

"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 February

- 2/5 FRS-Book It! Forms are due
- 2/5 Early Dismissal – See the Chart Below for Times
- 2/5 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 2/6 Mass for grades K-3, MSP 8:30 & grade 4 & 8, GS 10:10
- 2/7 \$1 or more PNUT Day Benefits Wildfire Relief
- 2/7 Last Day for Hot Chocolate Tickets at GS
- 2/8 PJAS Regional Meet
- 2/12 Mr. Yuk Presentation, Gr. 1
- 2/13 Mass for grades K-3, MSP 8:30 & grade 5, GS 10:10
- 2/13 Hot Chocolate Bar-GS during lunches
- 2/13 Save Day
- 2/14 PNUT Day Benefits Knead Café
- 2/17 SCHOOL IN SESSION - SNOW MAKE UP DAY
- 2/18 Mid-Term
- 2/19 SCG Meeting at GS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm
- 2/20 Mass for grades K-3, MSP 8:30 & grade 6 & 7, GS 10:10
- 2/21 \$1 or more PNUT Day Benefits Ukraine Orphanage
- 2/22-23 Boys Basketball Tournament
- 2/25 Net Retreat- Grades 6/7/8
- 2/27 Mass for grades K-3, MSP 8:30 & grade 4 & 8, GS 10:10

Service, Service, Service

100 Can Pyramids at FRS – Ends 2/5

Collection of canned food for the 100th day of school at FRS, which is February 5th. The second graders take the cans over to the MSP Food Bank to help “set up” and see how this service works.

Souper Bowl Service at GS – Ends 2/10

All through Catholic Schools Week and into the Super Bowl, we collect canned goods and non-perishables at Greenwald. These will be distributed to parish food banks and pantries. Be sure to help the cause of helping others!

Knead Cafe

Thanks to the second grade students who are making wonderful placemats with sayings of kindness and love for the Knead Café! Thank you, Mrs. Saxman.

FACTS Re-enrollment – Open Through Individualized Email w/Link

FACTS New Student Application - Open

FACTS Financial Aid Application - Open

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. So is application for financial aid. Each of these is a step to take in the FACTS system.

Students currently enrolled at MQA *will receive a re-enrollment email from FACTS* to begin the process of enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. *These students do not need to submit an inquiry or an application. Each child will have his/her own unique re-enrollment link. The email will have this subject line: Reenrollment for 2025-2026; there will be one email for each child.*

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> . 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 2025-26 school year will only be required to use their **2023 tax returns**. If there is a reason where a using the 2024 tax return is beneficial to the family, the 2024 tax return can be uploaded once the forms are ready and FACTS will recalculate need. The financial aid application for 25-26 school year must be completed to receive aid. The aid application opened in November 2024 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 2025-2026 school year are two different items to prepare for the upcoming school year. Please read this carefully and call the office with any questions.

Night at the Races

The total profit from “A Night at the Races” was \$3,554. Thanks to all who helped make it a success, especially Mike Collett.

Valos Easter Candy Orders for Tuition Credit for 2025-2026

- Easter candy order forms will be sent home with students on Monday, March 3.
- Orders due back to school on Monday, March 17.
- Candy orders will be available for pick-up at the school after 12:00 on Monday, April 7

Awards

Forensics

Students competed at Ava Maria Academy on January 25th in poetry, drama, impromptu, and multiple reading. In the two rounds, all students earned ribbons for their presentations.

Poetry: Aby Farmer earned two first place awards, and Pyper Farmer earned a third and second place awards.

Drama: Julia Skowronski earned first and second place awards. Ava Myers earned a first and second place awards, and Lucia Cicconi earned two first place awards.

Impromptu: Joelle Ondriezek earned second and first place awards.

Multiple Reading: Martha Palumbo, Zoey Farmer, Arabella Ormesher, and Lewis Gibbons earned two first place awards.

Golden Apple Award

Mrs. Collett was surprised by Dr. Rottler and the staff of the Office of Schools with balloons announcing that she was awarded the first Golden Apple Award for Principals. Mrs. Collett will be presented with her award at the Celebration of Catholic Schools breakfast on March 13th at 8:00am. Anyone wanting to attend the breakfast should contact the office for more information or use the link to register. <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/schools/celebration-of-catholic-education/>

National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week is February 3-7th. As a school-based counselor, my goal is to help students succeed by growing executive functioning skills, have positive relationships with classmates, or manage anxiety and other mental health matters. My hope is that every student at MQA feels supported, is treated with kindness, celebrate each other's differences, and listen and learn from one another.

Please contact me or the school with any questions or to refer your student.

Michelle Cieslewicz, MA, NCC mcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Tracking TOP Service for Donor Report

TOP students and families are responsible for service to their churches and communities and school. Remember to record your family's service using the link on our homepage. The report to the donor



is sent at the end of each quarter.

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. St. Patrick shirt with orders due by March 1st. 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/>

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)

GCCHS Junior Centurion Night & SJHS Cash Bash!



Monday, Feb. 3, 2025. Doors open at 6pm, Game at 7:30. Students from GCC, Aquinas, MOSS, QofA, CDT, MQA, St. Bernard and Divine Redeemer are invited to watch the Lady Centurions play! Free face painting, cookies and games will be located in the Auxiliary Gym from 6-7pm. Anyone who pre-registers receives a pair of Central sunglasses! Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/JuniorNight to reserve your spot!

2025 Cash Bash Purchase Your Tickets!

Join us for the Cash Bash on Saturday, February 8!

Purchase your \$15 ticket(s) now for a chance to win amazing prizes, enjoy a light dinner, drinks, and more! It's going to be a fun and exciting evening. Not able to make it on the 8th? No worries—the winner doesn't need to be present to win!

For ticket purchases or more info, reach out to Amy Haugh at 724-226-7872 or email cashbash@SaintJosephHS.com.

The Cash Bash is sponsored by St. Joseph High School. All unsold tickets are property of St. Joseph High School. All proceeds benefit the student transportation program.

SaintJosephHS.com

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GCCHS Information

YOUR
CHILD'S
FUTURE
AT GCC!



Now that it is the new year, you may be wondering about your child's next step after 8th grade. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, think about continuing your child's faith-filled journey in education. Greensburg Central Catholic Jr/Sr High school combines academic excellence, a faith-focused environment, and supportive teachers who are dedicated to your child's success. Spend a day with us to see what makes our community so special. Schedule a tour or have your child shadow one of our students. Contact Ms. Orange in the enrollment office at dorange@gcchs.org, or 724-834-0310, extension 4214 to schedule.



Ready to Apply ?

- Go to www.gcchs.org
- Click on Menu and Admissions
- Click on Apply for Enrollment or go to <https://www.gcchs.org/apply-now/new-application-for-admission/>

Register for the Placement Exams

- On www.gcchs.org, click on menu and admissions
- Register for Placement tab or <https://forms.office.com/r/cDB6FLMe4W>
- The Math test date will be determined at a later date.

FACTS

- GCC is committed to making it affordable for every student to receive a faith based education.
- Scholarships and financial aid are available. Go to <https://www.gcchs.org/facts-grant-and-aid/> and complete the form



Contact:
Ms. Orange
Admissions
dorange@gcchs.org



Visit Our Website
www.gcchs.org



Our Location
911 Armory Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

SJHS Open House



SAINT JOSEPH
HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE

SAT., MARCH 15 | 10AM-12PM

800 MONTANA AVE.
NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA 15065

REGISTER ONLINE AT SAINTJOSEPHHS.COM



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

Order Your 2024-2025 Yearbook

Capture the memories of this school year with our annual yearbook, featuring every individual student and the most unforgettable moments!

Yearbook Details:

- **Price:** \$27.66
- **Order Online:** Visit <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=101624021572914>
- **Order Deadline:** July 2
- **Customization:** Every yearbook includes **2 free customizable pages** to showcase your child's favorite memories from this year!
 - Additional 2-page spreads can be added for a small extra cost.

Delivery:

Yearbooks arrive at the start of the next school year.

Questions?

Contact Mrs. Domiano at 724-335-5911 or by email at kdomiano@mqaschool.org! Don't miss out on this chance to preserve the special moments of the year!

No Fake Fingernails

It is necessary to add a new rule to the dress code. We do not allow fake fingernails. They are not school appropriate, and students are not able to function with them on, nor are they safe for play.

Save the Date for Safety Town



MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL PRESENTS

SAFETY TOWN

2025

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 9-13

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

The poster features a purple background with a yellow border. It includes a small illustration of a town with a stop sign and a house. Two photographs show children in a red toy car and a child in a car seat. The text is in white and yellow, with '2025' in a yellow box.

Safety Town is coming to Greenwald Site. It is a week-long camp for children four and five years old. There will be three sessions from which to choose, a morning, afternoon or evening session. The cost is \$100 per child. 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. Safety Town is a child size simulation with working traffic signals, crosswalks, 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. A flyer will come home with a QR code that takes you to the registration form. It will be posted on our school's homepage and social media, too. Please forward the flyer to others!

Opportunities



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Summer Happens Here!

At Camp Guyasuta

9 Weeks
Campers can attend 1 week to all 9 weeks
Beginning June 2, 2025

Boys and Girls
Ages 6-14
Register ONLINE

For more information contact:
Kim Daniher - 412-782-2669
kim.daniher@scouting.org

2025

www.campguyasuta.org

The poster is yellow with a blue and red border. It features a QR code, a photo of two children climbing, and three smaller photos of children swimming and playing. The text is in red, blue, and black. The year '2025' is in large blue letters at the bottom.



Spring 2025 Soccer Registration

'Developing Players & Promoting Community Youth Soccer'

Registration now OPEN! Closes February 16th

Kinder Soccer through U19

Please visit:

tricitysoccerassociation.org

for more information and online registration.

Payment plans are available!

*A \$35.00 late fee will be applied after cut off date.

*Registration and team placement is **NOT** guaranteed after cut off date.

*DISCOUNT - \$5.00 off each additional sibling registered after the first paid registration

*Tri City reserves the right to roster a player in the appropriate age division

As a non-profit, TCSA would not be here without volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, please contact us!



Join us on Facebook for updates
&
announcements!
[Tri-City Soccer Association](https://www.facebook.com/Tri-City-Soccer-Association)

CONTACT US
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CSAY NORTHMORELAND SPEAKER SERIES

JOURNEY TO SUCCESS: RAISING DRUGFREE KIDS

LEARNING SESSION FOR TEEN GUARDIANS

FEBRUARY 4TH 2024


6:30-7:30

BURRELL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SPEAKER

PATRICK BIBZA


WWW.STEELCITYHXCXRECOVERY.COM



Patrick Bibza LSW CPT and Veteran of the United States Navy created SteelCityHxCxRecovery LLC in 2022. The basis of the company was to help at risk adolescents who were struggling with behavior, mental health and substance abuse issues.

In person attendees entered for a gift card giveaway

In Partnership with Burrell School District
live link provided on
<https://www.facebook.com/CSAYnorthmoreland>



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VAPING: DON'T GET MISTAKEN

LEARNING SESSION FOR TEEN GUARDIANS

FEBRUARY 20TH 2025

6:30-7:30 PM

BURRELL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SPEAKERS

LOCAL AND PROFESSIONAL VAPING EXPERTS



Did you know that in Westmoreland County 12% of 10th graders and 22% of 12th graders have tried vaping; and over 10% of youth vapers have no idea what is actually in their vape?

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Thank you!

A special thank you to Mrs. Pujol, Mrs. Moretti, Mrs. Tomayko, Mrs. Hulslander, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Corbin for all their tasty food for our loved ones this week! We have to thank Mr. Ash and Mr. Pacuch, Mr. Varesco, and Mr. Zeke and Mr. Staniszewski for making the school sparkle and for moving the tables and chairs for all the events that happened. We can't thank Mrs. Macioce, Mrs. Farrell, and Mrs. Domiano enough! Talk about coordination, scheduling, tracking, and creative thinking! They are the cat's meow. Mrs. Domiano is also the person to keep our social media going strong. Mrs. Figueroa and I are grateful to our teachers and staff for their creativity, flexibility, special lessons, and support as we try to show the community that Catholic Schools make a difference. God bless all our families.

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.