

Mary Queen of Apostles

SCHOOL



Principal's Note March 2026

"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 March

- 3/2 Circle of Grace, Grades K-8
- 3/2 Valos Easter Candy Orders and Payment are Due
- 3/4 Early Dismissal Day – See chart below for times
- 3/5 Masses for Grades K-3 & Grades 7 & 8
- 3/5 FRS-Book It! Forms are due
- 3/6 \$1 PNUT Day, Benefits SMM Food Bank
- 3/7 Coaches PLACT, 8:30 a.m.
- 3/12 Masses for Grades K-3 & Grades 4 & 5
- 3/12 Save Day
- 3/12 Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast
- 3/13 SC St. Patrick's Day Dance, Gr. 6/7/8
- 3/18 SCG Meeting at GS Cafeteria, 6:30 pm
- 3/19 Masses for Gr. K-3 & Gr. 6
- 3/19 Field Trip, Gr. 7 & 8, Know Him
- 3/20 \$1 PNUT Day, Benefits Operation Rice Bowl
- 3/23 Valos Easter Candy Order Delivery Day, available after noon
- 3/25 End of Quarter 3
- 3/26 Masses for Gr. K-3 & Gr. 7 & 8
- 3/30-31 COGAT Testing, Grades 3, 5, & 7
- 3/31 CLO Assembly, Grades 4-8
- 3/31 Report Cards Available Electronically
- 4-1-7 Easter Vacation
- 4-8 Classes Resume

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)

FACTS New Student Application - Open

FACTS Financial Aid Application - Open

Attending MQA means using FACTS. At this point in time, only applications for new and application for financial aid are open.

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. *The enrollment part of the process will be coming as soon as the diocese releases it.*

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Part of the enrollment/re-enrollment process is choosing the payment plan for your family. There is no fee for setting up the plan, choose the option that is best for you, full pay, paying twice a year, paying quarterly, or paying monthly.

Families who want to apply for financial aid for their students for the 2026-27 school year will only be required to use their **2024 tax returns**. If there is a reason where a using the 2025 tax return is beneficial to the family, the 2025 tax return can be uploaded once the forms are ready and FACTS will recalculate need. The financial aid application for 26-27 school year must be completed to receive aid. The aid application has opened and continues.

FACTS Re-enrollment and New Enrollment – Coming Soon

Students currently enrolled at MQA will receive a re-enrollment email from FACTS to begin the process of re-enrolling for the 2026-2027 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.

Students who have applied to MQA and who have been accepted will also receive an email for enrollment as soon as the system is opened. Each child has his/her own email link to the enrollment forms.

Armstrong County Community Foundation EITC/PKTC Financial Aid Scholarships

If you live in Armstrong or Butler County or if you work in either county, you may apply for Educational Improvement Tax Credit scholarships. The applications are set to open on March 16, 2026. The deadline to apply is July 17th. The application will be online only as in prior years. MQA

does not grant these scholarships as we do Bridge, Bravo, or Central PA scholarships. The Armstrong County Community Foundation: Serving the Heart scholarships are handled by that agency. To ask about the program, please contact Armstrong County Community Foundation agency.

Valos Easter Candy for Tuition Credit

Valos Easter candy forms have been sent home! Valos offers 40% back to the families as tuition credit. Orders and payments are due March 2nd. Candy will be available for pick-up at school on Monday, March 23rd, after lunch.

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, 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=aTEFDZ8GDUuYEg6an2UtRq_y-pd6shFKsZ-dgsWwx0tUN1NLSVdRSDBGV1hRTTIQRks2MUREMFIOOC4u

Hearts Around the World Project Update

A big heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our third grade "Hearts Around the World" project such a success! Our 3rd graders received cards from 45 states, only missing Vermont, Utah, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Montana. On top of that, they even received cards from Spain, Canada, Australia, Dubai, and France. The kids were so excited each day to open the mail and discover where the cards came from. Everyone's support truly made this project unforgettable, and we are so grateful for all of the kindness.



Awards

Free Throw Competition

We are proud to recognize K'mya Middlebrook, Danica Jones, Kendall Swigart, Peyton Bauer, Eva Trozzi, Seth Marino, James Krajci, Wayne Bauer, Zachary Thomas, Brooks Shaeffer, and Giovanni Green, who were winners in their age groups at the local Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition and advanced to the district competition in February.

Danica, Kendall, Seth, and Giovanni were winners at the district level and will now advance to the western regionals in March. Congratulations to all and best of luck to our students moving on to the next round!



PJAS



Congratulations to the PJAS Students and Mr. Domiano, the PJAS advisor, who competed at the district level in February. These students will be heading to the state competition in May.

Zoey Farmer – Diabetes and GC7; Pac-Man - 2nd place
William Gibbons – Leaf Decomposition: Can pH speed it up? - 1st place

Samuel Litz – Powered-Up Pintos - 1st place

Natalia Mlinarcik – Which Music Genre Improves Homework Accuracy the Best? - 1st place

Forensics



Congratulations to the Forensics Team that competed. These students competed in Finals at Archangel Gabriel School with twelve schools in all. Thanks to those who helped by judging. In poetry, Martha Palumbo received first and Isaac Hamm received a second award. In prose, Lucia Cicconi earned a first award and

Pyper Farmer received a second. In drama, Zoey Farmer got a third award, Micah Thompson got a second, and Gianna Polito and Morgan McSparrin both got first awards. In multiple reading, William Gibbons and Nick DiNitto earned a second award.



Martha Palumbo received the Mary Fahey Award for excellence in forensic competition, mentoring others on the team, and encouraging students to join forensics.

Register for Safety Town 2026

Reserve a spot at Safety Town. Use the link or QR code on the flyer.

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=XZFvb7>

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.

Scan Here
to Register



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.

June 8- 12

Ages 4 and 5

Choice of 2 Sessions:

**9:00- 11:00 AM
5:00- 7:00 PM**

\$100 Per Child

2025-2026 Yearbook

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

Yearbook Details:

- **Price:** \$28.37
- **Order Online:** Visit <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=101624021572914>
- **Order Deadline:** 7/15/26
- **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@mqsaschool.org! Don't miss out on this chance to preserve the special moments of the year!

Reminder about Cell Phones and Smart Watches

If you would like your child to bring to school a cell phone or wear a smart watch that can accept calls or text, please email the office with the request. A letter will be sent detailing the protocols for having such a device. These devices are not permitted to be used from arrival through dismissal. If a device is permitted to be used, it is only with a teacher's permission. Using a device during the school day results in an in-school suspension. All cell phones and smart watches with communication features are collected in homeroom and returned to the students at the end of the day.

Reminder about Uniform Return

Basketball uniforms and cheerleading items, uniform, hair bow, and pompoms are to be returned to school in a bag labeled with the student name. Take them to the office.

Open Houses

All students in grades 5-8 are invited to attend the upcoming Open House at SJHS.



Spring Open House

March 7, 2026 | 10 AM - 12 PM
800 Montana Ave.
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

REGISTER ONLINE
SaintJosephHS.com

Discover everything Saint Joseph High School has to offer! At our Open House, you can:

- Tour our beautiful campus
- Meet our dedicated faculty and staff
- Connect with students and parents
- Learn more about life at SJHS

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

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911 Armory Dr • Greensburg • PA 15601

Growing a FUTURE of FAITH, EXCELLENCE and LEADERSHIP

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY • MARCH 1 • 1-3 PM

REGISTER AT GCCChs.org

Support SJHS Musical

Saint Joseph High School Drama Department

BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Doors Open - 5pm
Bingo Begins - 6pm



Your **\$5 entrance fee** includes a light meal PLUS a musical preview of this year's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Get ready for some serious BINGO fun and cash prizes, with games ranging from \$1 to \$5 per card!

Additional snacks, drinks, 50/50, basket raffle, and exciting games of chance will be available for purchase.

Secure your seat by scanning the QR Code



Have a question?
Email: timandjess6@comcast.net
Phone: 724-980-4751



 Guardian Angels Parish—Most Blessed Sacrament Campus
Patterson Hall
800 Montana Ave.
Natrona Heights PA 15065

MQA Spirit Wear!

MQA Spirit Wear Store is always open! Remember that these items are not part of the required school uniform, but they can be worn on a PNUT day. Volleyball and track items are now available. 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/>

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.


Save the Date

The SCG is sponsoring a movie night to usher in summer on the last day of school. Mark your calendar and save June 5th. The food trucks will be there at 6:30 and the movie will start at dusk. Mark your calendar.

Volunteers Needed for Volleyball Games

Student or adults with clearances are needed to volunteer at our home volleyball games. If you can volunteer either before your child's game, or the game after, please contact Mr. Collett. We also need line judges for the matches. Mrs. Butler will train the line judges prior to the game.

Opportunity



FOR TEENS AGED 13-18 (12-student capacity)

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

ORNITHOLOGY CAMP



June 14th – 17th, 2026

Experience birds with hands-on activities and learn how to conduct ornithological research, as well as how that research can be used to protect and care for birds in your own backyard.

TUITION: \$200
Includes lodging, food, and supplies. Includes lodging, food, and supplies. Financial aid available.

FEATURING:

- Demonstrations in bird-banding, nest monitoring, song identification, radio-tracking, and surveying
- Presentations on migration, nesting behavior, owls, and raptors
- Lessons on using equipment and online resources
- Activities focused on protecting and caring for birds at your home



Register by May 24th at svcornithology.wordpress.com