

Mary Queen of Apostles SCHOOL

DEVELOPING MINDS. BUILDING CHARACTER. STRENGTHENING FAITH.

Calendar News

A Peek at the Calendar for October

- 10/3 FLL Scrimmage
- 10/4 Cross Country Meet #4
- 10/5-9 STAR Fall Testing, K-8
- 10/6 First *STEM* Meeting
- 10/7 **Early Dismissal Day** (see chart below for dismissal by grade level and times)
- 10/8 Diocesan ALL Schools Mass, Grades 4 & 6
- 10/8 Mass, Grades K-3 and Grade 8
- 10/9 St. Joseph HS Visit, 7th and 8th grade
- 10/10 FLL Scrimmage
- 10/11 Cross Country Championship
- 10/12 **No School – Diocesan In-Service**
- 10/13 School Pictures – Pre-K, Grades 2 & 3
- 10/14 School Pictures – Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade 1
- 10/15 Mass, Grades 1-3 and Grades 6 & 7
- 10/15 School Pictures – Grades 5 & 7
- 10/16 School Pictures – Grades 4, 6, & 8
- 10/17 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Workshop 1
- 10/21 SCG Meeting
- 10/22 Know Him, Grades 6 & 7
- 10/22 Mass, Grades K-3 and Grades 4 & 5
- 10/23 Sock-tober PNUT Day – donate a pair of new, adult socks for senior citizens in our community
- 10/24 FLL Scrimmage
- 10/25 SCG Trunk or Treat
- 10/26-30 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/28 End of Quarter 1
- 10/29 Mass, Grades 1-3 and Grade 8
- 10/30 Report Cards Available Electronically
- 10/31 FLL Scrimmage



SCG Trunk or Treat

SCG's Trunk or Treat for the students of MQA is on Sunday, October 25th from 1:00-2:30 at the Greenwald Site. An RSVP to attend and/or to bring a decorated car for passing out treats is found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CABAE2AAFF2-66276067-mqatrunk>

Please sign up by Oct. 21st so all supplies can be ordered for the event. A second Signup Genius is for volunteers needed for setup and cleanup. Thanks for your help!

Volunteer sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CABAE2AAFF2-66276157-volunteer>



Car Dismissals—Freeport Road Site Including Early Dismissal Times

Bus riders	2:30-2:40 (11:25 Early Dismissal Day)
Kindergarten, 1 st graders, & 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 Dismissal Day)
Car riders	2:50-2:55 (11:50 Early Dismissal Day)

Advertise in the Suessical Jr. Musical Program

Support our Mary Queen of Apostles students while promoting your business or celebrating your actor! Our full-color program for *Suessical Jr.* will be shared with audiences at all three performances, November 13-15, at Valley High School Auditorium.

Advertising is a great way to reach local families and show your support for the arts. Options are available for businesses, families, and friends who want to highlight their performer with a personal message. Click here to submit your ad: <https://www.mqaschool.org/seussical-jr-program-ads/>

Ads must be submitted by **Wednesday, October 28**. Payment can be made online by credit card, or forms are available if you prefer to pay by cash or check.

Halloween Costumes

Students will be permitted to wear Halloween costumes to school on Halloween, Friday, October 30; however, there are strict guidelines to follow if you would like to participate:

- Costumes should be school appropriate (not gory, scary, evil, nothing suggestive)
- No morph/body suits
- Nothing skintight, too short, low cut
- Must be comfortable enough to be worn all day. Students will not be permitted to change clothes:
 - Can't be too hot (heavy material, furry, etc.)
 - Must be able to use restroom by themselves (one piece costume that must be completely removed to use the bathroom is not permitted)
 - Nothing that keeps the child from participating in class (able to sit at their desk, write, fit in the hallway with other students, eat lunch, etc.)
- Nothing covering the face, hats are ok if they are not oversized and a distraction.
- No inflatable costumes.

Incidental Billing for Sports and Musical

Please note the sports fees for cross country and girls' basketball and the musical cast were billed through FACTS at the end of September. Payment should be made through FACTS. The sports fees are \$50.00 per athlete. Payments are due by Oct. 5, 2026.

Save the Date and 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 join the students, faculty and staff of
Mary Queen of Apostles School
for a very special



Tuesday, November 10, 2026

110 Elmtree Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

Pasta lunch will be served at 12:30pm with a musical salute immediately following.

Please **RSVP by November 4, 2026** to Kristin Macioce at
(724) 339-4411 or kmacioce@mqaschool.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Two Service Projects!

Sock-tober P-Nut Day

Help us spread a little warmth and kindness to local seniors. On Friday October 23rd, we are collecting new pairs of socks to donate to seniors in our community. Each student who donates a pair of socks will get to have PNUT day that day. Your donation will help keep someone's feet warm while making a difference in their day. Thank you for helping us warm hearts and feet!

Feeding the Body, Mind & Soul

Each month the SMM food bank gives the children of our clients from age 1 through Grade 5 a birthday bag to celebrate their birthday.

SMM food bank provides everything they need for a party (cake mix, icing, plates, cups, utensils, and party treats) plus a gift of two books in the hope of fostering a love of reading.

That is where MQA comes into the picture. If you would like to donate a book for one of our food bank children, it would be greatly appreciated. The children look forward to their Birthday Bag every year.

If you are interested in donating a book for the Birthday Bags, we ask that you please purchase a new, unused copy of your favorite book, appropriate for your grade level. You can add a little handwritten note on the inside of the book such as "Happy Birthday from your friend at MQA School, Grade x". **DO NOT include your name.**

Thank you for helping the SMM Food Bank not only feed the bodies of our neighbors in need, but also their minds!

We will add a birthday prayer card as a bookmark.

MQA Christmas Cards

MQA has created a set of Christmas cards with all of our school winners of the Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest. This set of 5x7 full color cards with envelopes is available for \$20/set. If you are interested in purchasing, please send payment to the office. We will send the cards home with your student.



2027 Golden Apple Nominations

Nominations for the 2027 Golden Apple Awards are now open! The Diocese of Greensburg is excited to celebrate excellence in teaching and leadership in the Catholic schools by recognizing exceptional educators and administrators with a Golden Apple Award. This award honors outstanding individuals who symbolize excellence in and out of the classroom, are committed to Catholic values, and who devote their lives to Catholic education.

For more information or to nominate a teacher or principal, click the following link:

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/schools/celebration-of-catholic-education/>

Nominations will close at 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 29.



**Past MQA Golden Apple
Award Winners**



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is scheduled for the last week in October and is planned by Student Council. The details of the week will be sent home at a later date.

SCG Mum Fundraiser and More

Thanks to all who purchased mums this fall from the SCG fundraiser. Kubrick Brothers provided a nice selection of mums. People were happy with the size of the plants and the quality and color. The profit from this fundraiser was \$901.35. The next fundraiser will be the Gift Card Raffle in November, so the lucky winner has the cards before Thanksgiving. Following that will be a poinsettia sale furnished by Kubrick Brothers. Fundraising provides funds for the SCG's family events (Trunk or Treat, Back to School picnic), fieldtrips and or assemblies, and busing for masses and special diocesan events. Thank you, SCG!

Generally, the SCG meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Greenwald Café. In addition to the annual projects above, we have discussion about new projects or get-togethers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Recycling Plastic Bags Continues

MQA and Student Council are committed to a recycling project. We are collecting the things on this list. There is also a “do not collect” list! Take note of the test you can make on other items not on the list!



Student Accident Insurance 2026-2027

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One of the benefits for our students and families is the student accident insurance which supplements parents' insurance for certain expenses covered related to an accident. This insurance is in effect during the hours and days when school is in session, and while attending school sponsored and supervised activities.

This insurance provides payment of covered, medically necessary expenses, incurred for treatment of injury, caused by a covered accident up to a maximum limit of \$6,000,000 incurred within ten (10) years. The coverage is excess over any other collectible insurance plans. Written notice of a claim must be given to the insurance company within 90 days of the accident. The first medical expense must be incurred within 90 days following the accident.

We strive to provide a safe environment for our students; but unfortunately, accidents do occur. If you need to report an injury to request reimbursement through this program, please follow the steps below:

- In the event of an accident, notify the school immediately.
- The school will complete the Accident Claim Form down to the insurance information and then forward this form to the parents of the injured student to complete the insurance information requested. The Accident Claim Form provides additional reporting instructions.
- The parents will complete the insurance section of the Accident Claim Form in full, remembering to include all information regarding other insurance.
- The claim form must be submitted within 90 days of the date of the injury. It is not necessary to wait for bills to be received to send in a claim form on a particular accident.

Cut Tuition Costs Through Your Everyday Spending

Did you know? Your regular spending on groceries, gas, coffee, home improvement, clothing, dining out, and online shopping can help you earn more than \$1000 each year toward tuition and other school-related costs. Put simply, your everyday expenses can help you save money!

Here's how it works:

1. Join MQA's RaiseRight program, then earn by buying eGift cards for everyday expenses, shopping online through RaiseRight, or dining at local restaurants.
2. With every purchase, brands give up to 20% back to the school!
3. The school then shares 60% of your earnings back to you to reduce your tuition.

Whether you're at home or on the go, RaiseRight gives you the flexibility to earn with eGift cards and a mobile app. Earn anytime, anywhere.

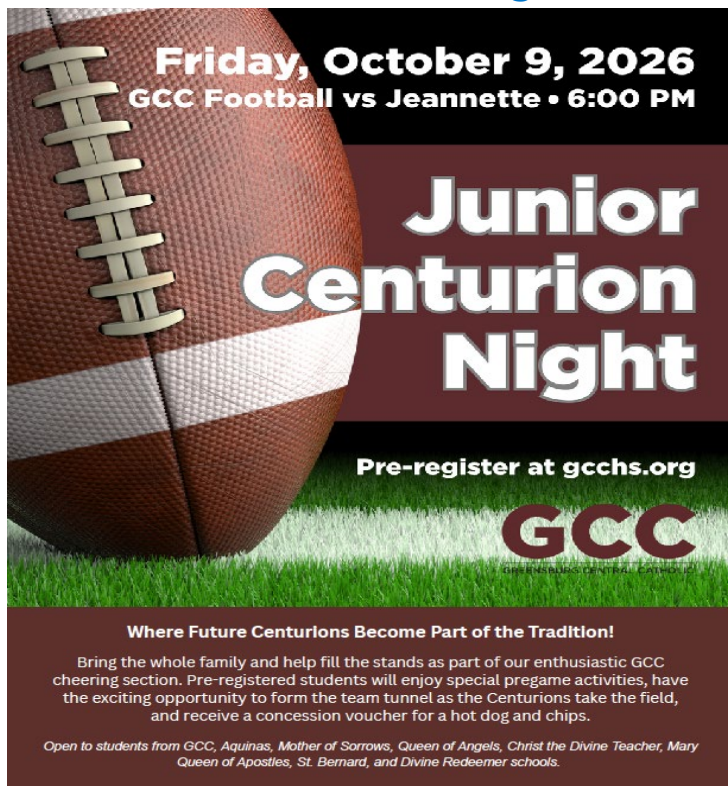
To learn more and request MQA's enrollment code to join, contact Michelle Farrell (mfarrell@mqashool.org). You can download the RaiseRight app or visit RaiseRight.com/enroll to get started.

Not Getting MQA Texts or Emails?

Look for 67587 – That is a message from the Diocese of Greensburg AKA MQA! If you are not receiving our texts, which come at the same time as the email containing information you need to know, there is a solution. Send the message Y to 67587 and you will receive the texts.

If you are **not getting emails**, they are probably blocked by your email provider, or you accidentally blocked @mqaschool.org and/or @dioceseofgreensburg.org. You can set a rule to accept emails from these two addresses. Please call the office if you are not getting emails. We may be able to delete any blocks you may have set for your account. We send very little information home in the backpacks.

GCC Junior Centurion Night



Friday, October 9, 2026
GCC Football vs Jeannette • 6:00 PM

Junior Centurion Night

Pre-register at gcchs.org

GCC
Greensburg Catholic Central

Where Future Centurions Become Part of the Tradition!

Bring the whole family and help fill the stands as part of our enthusiastic GCC cheering section. Pre-registered students will enjoy special pregame activities, have the exciting opportunity to form the team tunnel as the Centurions take the field, and receive a concession voucher for a hot dog and chips.

Open to students from GCC, Aquinas, Mother of Sorrows, Queen of Angels, Christ the Divine Teacher, Mary Queen of Apostles, St. Bernard, and Divine Redeemer schools.

SJHS Open House

The Saint Joseph High School Fall Open House will be on Saturday, October 17 from 10am - 12pm. Please join us for an in person student-guided tour of our campus and learn why Saint Joseph High School is a great place to grow and learn. Meet students, faculty and parents too! Registration is requested at SaintJosephHS.com. Contact Admissions Director Mr. Don Noonan with any questions, dNoonan@SaintJosephHS.com or [724-226-2819](tel:724-226-2819).

SJHS Spring Musical Fundraiser

Saint Joseph High School presents Café Murder, a mystery dinner theater on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Guardian Angels Parish, Most Blessed Sacrament Site, in Patterson Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available soon. For more information, contact Mandi Porter at [724-224-5552](tel:724-224-5552) or via email at drama@SaintJosephHS.com. Come be part of the intrigue! Proceeds benefit the SJHS spring musical!

St. Joseph High School
OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17**
From 10 AM – 12 PM
Discover Your St. Joes!

- Receive a private tour
- Meet students, faculty and parents
- Learn about classes, activities and the admissions process

Register Online
SaintJosephHS.com
800 Montana Avenue
Natrona Heights, 15065





**Saint Joseph High School
and SJHS Productions**

SJHS Productions

Present
CAFE MURDER
A Dinner Theatre Murder Mystery
Saturday
OCTOBER 24, 2026
Patterson Hall, Enter via the Parking Lot by
Broadview Blvd.
Doors open at 6:00
Dinner/show begin at 6:30

\$15 per person
Your ticket includes the performance
along with a dinner of salad, rolls,
spaghetti with sauce and meatballs,
dessert, and water, lemonade,
and coffee.

**Spaces are
limited**

**Reserve your spot with the QR code
or call 724-224-5552**
Saint Joseph High School Patterson Hall | 800 Montana Ave. | Natrona Heights PA 15065
Visit our website at www.SaintJosephHS.com or call 724-224-5552

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.