

Principal's Note May 2025

"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

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5/31

6/2

Kennywood Picnic Day

8th Grade Trip

A Peek at the Calendar for May

5/2	\$1 PNUT Day, Benefits Student Council Projects		
5/3	Volleyball Tournament, JV & Varsity, GCC		
5/5	Statuary Park, Gr. 5, 9:00 am		
5/5	Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, SJHS		
5/6	DiscoverED Field Trip, Gr. 1 & 2		
5/7	Student Council's Easter Egg Hunt for FRS		
5/7	Reading Club Competition, Aquinas Academy		
5/7	Early Dismissal Day, see chart below for times		
5/7	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon		
5/8-21	STAR Testing		
5/8	Masses, 8:30 K-3 at MSP, 10:10 Gr. 6 & 7 at GS Chapel		
5/9	SCG Raffle Tickets Go Home Today		
5/9	State Expo, Gr. 4, 1:00 pm		
5/9	Art Factory Family Gallery Tour, Marble Hall, 5:30 pm		
5/10	Track & Field Developmental Championship, TBD		
5/12	Rising Star Day Gr. PK-2 at FRS		
5/12	Gettysburg Field Trip, Gr. 7 & 8		
5/14	Schoolbelles Fitting, GS Gym, 6:00-7:30pm		
5/15	May Crowning and Living Rosary, MSP Church, 1:15 pm		
5/15	Spring Concert, SMM Church, 7:00 pm		
5/17	Track & Field Championship, JV TBD, Varsity, TBD		
5/18-20	PJAS State Finals		
5/20	NO SCHOOL, Act 80 Day		
5/22	Masses, 8:30 K-3 at MSP, 10:10 Gr. 5 at GS Chapel		
5/23	\$1 PNUT Day, Benefits Ukraine Youth Group and Orphanage		
5/23	SCG Raffle Tickets Due!		
5/26	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day		
5/28	Last Day Preschool		
5/28	PreK Graduation, Marble Hall, 10:00am		
5/29	Masses, 8:30 K-3 at MSP, 10:10 Gr. 4-8 at GS Gym		
5/30	Kindergarten Graduation, Marble Hall, 12:30pm		
5/30	Graduation Dance, Gr. 7 & 8, Sullivan Hall, 7:00pm		

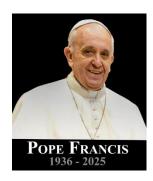
6/3 Rising Star Day, Gr. 3-7 at Greenwald Site & Science Olympiad

6/4 8th Grade Graduation, Awards, and Dinner

6/4-6/6 Early Dismissal Days, see chart for dismissal times

6/5 Closing Mass at MSP and Science Assembly at Marble Hall – All students arrive and dismiss from FRS

6/6 Last Day of School



As a community, we join together and pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Lord, grant Pope Francis eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Holy Spirit, guide the Church in this time of mourning, transition, and election.

Congratulations and Blessings

We happily share the newest members to our local parishes with those receiving sacraments during Easter. Blessings and our prayers for Nickolas DiNitto, Azaylia Juarez, and Summer Mota.









MQA/Parish Raffle Winners

The three cash prizes were awarded on April 15. We are grateful for the parishioners and school families who supported MQA through the raffle. The winners were Therese Gatto, A.J. Norris, and Jeff Karpinski.

Car Dismissals—Freeport Road Site Including Early Dismissal Times

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

General Changes to Note

- 1. A No U Turn sign has been placed at the four way stop on Elmtree Road.
- 2. Iowa Testing will resume once we have internet.

SCG "Summer Send Off" Fundraiser

Our final fundraiser is a chance to start the summer with a new Blackstone Grill, valued at \$399, and \$500 in meat from Dillner Farms. The drawing will be held at the June 6th movie night. The winner does not need to be present to win. Four tickets will be sent home to each family. The cost of a ticket is \$15.00. Please return the tickets and money by Friday, May 23rd. Please direct questions to SCG email at mqascg@gmail.com. You can expect the tickets to come home on May 9th.

FACTS Financial Aid Application & Financial Aid

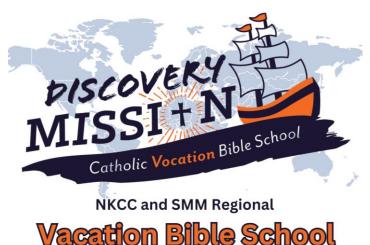
Families who want financial aid for the 2025-26 school year must have a completed financial aid application on file with FACTS. This includes the uploading and processing of the documents FACTS requires. Aid cannot be given without all documents showing "complete". Financial aid applications also have 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 call the office if you have any questions.

Armstrong County's Serving the Heart EITC/PKTC Financial Aid Scholarships

If you live in Armstrong or Beaver County or if you work in either county, you may apply for Educational Improvement Tax Credit scholarships. The Pre-K and K-12 online EITC applications are now open. Please visit www.servingtheheart.org to apply. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2025. MQA does not grant these scholarships; The Serving the Heart scholarships are handled by that agency. To ask about the program, please contact Armstrong County's Serving the Heart agency.

Vacation Bible School



June 23 - June 27
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
Lower Burrell
9:00am - Noon

Rising Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Registration forms can be completed online by using the QR code. Links to the registration form can also be found on the SMM and NKCC Parish websites.

Please contact Tim Ruflin with any questions: truflin@dioceseofgreensburg.org



MQA Spirit Wear!

MQA Spirit Wear Store is always open! The shirts for track and field are posted. 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/

Register for Safety Town 2025

Save the Date – SCG Movie Night

PART DOG. PART MAN. ALL HERO.

Reserve a spot at Safety Town. Use the QR code or https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=XZFvb7&tm=yes

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





5:00-7:00 PM

The SCG is sponsoring a movie night to usher in summer on the last day of school. Mark your calendar and save June 6th. The food trucks will be there at 6:30 and the movie will start at dusk. Mark your calendar.

The winner of the Summer Send Off Raffle will be chosen at movie night, too!

2024-2025 Yearbook

Order Your 2024-2025 Yearbook Today!

Capture the memories of this school year with our annual yearbook, featuring every individual student and the most unforgettable moments! Yearbooks are delivered at the start of next year.

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.

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!

Kennywood School Picnic

The school picnic for MQA and other schools is on Saturday, May 31, 2025. Follow directions below to purchase tickets. The code for MQA is case sensitive.





PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON YOUR MAY 31st SCHOOL DATE FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:

STEP 1: Go to www.kennvwood.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2025 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 13TH FOR \$37.99:

(if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 13th)

STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2025 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 13th 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 through June 30th.

May Crowning and Living Rosary

Congratulations to Hadassah Cardaro, our May Queen. May crowning at MQA will be on Thursday, May 15 at Mount Saint Peter Church at 1:15 pm. Second grade students as well as students from other grades will form the beads of the Living Rosary. Second grade students may change into their first communion attire at school following an early lunch. Buses will bring the students in grades 4-8 to Mount St. Peter. *Parents attending the service should park in the back lot in the diagonal parking spots and leave immediately after the service.*

Following the service, students in K-3 will return to their classrooms to prepare for dismissal as usual.

Students in grades 4-8 will go to Marble Hall to collect their bookbags and prepare for dismissal. Bus students will dismiss with the FRS students at the front of the church. Car riders will dismiss from Marble Hall doors. Cars for grades 4-8 are not permitted on the property until 2:50. Do not come early. There is no place for your car. At 2:50 pull onto the property and travel around the school building to the Marble Hall entrance. Students will join you there. It will take longer, so be patient. Again, do not come earlier than 2:50.

FREE Summer Journeys at MQA Greenwald

This summer, Mary Queen of Apostles will offer a FREE, fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called Summer Journey. Not only will our summer program be FUN for kids, it will also provide an opportunity for students to experience over 100 hours of academics during the summer months. This academic time will give students the chance to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge as well as prepare for the school year ahead. Summer Journey's extraordinary educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in reading, language arts, math, and STEM, financial literacy, and even a store. While the academic courses will be relaxed in format—no homework or tests for grades—Summer Journey will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery. Our goal is to help students reach the 50% percentile or more!

The 2025 Summer Journey program will be held for four weeks on Monday-Thursday, 9am to 2pm on June 16-26 and on July 7-17. The program will be held at: MQA Greenwald Site. Students must provide their own transportation. Students should wear comfortable attire and bring a packed lunch.

Summer Journey is a program that begins with an invitation to those who should consider the program to increase those scores. An invitation to attend the 16 sessions begins with a registration. If you are personally invited, you received an invitation yesterday. Others wishing to attend may call the office to request an invitation and registration form. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 724.493.8851.

Summer D.E.A.R. at Greenwald

The D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) is a dedicated space for students to pause all activities and indulge in reading. Acknowledging the difficulty students often face in finding uninterrupted reading time at home, this offers an opportunity for students to read for pleasure. Students can bring their own books or check out the selection that Mrs. Kleckner brings from the public library. They will read in a quiet, supportive environment, fostering a love for reading and ensuring a consistent, distraction-

free time and place to enjoy their favorite books. The group would meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 in Mrs. Kleckner's classroom at the Greenwald site starting June 10. The sessions are open to all students attending MQA Greenwald Site for the 2025-2026 school year. To register your child please text Jody Kleckner at 724-448-1403 by June 1. More information will be sent to those who register.

Tracking TOP Service for Donor Report

Once again, the St Anthony Guild will be delivering Easter bread to the homebound. Deliveries are scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 9:30 am at MSP Marble Hall.

Consider this volunteer opportunity to keep in touch with our homebound.

TOP students and families are responsible for service to their churches and communities and school. Remember to record your service using the link on our homepage.

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Mark Your Calendar

NCYC 2025



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November 20 - 22

Indianapolis

Teens currently in 8th - 11th Grade are invited to join us on a 3 day Journey of Faith

All will experience prayer, community, and the transformative power of God's presence. Join us for an unforgettable encounter with Christ that will shape your spiritual journey.

Registration: \$100
limited number of tickets available

Total Cost: \$550 includes: hotel, bus, tickets, swag and a Diocesan group dinner

Check with your Youth Minister for fundraising opportunities and parish specific costs / additional information or email ffd@dioceseofgreensburg.org



SCAN TO REGISTER

or visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ncyc/



Schoolbelles Fitting



Forms of payme accepted: Visa Mastercard Discover AMEX Cash

Tips:
Avoid wearing loose
fitting clothing to the
event, so that
uniforms can be tried
on over clothes.
Tank tops, leggings,
or form fitting
modesty shorts are
best

School Name MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL

Date

5/14/25

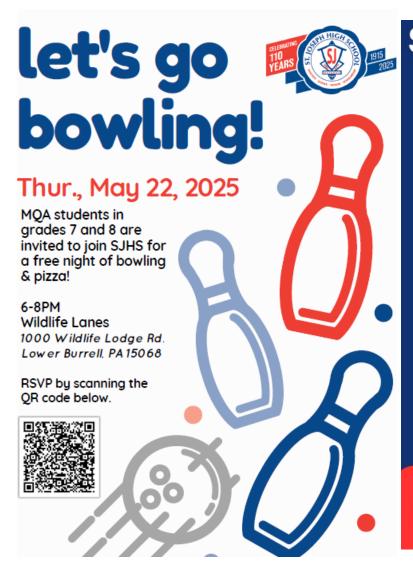
Time

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Address

NEW KENSINGTON, PA 15068

Your Measuring Event Team Captain CATHIE SCHOOL BELLES*



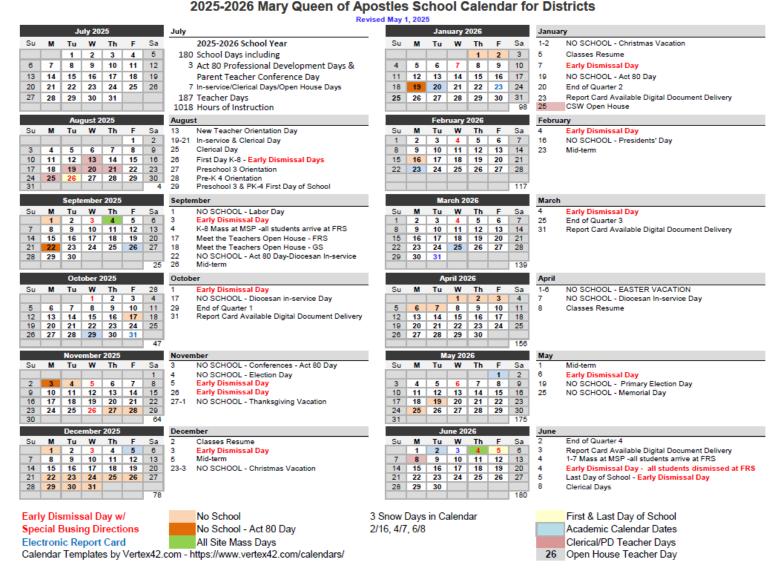


Free Summer Steam Camp Gr. 1-6





MQA 2025-2026 Calendar



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.