

# Mary Queen of Apostles

SCHOOL

## Principal's Note May 2024

"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

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### Calendar News

#### A Peek at the Calendar for May

- 5/2 Masses - 8:30, K-3 & 10:10, Gr. 5-6
- 5/3 \$1 PNUF Day, Benefits Ukraine Youth Group & Orphanage
- 5/3 Field Trip, Grade 3, Aviary
- 5/6 Art Factory Family Gallery Tour, 4:00 pm Marble Hall
- 5/7 DiscoverED Design Challenge, Gr. 1 & 2
- 5/9 Ascension Masses – 8:30, K-3 & 10:00, Gr. 4-8
- 5/10 Field Trip, Kindergarten, Living Treasures
- 5/10 Grade 4 State Presentations, 1:00 pm
- 5/13 May Crowning & Living Rosary at Mount St. Peter, 8:15 am ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO FRS
- 5/15 All SCG Raffle Tickets Due into Office
- 5/16 Masses – 8:30 K-3, & 10:10, Gr. 7-8
- 5/16 Spring Band & Chorus Concert, SMM, 7:00 pm
- 5/17 \$1 PNUF Day, Benefits Student Council Projects
- 5/17 Grade 6 Greek Day, Presentations & Taste of Greece
- 5/17 Greek Olympics, Gr. 4-6, 1:00 pm
- 5/17 SCG Raffle Ticket Drawing, 3:00 pm
- 5/17 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dance, Gr. 7-8, SMM, 7-10 pm
- 5/20 PJAS State Competition, Penn State University
- 5/20 Sewing Club "Dress in Your Creation" Day
- 5/21 Band Recital at GS, 6:30 pm
- 5/22 Pre-K 4 Graduation, Marble Hall, 10:00 am
- 5/23 Mass at MSP K-3, 8:30 am, ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO FRS
- 5/23 Kindergarten Graduation, Marble Hall, 12:30 pm
- 5/24 Grade 5 Statuary Park, GS, 9:00 am
- 5/27 NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- 5/29 End of Quarter 4
- 5/29 Rising Star Day, Gr. 3-7 and Science Olympiad, Gr. 3-8
- 5/30 Early Dismissal Day
- 5/30 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, Awards and Dinner, St. Margaret Mary, 5:30 pm
- 5/31 Last Day of School, Early Dismissal Day

5/31 Awards Assembly, Gr. 4-7, GS Gym, 9:30 am

5/31 SCG Movie Night, 6:30 pm Greenwald Site

## MQA Raffle for School Security

Congratulations to our winners of the May 1st Raffle for School Safety and Security. The first place winner is Charlene Smith, who won \$2500. The second place winner of \$1000 is John Lemon and the third place winner of \$750 is Paul Hochstine.

Thanks to all the school families and parishioners from St. Margaret Mary, Mount St. Peter, St. Joseph, and St. Mary Czestochowa parishes.

## SCG Spring Raffle

It is time for the SCG annual Spring raffle fundraiser. Today or tomorrow, the oldest/only child will bring home 4 raffle tickets for each family to sell. The SCG is asking each family to sell 4 tickets at \$15 a ticket to support this fundraiser. If you choose not to sell the tickets you are able to opt out for \$75.00.

Each year the SCG (School Community Group) holds a Spring fundraiser to help with our school sports teams, technology upgrades, curriculum materials, and class field trips. We will be selling tickets for a gift card raffle to our local grocery store of your choice, Giant Eagle, Community Market, or Golden Dawn. There will be 3 lucky winners.

1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$250.00

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$250.00

**All money and ticket stubs be returned by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>.** Winners do not need to be present to win. Please make checks payable to: MQA SCG. Please direct any questions to: [mqascg@gmail.com](mailto:mqascg@gmail.com). Thank you for your support and participation!

## May Crowning and Living Rosary



Congratulations to Bria Domiano who is this year's May Queen. Her attendant is Emily Marino. The eighth grade girls are the May Court for our annual May Crowning and Living Rosary held at Mount St. Peter Church. The second graders are invited to be rosary beads and wear their First Communion outfits for the service. The May Crowning will be at 8:15 am on May 13<sup>th</sup>. All students from both sites will report to the Freeport Road Site that day. Busses will transport the students in grades 4-8 to

Greenwald following the prayer service.

## Volleyball

Congratulations, Varsity Blue for becoming the second-place winners at the Volleyball Tournament this year. Please return the volleyball jerseys by next Wednesday. Also, please complete the survey.



## Track & Field

Good luck to all those participating in Track & Field over the next three weekends. The activity fee for this sport will be posted this weekend through FACTS incidental billing.

## MQA “Summer Journey” Summer Camp

MQA will have a five-week summer camp program the weeks of June 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> with reading, math, social/emotional learning, and STEM sessions. It will run Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

## MQA Sponsors Safety Town

MQA will hold a week-long program called Safety Town at the Greenwald Site for children ages 4 and 5 this summer. The program runs from July 29 – August 2. There are three sessions available during that week. MQA families will have the first opportunity to register for the camp.

# SAFETY TOWN



Location: Mary Queen of Apostles School- Greenwald Site  
110 Elmtree Road, New Kensington

This one week summer camp will focus on fire safety, stranger danger, calling 9-1-1, poisonous items, and pedestrian safety, with visits from local first responders. The children practice and learn to cross the street safely as well.

Safety Town is a child size simulation with working traffic signals, cross walks, and traffic provided by the children on vehicles, in order to give them the necessary experience before they take a walk on a real street with real traffic and signals.

**\$100 Per Child**

Scan Here  
to Register



**Ages 4 and 5**

July 29- August 2  
Choice of 3 Sessions:  
9:00-11:00 AM  
1:00-3:00 PM  
5:00-7:00 PM

## FACTS Re-enrollment – FACTS New Student – FACTS Financial Aid Applications

**Attending MQA means using FACTS. All re-enrollments for current students, applications for new students and enrollments of newly accepted students are done through FACTS. The application for financial aid is also through FACTS. Each of these is a step to take in the FACTS system.**

**Students currently enrolled at MQA *received a re-enrollment email from FACTS* in February to begin the process of enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. *These students do not need to submit an inquiry or an application.***

**Families with students who will be joining the MQA classes, but who are not yet attending MQA, should complete the inquiry form using the button on our website or by clicking on this link:**



<https://mqa-pa.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=15769> or scanning this QR code. This is step one! Step two and three follow! After the inquiry is complete, an application for the new student is submitted. Upon approval of the application, an email is sent offering a link for enrollment. This email will come from FACTS.

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Part of the enrollment/re-enrollment process is choosing the payment plan for your family. Regardless of what is chosen, re-enrollment and setting up the payment plan both have a fee. The process is delayed until the fees are paid.

Families who want to apply for financial aid for their students for the 2024-25 school year will only be required to use their **2022 tax returns** and not their 2023 tax returns. If there is a reason where using the 2023 tax return is beneficial to the family, the 2023 tax return can be uploaded once your

forms are ready then FACTS will recalculate need. The financial aid application for 24-25 school year must be completed to receive aid. The aid application opened in November 2023 and continues. Financial aid applications also have a fee determined by FACTS for processing the application. Until it is paid, the application is not verified/completed, and therefore no aid can be given until this step is completed.

**As a reminder: applying for financial aid and re-enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year are two different items to prepare for the upcoming school year. Please read this carefully and call the office with any questions.**

## Appreciation Breakfast

The SCG is hosting a teacher and staff appreciation breakfast during Teacher Appreciation Week from 7:00 am to 8:00 am on May 10th. ***We need one more person for the Greenwald Site.*** If you can volunteer to help set up and tear down for the breakfast, please use the Signup Genius link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A72BA7FCC61-48778262-teacher>

## Tracking TOP Service for Donor Report

TOP students and families are responsible for service to their churches and communities and school. Tis the season of volunteering counting even the Advent tree, fruit basket delivery, church decoration, church ministries, gifts and visit to the senior care homes, and others! Remember to record your service using the link on our homepage.

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

## MQA Spirit Wear!

MQA Spirit Wear Store is always open! There are categories for each sport, some general MQA wear, and some holiday wear. Remember that these items are not part of the required school uniform, but they can be worn on a PNUT day. Any questions please contact Jody Kleckner 724-448-1403. Please use this link to order your spirit wear. <https://mary-queen-of-apostles.myshopify.com/>

## Yearbooks Now Available for Purchase

We're excited to announce that the 2023-2024 yearbooks are now on sale! Capture all the memories of this school year by ordering your yearbook today at <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=101624021572914>. Each yearbook costs \$27.27, and orders must be placed by July 25th.

Remember, you can customize two free yearbook pages with your child's memories! Additional pages available for an additional fee. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make the yearbook uniquely yours. Visit <https://help.treering.com/s/topic/0TOQg0000000ewjOAA/creating-custom-pages?tabset-a06da=2> for more information on how to personalize your student's yearbook. All customizations must be completed by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Domiano at 724-335-5911 or e-mail [kdomiano@mqaschool.org](mailto:kdomiano@mqaschool.org). Order now and cherish the memories for years to come!



# Save the Date

The SCG is sponsoring a movie night at the end of May. Mark your calendar and save the date. Please RSVP and sign up to help. Please park in Felderalli Square for this event. Here is the Signup Genius link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A72BA7FCC61-48256946-movie>

## MQA SCG invites you to



**Friday, May 31, 2024**

**Time: 6:30p.m. Movie will start at dusk.**

**Location: MQA Greenwald parking lot**

Families can park in Federalli Square parking lot.

Come join us for fun, socialize with MQA families, watch a family movie, and enjoy the local food trucks.

**Bring your lawn chairs and/or blanket.**



# Summer Opportunities

## Register Online at SaintJosephHS.com!

More details pertaining to each camp and biographies of camp instructors can be found online at SaintJosephHS.com.

### Camp Discounts

1. Have multiple children attending the same camp? Get a 25% discount! Only applies for the same camp registration. (code MULTI)
2. If a camper registers for both the Drama and Art camp, get 50% off the second camp. Each camper should bring a lunch to eat between camps. (code FINEARTS)

Limited scholarships are available. Contact the Admission Office at [admissions@SaintJosephHS.com](mailto:admissions@SaintJosephHS.com)

Every camper will receive a t-shirt!

Camps will be held on the school campus, 800 Montana Ave. Natrona Heights, PA 15065, unless otherwise stated.

### Questions?

Mrs. Shane Palumbo '92  
& Mrs. Sharon Farrell  
(724) 226-2819  
[admissions@saintjosephhs.com](mailto:admissions@saintjosephhs.com)



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Scan to Register!



St. Joseph High School

## Summer Camps 2024







Register Online Today!

Bring A Friend!

SaintJosephHS.com

**Spring Clinic**

**Girls' Volleyball** Grades 5-8  
with Coach McCarthy & SJHS Players  
April 21 & May 19 · 1-3 PM  
\$50/athlete + fees (\$) Improve your game by working on fundamental skills such as passing, hitting, serving, setting, blocking, and more!

**Summer Camps**

**Art** Grades 5-8  
with SJHS Art Teacher Mrs. Morrone & Student Assistants  
June 17-21 · 12:30-2:30PM  
\$100/camper + fees (\$) Opportunity to create, collaborate, and learn about various arts in an open and fun environment.

**Drama** Grades 5-8  
with SJHS Musical Director Mrs. Porter & Student Assistants  
June 17-21 · 9AM-12PM  
\$100/camper + fees (\$) Learn skills for the auditioning and rehearsal process, staging, backstage and technical theater skills, and performing. **Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a pencil.**

§ Credit Card Processing Fee - FNB Bank

**Materials Science**

Grades 5-8  
with SJHS Science Teacher Mr. Wesolowski & Student Assistants  
June 17-20 · 10AM-2PM  
\$150/camper + fees (\$) Participate in hands-on labs, study how materials change when heat and forces are applied. **Campers should bring a lunch each day.**

**Girls' Basketball**

Grades 5-8  
with Coach Dutelle, College Athlete Julie Spinelli & SJHS Players  
June 24-27 · 9-11:30AM  
\$100/camper + fees (\$) Improve your game by working on your skills: ball handling, dribbling, passing, rebounding, and teamwork.

**Boys' Basketball**

Grades 5-8  
with Varsity Coach Acri, Assistant Coaches, College Athletes Jimmy Giannetta & Charlie Ross & SJHS Players  
June 27 & 28 · 5:30-8PM & June 29 · 9-11:30AM  
\$100/camper + fees (\$) Improve individual skills, teamwork, and team building initiatives, as well as character development.

**Girls' Cheer**

Grades 5-8  
with Coach Mitchell, SJHS Cheer Alumna Kylie Krzewinski & SJHS Cheerleaders  
June 29-30 · 1-4PM  
\$50/camper + fees (\$) Enhance current skills and unveil hidden talents while working as a team that supports one another, and of course, has fun!

**Co-Ed Soccer**

Grades 5-8  
with Coach Dom Ferrante & SJHS Players  
July 8-10 · 6-8PM  
\$75/camper + fees (\$) A mix of technical, fun, and small-sided drills/games will be used to develop the player's soccer abilities and game understanding.

**Boys' Baseball**

Grades 5-8  
with Coach Vocke & Players  
July 11-12 · 5:30-8PM @ Freeport Community Park  
\$50/camper + fees (\$) A drills-and-skills camp to enhance your catching, fielding, base running and more. Come learn more about the skills every ball player needs.

**Co-Ed Bowling**

Details coming soon

For sports clinic/camp questions, contact Athletic Director, Sally Ackerman at [sackerman@SaintJosephHS.com](mailto:sackerman@SaintJosephHS.com).

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**



**Climbing**  
**Games**  
**Swimming**

**Summer Happens Here!**

**At Camp GUYASUTA**

**2024**

9 Weeks  
Campers can attend 1 week to all 9 weeks

Beginning June 3, 2024

Boys and Girls  
Ages 6-14  
Register ONLINE






For more information contact:  
**Kim Daniher - 412-782-2669**  
[kim.daniher@scouting.org](mailto:kim.daniher@scouting.org)

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**2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER**  
**JUNE 1, 2024**

**EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS!**  
**TICKETS ONLY \$31.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>!**  
PRICE INCREASES TO \$35.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OR LATER

- PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:**
- STEP 1: Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools)
  - STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity
  - STEP 3: Enter Promo Code maryqueen in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
  - STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
  - STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE, then click 'Continue'
  - STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

- PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> FOR \$37.99:**  
(if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 14<sup>TH</sup>)
- STEP 1: Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools)
  - STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity
  - STEP 3: Enter Promo Code maryqueenflex in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
  - STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
  - STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE, then click 'Continue'
  - STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!
- \*Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase March 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.**  
Visit [KENNYWOOD.COM](http://KENNYWOOD.COM) for up-to-date park operating dates and hours. Park operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Online offer only. No refunds or rainchecks for online purchases.





The Ford City 5K and Kids ½ Mile  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:00am & 10:00am  
Benefiting Divine Redeemer School

**REGISTER NOW!**



**2nd Annual**  
**5K WELLNESS RUN**

A 5K run/walk that will raise money for the JED Foundation, which supports mental health!

June 1, 2024  
Kotecki Park  
10:00 am

**REGISTER**

- The top 3 of each age group receive medals
- Shirts will be for sale
- Online registration is \$25 (which includes a shirt)
- In-person registration is \$15, starting at 8:30 am on race day

## GCC Saturday Football Camp

**GCC FOOTBALL YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP**  
May 18 FROM 1 PM - 3 PM  
Grades K-8 Boys & Girls (non-contact)  
CCCHS - 911 Armory Drive, Greensburg

**WALK UP REGISTRATION \$30 PER PLAYER  
CAMP TSHIRT INCLUDED  
\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST\***

Questions?  
Coach John Thompson @  
gcchsfootball@gmail.com

GCC is offering a non-contact football camp on May 18 for boys and girls in grades K-8.

## 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.