Mary Queen of Apostles SCHOOL

Principal's Note
June Wrap Up 2026

DEVELOPING MINDS. BUILDING CHARACTER. STRENGTHENING FAITH.

Volleyball Accolades

Our JJV, JV, and Varsity volleyball teams had a great year, learning skills and working together as a team. Congratulations to all our teams. We are so proud of you!

A special thank you to our coaches: Kate Giannetta, Ava Roxberry, Shane Palumbo, Sandra Taylor, Nick McSparrin, Karan Farmer, Jamie Henry, Julie Butler, Tammy Bauer, Sasha Juarez, and Mia Provenzo. We appreciate your time and talents.

Track & Field

Congratulations to the MQA Track and Field Teams. Over 90 MQA students (grades K-8) competed in Championship meets. In total, the Knights won 66 event medals and earned four team awards: Developmental (3-4) Girls – First Place "A" School, Developmental (3-4) Boys – First Place "A" School, JV (5-6) Boys – First Place "A" School, and School Varsity (7-8) Boys – Second Place "A" School.

MQA Track and Field participates in a CYO league with over 1300 athletes representing 28 schools from Greensburg and Pittsburgh Dioceses. Many thanks to Ken and Kristen Thomas and the entire coaching staff for helping to build our program and for a phenomenal season!

Pre-K Graduation

Pre-K graduation is always a delightful celebration filled with music, smiles, and proud moments. From "This Little Light of Mine" to the Letter People to "When I Grow Up," our students truly shined on stage while their families beamed with pride! We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Nesko, Mrs. Belli, Ms. Rychlinski, Mrs. Ravotti, and Mrs. Napierkowski for the love, guidance, and encouragement they provided each day.

Kindergarten Graduation

Kindergarten graduation was a memorable celebration for students and families alike. One of the highlights of the program was the big reveal of the class's published book, *Animals A to Z*. It was a joy to see the pride and excitement reflected in the students' faces as they shared their hard work and creativity. Thank you to Ms. Swank and Mrs. Smith for their dedication and guidance throughout the school year.

Eighth Grade Graduation

Congratulations to the MQA Class of 2026 as they journey on to high school. God bless them and watch over them. The graduation Mass and awards and dinner was a lovely way to end the year for our students. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who have made a difference in each student's life.

5th Grade Statuary Park

The fifth-grade students brought history to life during Statuary Park. Each student selected and researched a historical figure from the colonial period, wrote a report and speech, and then transformed into their character through costume and presentation. Family and friends enjoyed learning about these important figures as students shared their knowledge through words and actions. Thank you to Mrs. Troiano for guiding students through this engaging and memorable project.

4th Grade State Suitcase Exposition

The fourth-grade students showcased their research skills during the State Suitcase Exhibition. Each student selected a state to research and created a suitcase from a shoebox filled with artifacts representing important facts about their state, including major cities, famous people, natural resources, landmarks, and other interesting features. Families enjoyed exploring the creative displays and learning about the unique characteristics of each state. Thank you to Mrs. Baskin for guiding students through this fun and informative project.

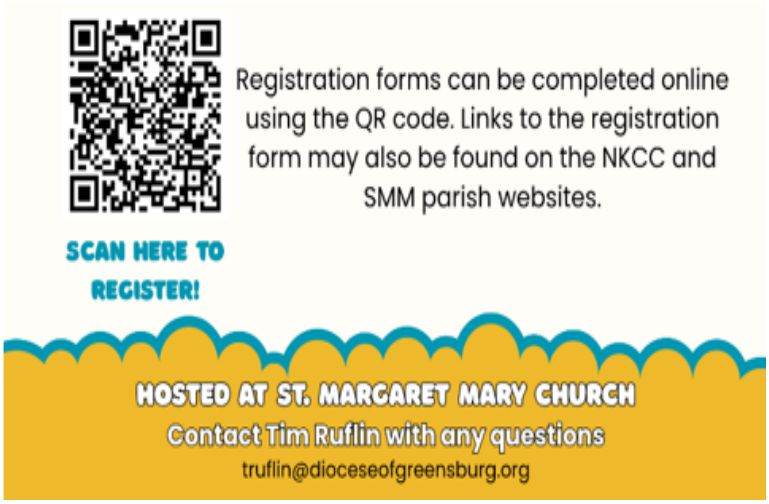
Art Factory Gallery

After a year of creativity and hard work in the after-school Art Factory Club, the third-grade students proudly showcased their *Through Our Eyes* artwork during a gallery walk in Marble Hall. Thanks to Dr. Collett and her helpers for inspiring our young artists.

SCG "Summer Send Off" Fundraiser

Thanks to the support of our school community, the fundraiser earned a profit of $1760. Congratulations to our raffle winners! The grand prize winner of a book of lottery tickets valued at $500 plus $250 cash is Lauren Lanzino. The winner of our second prize, a $200 Walmart gift card, is Rose Kuniak, and the winner of our third prize, a $50 Target gift card and purse, is Michael Fazio. Thank you to the SCG Board and all those who pitched in to help make our movie night and the raffle a success.

Vacation Bible School



GCC WPIAL Fall & Spring Sports for Grades 7 & 8

Mary Queen of Apostles is listed with the WPIAL as a sending school for Greensburg Central Catholic High School. This permits our 7th & 8th graders to participate in junior high football and their fall co-ed soccer programs. Baseball will be offered in the spring. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Mike Collett, MQA athletic director at mcollett@mqaschool.org.

MQA 2026-2027 Calendar

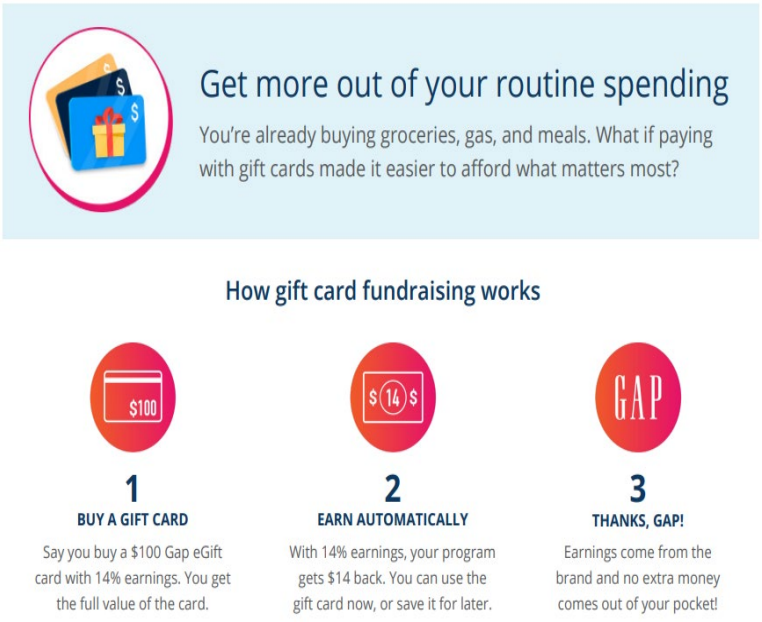
The MQA 2025-2026 calendar has been approved by the Office of Schools. The calendar is attached. It will appear on our website in June following the last day of school. **2026 – 2027 Calendar**

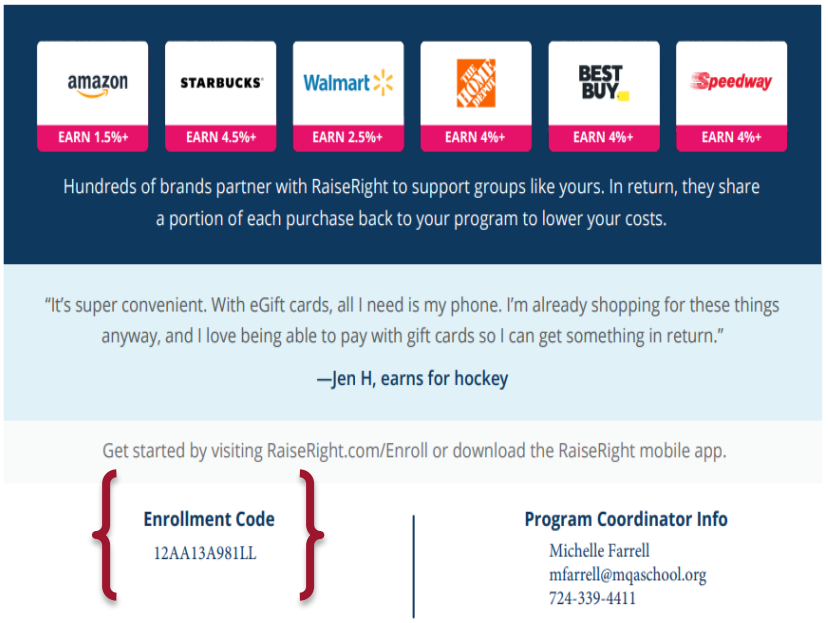
June & July Dates

June 8-12	Safety Town at Greenwald Site
July 6-9	Summer Journey at Greenwald Site
July 13-16	Summer Journey at Greenwald Site
July 20-23	Summer Journey at Greenwald Site
July 27-30	Summer Journey at Greenwald Site

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.



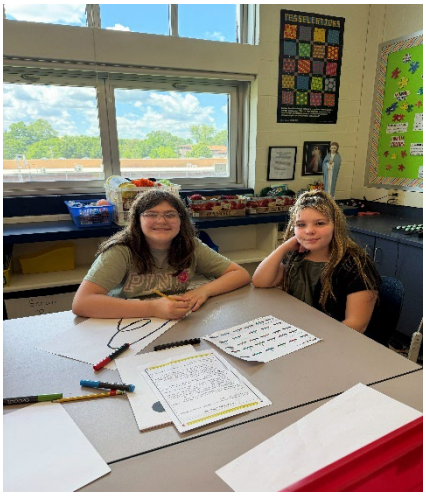


FRS Field & Fun Days

Students at the Freeport Road Site enjoyed a fun filled Field Day to celebrate the end of the school year. The day was packed with exciting activities including face painting, chalk art, dancing, bubbles, water balloon tosses, popcorn, popsicles, and plenty of smiles. It was wonderful to see our students enjoying time with their classmates and creating memories. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a special event! Below are some pictures from the event.

GS Science Olympiad

The Greenwald Site recently held its annual Science Olympiad, with students in grades 3–7 participating in a variety of STEM challenges and eighth-grade students serving as station helpers. Congratulations to the winning teams: Straw Tower – Yellow Team; Clay Boats – Purple Team; Ozobots – Pink Team; Tegu Blocks and Tangrams/Pentominoes – Gray Team; Aerodynamics – Red Team; Grab-A-Gram – Blue Team; and Cubelets – all teams tied. Thank you to Mrs. Butler, Mr. Domiano, and Ms. Pinkerton for organizing this wonderful event, and to all our GS and FRS staff members for helping make the day a success.



Summer Opportunities

SUMMER LEARNING 2026 @ PEOPLES LIBRARY
JUNE 8 – AUGUST 14, 2026

SUMMER LEARNING

From June 8th through August 14th, Peoples Library will be offering activities and programs both virtually and in person. Weekly programs and activities include Storytimes, STEM, and Arts & Crafts. We will have special programs and performers that feature science, music, magic, STEM, and art. Watch our Facebook & Instagram pages and our website event calendar - there is something for everyone this summer at Peoples Library, and we look forward to seeing you!

SUMMER READING

Reading logs will be available beginning June 8th for kids age 12 and under. Each participant will earn a chance to win for every 5 books read. Logs must be turned in by August 15th.

VISIT US

Peoples Library New Kensington, 880 Barnes Street, 724-339-1021
Monday-Thursday - 9am-6:30pm, Saturday 9am-4pm
Peoples Library Lower Burrell, 3052 Wachter Avenue, 724-339-1565
Tuesday/Thursday - 1pm-8pm, Wednesday/Friday - 9am-4pm, Saturday 10am-2pm

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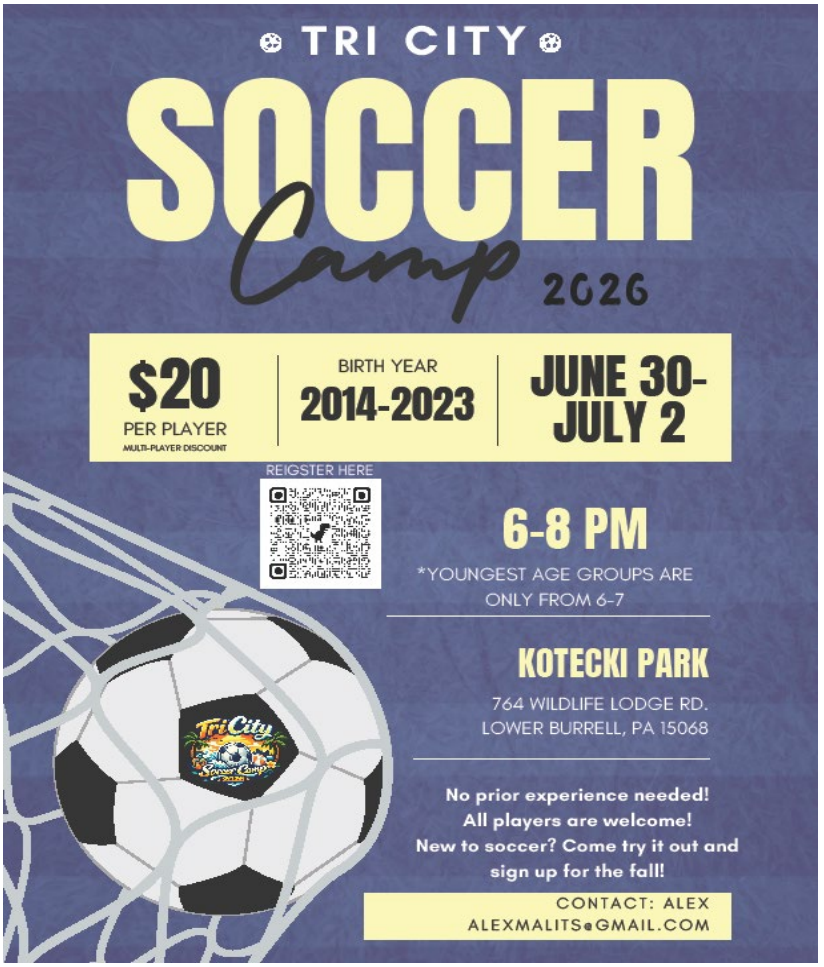

MQA Mission Statement

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.