



Building The Kingdom of God

January 5, 2017

Happy New Year and welcome back! The start of the New Year welcomes a fresh start to a new quarter and the celebration of the Epiphany. The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts. The word epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning to reveal. When we talk about the importance of the visitation of the three magi in the revelation of God to man to all the nations we are reminded of our call to be like the magi in revealing the goodness of the virtues to our children.

As we start up with full steam ahead we are going to focus on all the virtues we have been practicing while learning about many new ones. We can be like the magi and bring to our children gifts to last a lifetime. Our first virtue of the New Year is going to be charity otherwise known as love. The sharing of unconditional love has a positive impact on the lives of others. Showing a genuine concern for the good of others, with unselfish acts of kindness and dedication can truly emphasize the virtue of love. Love is truly the most powerful force of life igniting our emotions, guiding us in a positive light and bringing meaning to our lives.

A new year brings feelings of renewal and freshness. We can all work

together to fill that New Year with the virtue of love.

Yours In Christ,

Mrs. Kim Gondeck

QAS students in grades 2 thru 8 are participating in round two of the NWEA MAP testing. This English and math data, which is NOT taken as a grade, helps our teachers plan and group students for direct instruction. The testing should end by Friday, Jan. 13th.

Queen of All Saints School will have an accreditation visit during the PM of Jan. 10 and all day Jan. 11, 2017.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Throw Shooting Contest on Jan. 28 for students who are 10 to 14 in the QAS gym. Parents must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. Registration is at 5:30 and the competition begins at 6. More information is available in the school's office.

SPORTS NEWS:

Players are reminded to turn in their fees and physicals as soon as possible.

Sport photographs will be taken on Thursday, January 19 during the afternoon. More information will be sent home from your child's coach.

Families are reminded that students and younger siblings must sit in the stands during basketball games. They may NOT play in the hallway or in the café during games. Additionally, students are NOT to be on the court between games.

Best wishes to our teams competing and representing us so well. May God continue to bless and protect you.

eSchool:

On days when school is NOT in session, it is imperative for your child to participate in eLearning. Teachers will post assignments in Ascend by 9 AM, and the work is due the next school day. Teachers are also available from 9 to 1 to answer questions, assist, and support our learners.

Please understand that those students who do NOT turn in assignments the following day will be marked ABSENT.

DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS:

We will be following the MCAS for closings and cancellations. Also, it will be posted on WNDU (ch. 16), WSBT (ch.22) and announced on the radio WEFM 95.9. Also, it will be posted on our QAS school Facebook page.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Jan. 9—Grade 8 to Sharing Meadows
- Jan. 12—Report cards are sent home
- Jan. 13—Student Pizza and Jeans Day
- Jan. 16—**No school** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Jan. 19—Sports Photographs
- Jan. 24—8th Grade trip to Washington, DC
- Jan. 27—Right to Life March Washington, DC
- Feb. 1—Science Night and Fair

USDA CORNER:

The United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) has new policies that will impact the QAS students and families. Starting next school year, standards for all food and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day such as during classroom parties, classroom snacks, treats sent in by families or other food given as incentives, must meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Please watch this USDA Corner for more information during the remaining months of school. Please understand that these policies are to help improve your child's overall nutrition, ability to learn, and support the educational environment at QAS.

Please read this USDA Corner and let us know if you have any questions.