

QAS School News

December 19, 2007

Christmas Break

Christmas break for Queen of All Saints students will begin at noon on Friday, December 21st. School will resume on Monday, January 7th.



The school office will also be closed during this time.

SCRIP News



Current scrip profit has been calculated and a note is being sent home with the oldest student in each house today. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the SCRIP office after Christmas break. SCRIP profit is through 12/16/2007

The SCRIP office will be open Thursday and Friday this week selling SCRIP that they have on hand.

Please remember that school dismisses at noon this Friday. Christmas parties will begin at 10:30 a.m.

ISTEP Scores are In

ISTEP scores are in and the results show that we are improving. I look at scores differently than the state. The state looks how a particular grade level has performed year to year, therefore comparing this year's 4th graders to last year's 4th graders. In my opinion this is comparing apples to oranges so to speak. Below is how each group of students did from year to year.

Grade (last year/this year)	Last year pass %	This year pass %
3rd/4th	69.5%	80.5%
4th/5th	77%	85%
5th/6th	81.5%	88.5%
6th/7th	85%	91%
7th/8th	87.5%	87.5%

In their first experience of taking the ISTEP approximately 70% of the 3rd grade students passed the ISTEP exam.

Help is Needed at Bears Games

The school works a concession stand at all Chicago Bears home games. Help is still needed for games on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th. If you are interested in helping please call Karen at 878-8417 or Chris at 872-2026.

Need a Stocking Stuffer Idea?

If you are looking for something to tuck away in a Christmas stocking please think about replenishing some of the student's school supplies. Many students are running out of glue, glue sticks, crayons, and have lost their scissors.

A Letter from the Olson Family

Dear Q.A.S Family,
Words cannot express how grateful we are for all of your prayers, love, and support over the last two weeks. You have all been so very generous and kind. We cannot thank you enough for all that you've done. We know that God is going to answer our prayers and that Max will be well soon. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Tina, Steve, and Max Olson

News from Noah's Ark



Noah's Ark will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21st. Please plan accordingly as we have a noon dismissal that day.

Students may wear boots to school but they are to have the appropriate school shoes to wear in the building. They are not to wear boots in the classroom.

Christmas Goodie Bag Raffle

The NJHS will be selling chances for 5 different Christmas bags loaded with goodies. Chances are 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. The chances will be sold through lunch tomorrow. The drawing will be held tomorrow afternoon. All proceeds will go to the Max Olson Fund.

Science Fair News

In the past, Queen of All Saints School has held a Science fair in March. Due to circumstances with Mrs. Olson and her understandable need to be with her son she will be unable to coordinate the science fair this year. We do not have any other faculty members that have been a part of the coordination of the science fair. In light of this situation Queen of All Saints School will not hold a science fair this year. If a student would like to do a science fair project for presentation at Valparaiso University you may still do so. Please speak to Mr. Clark in the jr. high for information about participating in the Valparaiso University science fair.



Mrs. Lynn Scott and Mrs. Stacey Gushrowski would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Celebrating Our Different Cultures

In last weeks Brown Envelope a letter was sent home about Queen of All Saints School having a Culture Fair on Friday, February 1st. Each grade level has chosen a culture that they will be researching and preparing a presentation for. In order to make this a success we are asking for help from the families of our students. You are welcome to contribute to any classroom, you are not limited to contributing only to the classroom of your children.

Please Note: 3rd grade will be working with the country of Ireland instead of Antarctica/Arctic

Please return the second page of the form by this Friday, December 21st.

Choir News



The children's choir will be singing at Saturday evening Mass. The children are to meet in the choir room of the church at 5:00.

The children's choir will also be singing at 5:30 mass on Christmas eve. The children are to meet in the choir room of the church at 4:30.

I want to thank all of the volunteers during the first half of the year. Your help with driving, bake sales, coaching, playground, SCRIP, lunch room and everywhere else is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please be careful and stay well over the break. I will see you all in 2008.

Anita L Peters

Semester Evaluations

Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be taking semester evaluations upon their return from Christmas break. These exams will be 1 1/2 hours in length and will test them on material that has been covered in the first part of the school year. Each student will be receiving a study guide for each subject area on Friday. If a student is absent on Friday the study guides will be available on Edline. The students will be allowed to use their study guides, notes, and books the last 30 minutes of the exam to double check their answers.

Each exam is worth double the points of a regular exam and will be calculated into the student's 2nd quarter grade. The exam schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, January 9th - 6th grade: Religion, Science, and Language Arts
7th grade: Language Arts and Science
8th grade: History and Algebra 1

Thursday, January 10th - 6th grade: Math and History
7th grade: Religion, PreAlgebra, and Geography
8th grade: Religion, Science, and Language Arts