

"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 May

- 5/5 DiscoverEd Design Challenge 2026, Grades 2 & 3
- 5/6 Early Dismissal Day, see chart below for times
- 5/6 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 5/7 Jazz Band Concert, SJHS
- 5/7 Masses for Grades K-3 & Grade 6
- 5/8 State Presentations, Gr. 4
- 5/9 Track & Field Developmental Championship, Grades K-2 & 3-4
- 5/8-9 Diocesan Girls' Volleyball Tournament, Aquinas Academy & Queen of Angels- Friday Finals @ Geibel - Saturday
- 5/11 May Crowning and Living Rosary
- 5/11-22 STAR Testing begins
- 5/12 \$1 PNUT Day, Benefits a Family in Need
- 5/12 Spring Band and Chorus Concert, SMM
- 5/13 Rising Star Day Gr. PK-2
- 5/14 Masses for Grades K-3 & Grades 4-8
- 5/14 Westmoreland Cleanways, Grades 4-8
- 5/15 Field Trip, Gr. 6
- 5/15 Track & Field Developmental Championship, Varsity Grades 7-8
- 5/16 Graduation Dance, Gr. 7 & 8
- 5/16 Track & Field Developmental Championship, JV Grades 5-6
- 5/17-19 PJAS State Competition
- 5/18 SCG Raffle Tickets Go Home Today
- 5/18 Art Factory Family Gallery Tour, Gr. 3
- 5/19 NO SCHOOL - Primary Election
- 5/20 Field Trip, Gr. 1
- 5/20 SCG Meeting at GS Cafeteria, 6:30 pm
- 5/21 Ancient Cultures Day
- 5/21 Masses for Grades K-3 & Grades 7-8
- 5/22 Field Trip, Kindergarten & Grades 4-5
- 5/25 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- 5/26 \$1 PNUT Day
- 5/27 Last Day Preschool
- 5/28 Confirmation for Guardian Angels, Diocese of Pittsburgh
- 5/28 Masses for Grades K-3 & Grades 4-5
- 5/28 Pre-K Graduation

5/29	Kindergarten Graduation
6/2	SCG Raffle Tickets Due
6/2	End of Quarter
6/2	Rising Star Day & Science Olympiad, Grades 3-7
6/3	8 th Grade Graduation, Awards, and Dinner
6/3-6/5	Early Dismissal Days, see chart for dismissal times
6/4	All School Closing Mass
6/5	Last Day of School
6/6	Kennywood Picnic Day

Congratulations and Blessings

We happily share our newest member to one of our local parishes as they received their sacraments during Easter. Blessings and our prayers for Issac Townsend.



Awards

Carson Scholars

One student was added to the roles of Carson Scholars. Zachary Thomas was chosen because he demonstrates the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, and civic and social responsibility. With this honor, he will receive a scholarship award that will be invested for their college education, along with a medal and certificate. A nameplate to add to the Carson Scholar trophies will be sent to MQA.



Natalia Mlinarcik, Lucia Cicconi, and Violet Smith were selected as Recognized Carson Scholars for continuing to demonstrate the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, and dedication to serving your community. Our alumni, Ian Roberts, Louisa Palumbo, Isabella Graff, and Joelle Ondriezek are also Recognized Carson Scholars. Lucia was also selected to present her service project at the awards. Our students were honored at the Pittsburgh Awards Banquet on April 12.

May Crowning and Living Rosary

Congratulations to Ariel Thomas, our May Queen. May crowning at MQA will be on Monday, May 11 at Mount Saint Peter Church at 8:15 am. Second and third grade students will form the beads of the Living Rosary. Second grade students may wear their first communion attire to school and should bring a uniform to change into following the ceremony. The eighth grade students are part of the Living Rosary and all the girls in eighth grade are in the May Court.

All students in grades K-3 will report to FRS for school as usual. All students in grades 4-8 will report to Marble Hall, with bus riders being dropped off at the front of the church and car riders being dropped off around back at the Marble Hall entrance. Following the service, students in K-3 will return to their classrooms to finish the day as usual. Students in grades 4-8 will go to Marble Hall to collect their bookbags and will be bussed back to GW to finish the day as usual.

Parents attending the service should park in the back lot in the diagonal parking spots and leave immediately after the service.

MQA/Parish Raffle

The MQA/Parish raffle is underway and will help us cover the cost of free and reduced lunches and assist in the cost of securing our school and church environment. Tickets are due May 11th. The three cash prizes will be awarded on May 15th. We are grateful for the parishioners and school families who support MQA through the raffle.

SCG “Best of Luck” Fundraiser

Our final fundraiser is a summer raffle, featuring three chances to win. The first prize is a book of lottery tickets (valued at \$500) along with \$250 cash. The second prize is a \$200 Walmart gift card, and the third prize is a \$50 Target gift card and purse. The drawing will be held at the June 5th 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 Tuesday, June 2nd. Please direct questions to SCG email at mqascg@gmail.com. You can expect the tickets to come home on May 18th.

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)

Traffic Reminder for Greenwald

As a reminder, U-turns are not permitted anywhere on Elmtree. In addition, drivers should not be using neighboring lots or private driveways to turn around. All vehicles must follow the designated traffic pattern and continue following the road to exit the Elmtree plan safely. Please be sure to share this information with anyone who may be picking up your child(ren).

Earning Tuition Credit at MQA

Thank you to our families who have earned tuition credit for so many years by purchasing grocery gift cards. We will no longer be selling physical gift cards at the stores or in the MQA office but will be moving to an all online E-gift card program. If you are interested in learning more about earning

tuition credit by purchasing online gift cards, please visit www.raiseright.com or call the school office at 724-339-4411.

FACTS Financial Aid & Re-enrollment

Families who want financial aid for the 2026-27 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”.

As a reminder: Applying for Financial Aid and Re-enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year are two different items to prepare for the upcoming school year. Several students are not yet enrolled for the 26-27 school year. Please complete your enrollments by May 15th. Please call the office if you have any questions about your login, or if you need the email with the link to re-enroll sent again.

FREE Summer Journeys at MQA Greenwald

This summer, Mary Queen of Apostles is offering 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, and financial literacy. 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. Students currently in kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades are invited to attend.

The 2026 Summer Journey program will be held for four weeks on Monday-Thursday, 9am to 2pm on July 6-30. 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. Registration forms will be sent via School Messenger.

FUNDING IS CONFIRMED! If you haven’t done so already, please use the attached registration form to enroll! [Summer Journey Registration Form](#)

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. Mrs. Kleckner will have hundreds of new books each week for your child to read and enjoy, or they can bring a book from home. 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 Monday through Friday from 8:45-9:30 in Mrs. Kleckner's classroom at the Greenwald site starting June 8. The sessions are open to all students attending MQA in 3rd-8th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Students are welcome to attend as their schedules allow and are not required to participate every day. However, families must register in advance to receive updates and program information.

To register your child, please text Jody Kleckner at 724-448-1403 by June 1. More information will be sent to those who register.

Armstrong County's Serving the Heart 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 now open. Please visit <https://servingtheheart.org/pre-k-12-tuition-assistance/how-to-apply.html> to apply. The deadline to apply is July 17th. MQA does not grant these 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.

Vacation Bible School



NKCC AND SMM REGIONAL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

HOSTED AT ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

Contact Tim Ruffin with any questions
truffin@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Register for Safety Town

Reserve a spot at Safety Town. Use the QR code or register here:

<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

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 service using the link on our homepage.

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

2025-2026 Yearbook

Order Your 2025-2026 Yearbook Today!

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@mqaaschool.org! Don't miss out on this chance to preserve the special moments of the year!

Save the Date – SCG Movie Night

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.

The winner of the Best of Luck Raffle will be chosen at movie night, too!



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/>

Kennywood School Picnic

The school picnic for MQA and other local schools is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026. Follow directions below to purchase tickets. The code for MQA is case sensitive.



Saturday, June 6, 2026

MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES

Tickets only

\$32.99

if purchased by May 18th

(price increases to \$35.99 after above deadline)

FOLLOW THE STEP-BY-STEP PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2 AND SAVE TODAY!

www.kennywood.com

BUY EARLY AND SAVE!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON YOUR JUNE 6th SCHOOL DATE FOR AS LOW AS \$32.99:

- STEP 1:** Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
STEP 2: Locate the 'Dated School Admission' box
STEP 3: Enter Promo Code **maryqueen** in the Promotional Code box, then click 'Check Code'
STEP 4: After the green checkmark appears, click 'Get Tickets' and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JULY 12th FOR \$37.99:

- (if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 12th)*
STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
STEP 2: Locate the 'Flex School Admission' box
STEP 3: Enter Promo Code **maryqueenflex** in the Promotional Code box, then click 'Check Code'
STEP 4: After the green checkmark appears, click 'Get Tickets' and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!
**Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase through June 30th.*



IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.
Visit 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 for online purchases. We offer a Rainy Day Guarantee! If the weather gets in the way during your visit, we'll give you a free ticket to return another day.



Summer Opportunities Oakland Catholic Girls Volleyball Camp

SJHS Basketball Camp

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP VOLLEYBALL
JUNE 15-17 | 4:30-8:30 PM
Entering Grades 6-9

LOCATION: OCHS-DONAHUE PAVILION GYM
PRICE: \$130 (Includes a t-shirt)

- ✓ Dress in athletic wear
- ✓ Bring your own water bottle

Snacks and drinks available for purchase

Register Now!

ST. JOE'S BASKETBALL CAMP
FOR BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 3 - 8

JULY 7 - 10
9 AM - 12 PM

ST. JOE'S
800 MONTANA AVENUE,
NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA 15066

\$125
INCLUDES:
✓ CAMP SHIRT
✓ AWARDS

LEARN FROM:
✓ FORMER COLLEGE PLAYERS
✓ CURRENT HEAD COACHES
✓ PAST HEAD COACHES
✓ CURRENT & PAST PLAYERS

DEVELOPMENT | FUN & COMPETITION | GROW YOUR GAME

REGISTER TODAY!
<https://events.hometownticketing.com/boxoffice/saintjosephhsL2VtYmVkl2V22W10LzMz>

REGISTER TODAY!
IF INTERESTED, CONTACT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CODY WOLFE AT CWOLFE@SAINTJOSEPHHS.COM

MQA 2026-2027 Calendar

2026-2027 Mary Queen of Apostles School Calendar for Districts

Revised April 28, 2026 Approved

July 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

July	
2026-2027 School Year	
180 School Days including	
4 Act 80 Professional Development Day & Parent Teacher Conference Day	
7 In-service/Clerical Days/Open House Days	
187 Teacher Days	
1006 Hours of Instruction	

January 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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31						100

January	
1	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
4	Classes Resume
6	Early Dismissal Day
14	End of Quarter 2
18	NO SCHOOL or Snow Makeup Day
21	Report Card Available Digital Document Delivery
31	CSW Open House

August 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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30	31					5

August	
TBD	New Teacher Orientation Day
18-20	In-service Days
25	First Day K-8 - Early Dismissal Days
26	Preschool Orientation
27	Pre-K 4 Orientation
28	First Day Preschool/Pre-K

February 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						119

February	
3	Early Dismissal Day
15	NO SCHOOL or Snow Makeup Day
18	Mid-term

September 2026						
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September	
2	Early Dismissal Day
3	K-8 Mass at MSP -all students arrive at FRS
7	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
16	Meet the Teachers Open House - FRS
17	Meet the Teachers Open House - GS
25	NO SCHOOL - Local In-service Day Act 80 Day
28	Mid-term

March 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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28	29	30	31			135

March	
3	Early Dismissal Day
22-30	NO SCHOOL - EASTER VACATION
31	Classes Resume
31	End of Quarter 3

October 2026						
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October	
7	Early Dismissal Day
12	NO SCHOOL - Diocesan In-service - Act 80 Day
28	End of Quarter 1
	Report Card Available Digital Document Delivery

April 2027						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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April	
7	Early Dismissal Day
8	Report Card Available Digital Document Delivery
16	NO SCHOOL - Diocesan In-service Day

November 2026						
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29	30					64

November	
2	NO SCHOOL - Conferences - Act 80 Day
3	NO SCHOOL - Election Day
4	Early Dismissal Day
25	Early Dismissal Day
26-30	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation

May 2027						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					175

May	
4	Mid-term
5	Early Dismissal Day
TBD	NO SCHOOL - Primary Election Day - Act 80 Day
24	NO SCHOOL or Snow Makeup Day
31	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

December 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		81

December	
1	NO SCHOOL - Diocesan In-service
2	Classes Resume
2	Early Dismissal Day
4	Mid-term
23	Early Dismissal Day
24-31	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation through Jan. 3

June 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			180

June	
2	Early Dismissal Day
2	End of Quarter 4
3	1-7 Mass at MSP -all students arrive at FRS
3	Early Dismissal Day - all students dismissed at FRS
7	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal Day
7	Report Card Available Digital Document Delivery
8	Clerical Day

Early Dismissal Day w/ Special Busing Directions
Electronic Report Card
 Calendar Templates by Vertex42.com - <https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/>

No School
No School - Act 80 Day
All Site Mass Days

3 Snow Days in Calendar
1/18, 2/15, 5/24, 3/30

First & Last Day of School
Academic Calendar Dates
Clerical/PD Teacher Days
31 Open House Teacher Day

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.