

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will bloom." ~ St. Pope John Paul II

DEVELOPING MINDS. BUILDING CHARACTER. STRENGTHENING FAITH.



Calendar News

A Peek at the Calendar for October

- 10/4 Early Dismissal Day (see chart for times)
- 10/4 All Schools Diocesan Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg – Student Council w/parent pickup after dismissal
- 10/5 Mass Day K-3
- 10/5 4/5/6/7/8 Field Trip to SJHS for "To Know Him" Experience – Families are Welcome!
- 10/6 \$1 or more PNUT Day – Ukraine Orphanage
- 10/8 Cross Country Championship at St. Vincent
- 10/10 8th Grade Field Trip, Career Link
- 10/15 SCG Trunk or Treat at GS, 1:00pm
- 10/16 7th/8th Grade Field Trip, Lutherlyn
- 10/18 SCG Meeting, Greenwald Café, 7:00pm
- 10/20 \$1 or more PNUT Day – xxx
- 10/23-27 Red Ribbon Week (see note below for all activities)
- 10/24 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/27 Student Council Dance, Grades 6/7/8
- 10/29 Sponge Bob Spooky Spaghetti Lunch
- 10/31 Report Cards Available Electronically
- 11/1 Mass, All Saints, 8:30 MSP and 10:10 GS
- 11/1 Early Dismissal Day (see chart for times)
- 11/4 Musical Move-in Day at Burrell MS
- 11/5 Musical Tech Week Begins!
- 11/6 NO School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/7 NO School – Election Day
- 11/9 Salute to Veterans – lunch & entertainment, 1:00pm
- 11/10-12 Sponge Bob Square Pants Musical, Burrell MS

Two Service Projects!

Feeding the Body, Mind & Soul

Each month the SMM food bank gives the children of our clients from age 1 through Grade 5 a birthday bag to celebrate their birthday.

Through the generous donations of our parishioners, we provide everything they need for a party (cake mix, icing, plates, cups, utensils, and party treats) plus a gift of two books in the hope of fostering a love of reading.

Unfortunately, our book supply has run short. If you would like to donate a book for one of our Food Bank children, it would be greatly appreciated. The children look forward to their Birthday Bag every year!

If you are interested in donating a book for the Birthday Bags, we ask that you please purchase a new, unused copy of your favorite book, appropriate for your grade level. You can add a little handwritten note on the inside of the book such as "Happy Birthday from your friend at MQA School, Grade x". **DO NOT include your name.**

Thank you for helping the SMM Food Bank not only feed the bodies of our neighbors in need, but also their minds!

We will add a birthday prayer card as a bookmark.

Connecting Father Koval, Pastor of St. Vladimir, MQA, and a Parish & Orphanage in Ukraine

Each month one of our PNUT days will be for an orphanage that Father Koval connects with and supports through his parish. He will be working to bring us letters and time to meet the children virtually. We are planning to have a family event that will allow us to "meet". We also plan to video our Christmas concerts, write about our traditions, and share those with the youth group and students in the orphanage. They will do likewise and share with us.

Most importantly, we will be sharing our faith.

Absences, Schoology, and PowerSchool

For daily absences, please refer to Schoology to learn what was covered in class and what homework was assigned. If able, have your child work on what he/she can get done with what resources and books are at home, rest and get better, and we will catch your child up once he/she gets back. Extensions for getting the work completed will be considered and students will get due dates for completion. Graded work will be entered with a zero along with the absent code in PowerSchool. Once turned in by the new due date, the grade will be replaced with the one earned.

If the family is going on an extended educational field trip, please take the books home with you before you leave on your trip. Then use Schoology to stay abreast of assignments as best you can. If your child will be out for an extended period of time due to illness, contact the office.

COVID Absences

PA Department of Education's protocol for positive COVID tests says that if you test positive stay home for 5 days, or more if you still have a fever. Mask for an additional 5 days upon returning to school. The school will prepare books and laptops for home use.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is planned by Student Council. The details of the week will be sent home at a later date.

NET Retreat, Grades 6/7/8

Grades 6/7/8 will participate in a NET Ministries Retreat on Tuesday, October 31st. The retreat begins at 9:00 and goes to the close of the school day. It is an annual event for students in these grades. The team members challenge youth through relational ministry to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church. Information on Net Ministries can be found at <https://netusa.org/mission-vision/>

Car Dismissals—Freeport Road Site Including Early Dismissal Times

Bus riders	2:30-2:40 (11:25 Early Dismissal Day)
Kindergarten, 1 st graders PreK & older siblings	2:40-2:50 (11:35 Early Dismissal Day)
2 nd and 3 rd graders	2:50-2:55 (11:45 Early Dismissal Day)

Car Dismissals—Greenwald Site Including Early Dismissal Times

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

Not Getting MQA Texts or Emails?

Look for 67587 – That is a message from the Diocese of Greensburg AKA MQA! If you are not receiving our texts, which come at the same time as the email containing information you need to know, there is a solution. Send the message Y to 67587 and you will receive the texts.

If you are **not getting emails**, they are probably blocked by your email provider or you accidentally blocked @mqaschool.org and/or @dioceseofgreensburg.org. You can set a rule to accept emails from these two addresses. Please call the office if you are not getting emails. We may be able to delete any blocks you may have set for your account. We send very little information home in the backpacks.

Incidental Billing for Cross Country & Girls Basketball Fee

Please note the sports fees are due through FACTS on October 9th.

Tuition Credit

If you would like to learn more about the tuition credit program at MQA call the office on Monday or Thursday at 724.339.4411 and speak to Mrs. Farrell.

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.

TOP Scholars and Service Hours

Consider donating a book or making a birthday card (without your name) for the SMM food bank clients' children.

Service for TOP Scholars can be done throughout the year by any family member. Keep track of your hours by recording service using the link.

...or click here:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=aTEFDZ8GDUuYEg6an2UtRq_y-pd6shFKsZ-dgsWwx0tUN1NLSVdRSDBGV1hRTTIQRks2MUREMFIOOC4u

SCG Trunk or Treat

SCG's Trunk or Treat for the students of MQA is on Oct. 16th at the Greenwald Site. An RSVP to attend and/or to bring a decorated car for passing out treats is found at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DA5AC22A5FA7-44586867-trunk> Please sign up by Oct. 10th so all supplies can be ordered for the event.

Spiritwear for October or November

MQA pumpkin shirts are available for purchase using this link <https://mary-queen-of-apostles.myshopify.com/collections/thankful-shirt>.



You have the option of choosing to have the stem and vine in glitter. All orders must be placed by October 1. Any questions contact Jody Kleckner at 724-448-1403.

Clubs and Activities

Clubs and activities began in September. To view the list of available options, visit the school website at <https://www.mqaschool.org/clubs-activities/>

To Know Him Open to the Public and a Field Trip for Grades 4-8

What's Happening at MQA

Request Information or Schedule a Tour

Time to Shine and Welcome New Faculty!

Service at MQA: Thank a Police Officer

Affordability

Principal's Note

Time to Choose Clubs and Activities

MQA Spirit Wear Store

TOPS Scholarship Service Record Link ✓

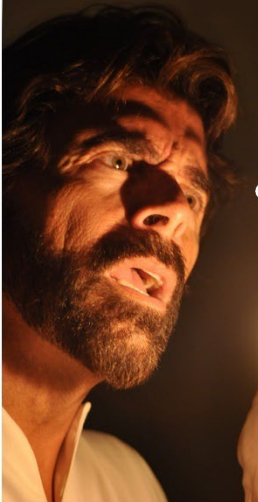


KNOW HIM: STUNNED DISCIPLES

Thursday, October 5, 2023

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Saint Joseph High School
800 Montana Avenue, Natrona Heights, PA 15065



Imagine the shock of Jesus' closest friends when they experienced his miracles, witnessed his crucifixion, and saw him alive again, resurrected from the dead.

Come and be transported back to Jesus' time and become a stunned disciple. See the tools of the crucifixion, taste food from the Holy Land, and learn about other disciples like Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian website designer on the path to Sainthood.



Students, families and staff are welcome to attend this FREE experiential event. No registration is necessary.

As part of the nation-wide Eucharistic Renewal, the Diocese of Greensburg is holding specific events this year. The one entitled To Know Him will be held at St. Joseph HS for students in our area schools and their families. MQA is taking students in grade 4-8 and Greenwald staff to this experience. All are welcome.

All are welcome to attend the Diocese of Greensburg "Know Him: Stunned Disciples" presentation on Thursday, October 5 from 9-11am at Saint Joseph High School (Science and Technology Center). If you plan to attend please help us prepare by letting us know! Email SJHS Director of Advancement Services Mrs. Farrell at sFarrell@SaintJosephHS.com with your name and school.



SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
800 MONTANA AVE. NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA 15065

Please join us:
October 22nd
Resurrection Hall
St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

For an **"All Saints Trunk or Treat"**

11:15am - Holy Mass

12:15pm - Children Can dress in their costumes and enjoy donuts and Cider

12:45-2:00pm - St. Agnes Ministries & our Young Disciples (6th & 7th graders) will feature various saints and distribute treats from their trunks.



No Cost or registration required.
All are welcome. Bring a friend!



OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
10AM-12PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT
SAINTJOSEPHHS.COM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE
AT ADMISSIONS@SAINTJOSEPHHS.COM OR 724-226-2819.