Mary Queen of Apostles SCHOOL

Principal's Note
November 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 November

11/1 Seussical Jr. Fundraiser
11/2 **NO SCHOOL** – Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/3 **NO SCHOOL** – Election Day
11/4 **Early Dismissal Day** (see chart below for dismissal by grade level and times)
11/5 Mass, Grades K-3 and Grades 6 & 7
11/6 $1 or more PNUT Day K-8 – benefits Light of Life Mission
11/6 SCG Raffle Tickets Sent Home
11/6 Musical Preview at FRS
11/7 FLL Competitive Scrimmage
11/7 Forensics Tournament
11/8-12 Musical Tech Week
11/10 Salute to Veterans, Lunch with a Program to Follow at GS
11/11 Pittsburgh Zoo Assembly, Preschool
11/12 Mass, Grades 1-3 and Grades 4 & 5
11/13 $1 or more PNUT Day K-8 – benefits the MQA Musical
11/13-15 MQA Musical, Seussical Jr.
11/14 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Workshop 2
11/14 FLL Competitive Scrimmage
11/17 Art Club Factory, Gr. 4
11/19 Mass, Grades K-3 and Grades 8
11/19 SCG Raffle Tickets Due
11/19 Valos Candy Order Forms Sent Home for Tuition Credit
11/19 Pittsburgh Zoo Assembly, Pre-K
11/20 Field Trip, Grade 2
11/20 Student Council Movie Night, Grades 4 & 5
11/20 SCG Raffle Ticket Drawing
11/21 FLL Competitive Scrimmage
11/21 Kindness Exchange Consignment Sale at GS gym
11/23 SCG Poinsettia Sale Forms Sent Home
11/25 **Early Dismissal Day** (see chart below for dismissal by grade level and times)
11/26-12/1 Thanksgiving Vacation

Car Dismissals—Freeport Road Site Including Early Dismissal Times

Bus riders	2:30-2:40 (11:25 Early Dismissal Day)
Kindergarten, 1st graders, PreK & older siblings	2:40-2:50 (11:35 Early Dismissal Day)
2nd and 3rd 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)

Absences and Tardies

Just a reminder that if your child is absent or missing any class period, he/she is not eligible to attend practices, games, or clubs. If the tardy is due to an appointment, a doctor's appointment note must be brought to school that day.

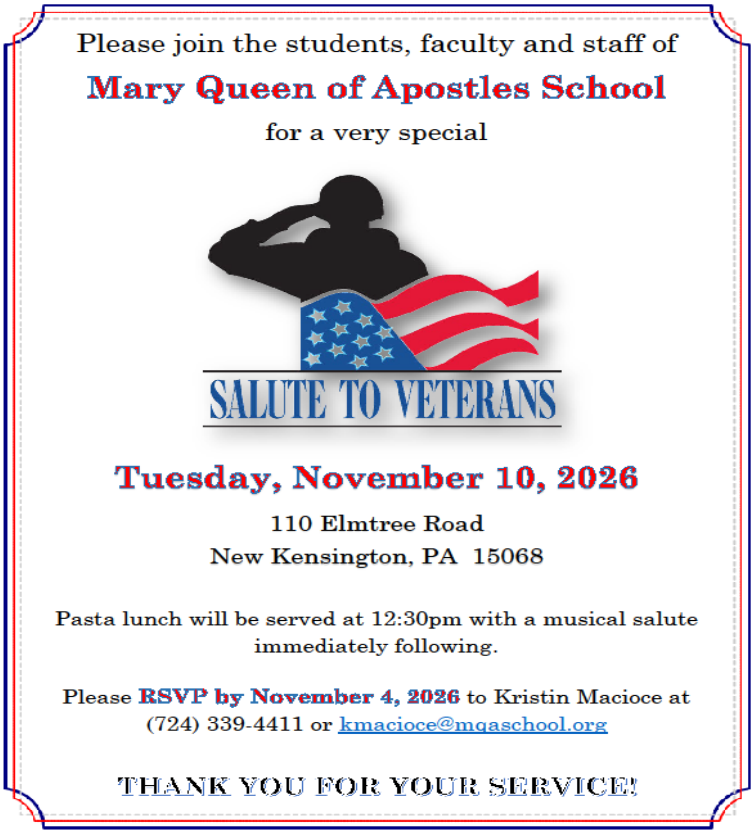
SCG Raffle Tickets

The SCG raffle tickets for $1000 in gift cards will be distributed to the oldest/only in your family on Nov. 6. Please sell the tickets and return them with payment to the offices by November 18th. The drawing will be held on November 20th after the school day.

Invite a Veteran or Person Currently Serving in our Military

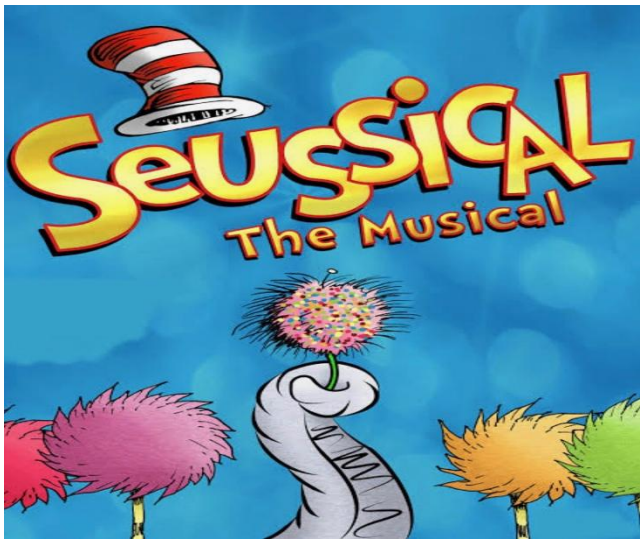
Please spread the word and invite anyone currently serving in our military and any veteran you know to our Salute to Veterans, scheduled for November 10, 2026 at 12:20. We treat them to a pasta lunch and a program prepared by our band and chorus. All that is needed is an RSVP to the office by Nov. 4.

We are proud to give honor to those who defend our freedoms! God bless America!



Please have interested Veterans and those active in the services to call the office to reserve their spot for lunch and for our salute. We are honored to honor them!

Seussical Jr. Tickets Now on Sale



Tickets are now available for MQA's upcoming musical production of *Seussical Jr.* Join our talented student performers as they bring beloved Dr. Seuss characters to life through lively music, colorful adventures, and plenty of fun!

Performances will take place at the Valley High School Auditorium on Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 15, at 2:00 p.m.

Please come out and support our talented students, directors, and the MQA theater program! Purchase your tickets here: https://our.show/mqaseuss

Document Delivery from PowerSchool Parent Portal

Document Delivery through PowerSchool is not working. Report cards will not be sent home electronically. They will be available at conferences or sent home with your child on Wednesday.

Valos Christmas Candy Order for Tuition Credit

Earn tuition credit for the 2027-2028 School year by selling Valos chocolates. Your family will receive 40% of your total sales in tuition credit. Order forms will be sent home on Thursday, November 19 and will be due back to the school with payment, on Wednesday, December 2. Orders will be ready for pick up on Monday, December 14 after 12:00.

3rd- 8th Grade Homework Policy Reminder

Students are expected to complete their homework and turn it in on time. Those who do not will be held accountable according to our homework policy. The policy states that after three missed assignments in a marking period, a student will receive an after-school detention. After two additional missed assignments, another after-school detention will be assigned. Any further missed assignments will each result in additional detentions. The count starts over at the beginning of each new marking period. Please note that detention takes precedence over any after school activities.

Homework assignments are posted daily in homerooms and on Schoology. Students are provided with a planner at the beginning of the year that they are expected to use to record assignments.

Detention is held at the Freeport Rd. Site until 3:30 and the Greenwald Site from dismissal until 4:30 p.m. Students not picked up by that time will be sent to Extended Day at a cost of $15. Extended Day is available until 5:45.

Cell Phones and Smart Watches

Cell phones and smart watches will be collected each morning and returned at the end of the day. They will be stored in a locked cabinet in the child's homeroom. Cell phones are turned off from the time the student enters the school until the student leaves the school building. Cell phones are not permitted to be carried around the school. Being in possession of a cell phone or using one during

the school day or at after-school clubs without permission results in an immediate in-school suspension.

Cross Country Season Success

Congratulations to our MQA Cross Country team on a fantastic season! With 69 runners, MQA proudly had the largest team in the Diocese! Our athletes finished strong at the championship races, with JJV earning 3rd place, JV taking 2nd place, and Varsity finishing 3rd place. Congratulations to Hallie Porter, Michael Amato,

Andrew Fratangeli, Rafael Amato, Elaina Fratangeli, Savannah Cirigliano, Lewis Gibbons, and Zachary Thomas who all earned outstanding individual placements. A special thank you to our coaches, parents, and alumni volunteers who generously contributed approximately 600 hours to make this season a success. We are so proud of our runners and the entire MQA Cross Country family!

MQA Spirit Wear

CALLING ALL MQA BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING FANS...
Please use this link https://mary-queen-of-apostles.myshopify.com/ to order your gear for the upcoming season. Orders take almost 3 weeks so order today, so you have them for the beginning of the season. Any questions please contact Jody Kleckner at 724-448-1403. Volleyball and track gear items are coming in January.

Third Grade Cheerleaders Need a Coach

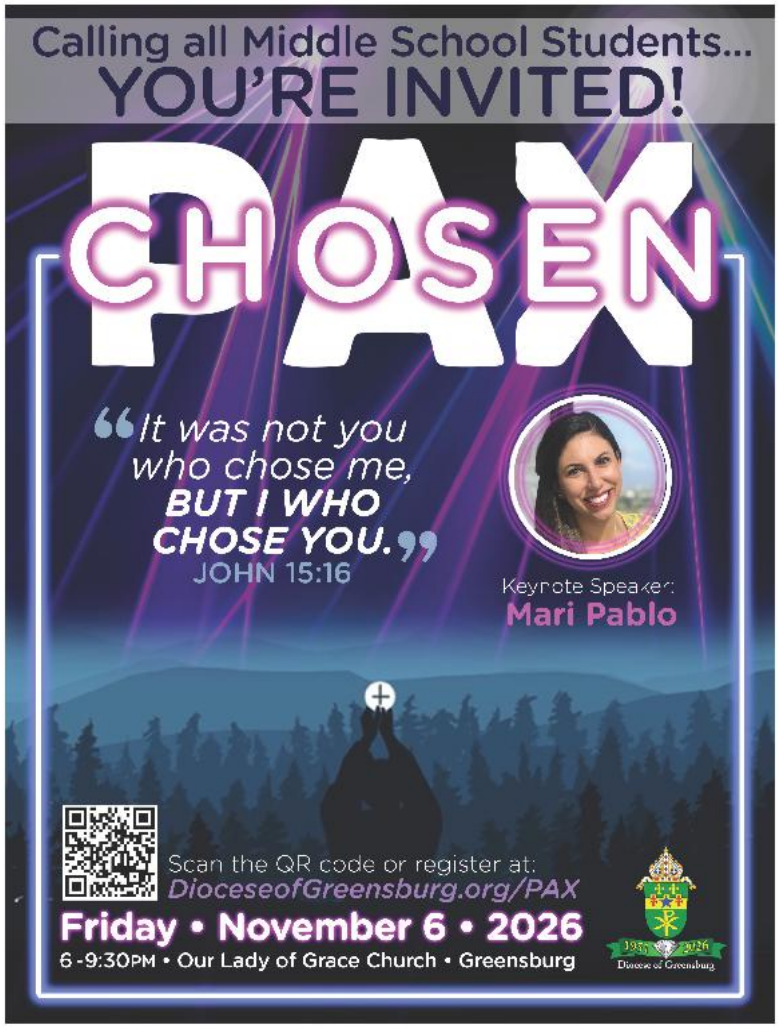
There are a lot of girls wanting to cheer this year with many of them from third grade. That is a good thing, however it means we will need a coach for these girls. Please consider contacting the school and finding out about what is needed to make a third grade squad a reality. There are too many girls to add them to the JV/Varsity Squad. Please consider helping.

Trunk or Treat Fun

A special thank you to our SCG for planning and organizing another successful Trunk or Treat! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day filled with creatively decorated cars, fantastic costumes, and plenty of Halloween fun! Thank you to all our families, volunteers, and participants who helped make this event such a wonderful event for our MQA school community.

Pax Retreat

A PAX event for students in grades 6-9:30 is set for Friday, Nov. 6, at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. “Chosen” will feature games, food, a silent disco dance party, Eucharistic Adoration and a talk by Keynote Speaker Mari Pablo.
Register now at:
https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pax-november-2026/



GCC Fall Open House

Greensburg Central Catholic will host a Fall Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, November 8, from 1:00-3:00 PM. Please register your child today at: www.GCChs.org

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.