at <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5f47ba9eeda2e/web/>. While our program is for lunch only and is not a part of the National School Lunch Program, we still offer nutritious, low cost or free lunches that are tasty and varied. Consider applying.

## Fall Sports Fees Posted in FACTS Incidental Billing

Cross Country and Girls Basketball sports fees have been posted.



## MQA Spirit Wear Thanksgiving Shirts

Use this link <https://mary-queen-of-apostles.myshopify.com/collections/thankful-shirt> to order your MQA Thanksgiving shirt. Youth and adult sizes available. The cost is \$9.50. All orders must be placed by October 30. Shirts will be delivered to your child at school before Thanksgiving break. We will have a PNUT day before the holiday so that everyone can wear their shirts to school. Any questions contact Jody Kleckner at 724-448-1403 or by email

[jkleckner@mqaschool.org](mailto:jkleckner@mqaschool.org).

## Prayer and Dinner with Father Pujol!

Consider a culinary treat! Register to dine at this event and select Father Pujol's "dining room." Maybe you can reminisce about his days at MQA, or at National History Day, or in high school or college. We are certainly proud of him. In case you did not know, our Food Director, Mrs. Pujol is his mom! Click the link below for more information or to register.



**PRAYER AND PERFECT PAIRINGS**  
SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO BRING PEOPLE BACK TO THE FAITH  
**FIVE COURSE DINNER**  
PREPARED WITH RECIPES FROM LOCAL PRIESTS  
EACH COURSE PAIRED WITH WINE  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2022  
Christ Our Shepherd CENTER  
ROUTE 30, GREENSBURG  
**REGISTER NOW LIMITED SEATING**

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/evangelization/Pages/Prayer-and-Perfect-Pairings.aspx>

# Spirited Women's Conference



## Conference Schedule

7:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM	Praise and Worship
8:30 AM	Welcome, Announcements
8:35 AM	Keynote Speaker — Dr. Carol Razza
10:00 AM	Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick
11:15 AM	Breakout Speakers, Witness Testimonies
12:30 PM	Exposition and Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Prayer Teams, Vendors, Craft, Lunch
2:20 PM	Welcome Back
2:25 PM	Praise and Worship
2:50 PM	Keynote Speaker — Dr. Carol Razza
4:00 PM	Closing Remarks, Closing Song, Dismissal, Pick Up Raffle Prizes

## Registration

Register online at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/SPIRITED](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/SPIRITED)  
or complete and mail the form below

**\$75 Registration** (Financial aid available through the Francis Fund)

## MQA Mission Statement

The mission of Mary Queen of Apostles School is to form a new generation of disciples of Jesus Christ by educating the total child – developing minds, building character, and strengthening faith. In a Christ centered learning community, we offer a solid foundation in the fundamentals with a challenging and extensive curriculum evolving to meet the needs of students in an ever-changing world. We provide a safe nurturing environment, promote respect for the dignity of each person, emphasize individual responsibility, and encourage service to others under the guidance of our patroness, Mary, the first and model disciple of her Son.