

Queen of Angels School
January Parent Newsletter
2012

Happy New Year and Blessings to Each of Our Families!
¡Feliz Año y Bendiciones a Cada Una De Nuestras Familias!

May God bless each of you in 2012 with good health and good fortunes. Each New Year begins with new hopes and dreams for the next 12 months. At Queen of Angels we believe in the blessings which will greet our students and faculty each day of the year. This promises to be one of our best years.



FEAST OF THE THREE KINGS: Friday, January 6th is the day Christians celebrate as the day of the Magi or The Feast of Epiphany. In church history this is when the three wise men finally came upon the baby Jesus after traveling many days and miles and following that special star. It is believed that the three wise men who were of religious backgrounds came to pay homage to the child by bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as they knew this baby Jesus was the king whose coming had been foretold.

THANK YOU FOR THE SYMPATHY and kindness offered to the family of Pamela Lundy-Saleem last month. The family was so grateful to the many parents and students who attended the services. On behalf of the family thanks you each for the sense of community that comes so natural to the people here at Queen of Angels School.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION as always was a success!!! I thank each of the teachers, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Collins-Gardner, Mr. Smith and family for putting together an outstanding telling of the Christmas story in song and words. Special thanks to Ayna McLeod for teaching the younger students such beautiful movements in praise dancing. Also of course thanks to Prophetess Marcelle McLeod for her dynamic words of prayer. Finally thanks to each parent and family member who attended the performance. Without your support such exhibitions of talent could not be showcased.

ANNUAL CANDY SALE: January signals our annual candy sale and many of our parents have been anxiously waiting to enjoy our delicious chocolate variety. As with our last candy sale we will be featuring our \$1.00 Chocolate Shop. Each case will contain an assortment of 50 bars which includes caramel, chocolate covered almonds, plain rich milk chocolate, and crispy-crunchy chocolate. Sale will begin Monday, January 9th and will continue to Friday, February 10th. The first order of candy is on consignment. Extra candy orders will only be honored when the previous order has been paid in full. All unsold candy must be returned in its original box of 50 by Friday, February 3rd. Any candy not returned by that date will be charged to your tuition account.

50-50 RAFFLE: Because of the candy sale this month there will be no raffle drawing. Last month's winner was Mr. William Hunter who won over \$300.00 in cash. The ticket was sold by our parent Ms. Alquadira Reed-Cox. Next raffle will be in February.

DRESS-DOWN DAY: All students are invited to dress-down on Friday, January 6th. The cost for dressing down is \$1.00. There is no ½ day this month.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY OBSERVATION: School will be closed on Monday, January 16th. Prayer service to honor Dr. King will be Thursday, January 19th.

CRITICAL THINKING DAY: Research has shown that the best way to increase student learning and build critical thinking skills is to allow students to interact with games that require them to think and develop strategies. For students in grades 5th to 8th this week we are asking them to bring in board games that will enhance their analyze, reason, and be creative in coming up with a solution. This means no hand-held games. Using games in this manner also cultivate social skills and builds a sense of community.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins on Sunday, January 29th and continues through the week ending on Saturday, February 4th. As always this week is set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of Catholic Schools in our communities. We have the following activities set aside for that week:

- Wednesday February 1st-Math Fair-displays will be set up in the auditorium
- Thursday, February 2nd-Grandparent Brunch at 11Am
- Friday, February 3rd-Crazy Hat Day and Dress Down \$1.00

Classrooms will be open to visitors Tuesday to Thursday. Come out to be a part of our celebrations

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 20676: The girls have received a letter of thanks from the Saint Ann's soup kitchen for their efforts in the food drive. Our troop has 17 members. The girls will be receiving community badges for their efforts. Next the girls will begin to work on the Silver Award which is the highest award that can be earned by Cadettes. The girls will be meeting on Fridays in order to use the technology lab for research and projects.

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE SATURDAY YOUTH PROGRAM offers classes in academic enrichment along with classes in the arts and crafts, dance, martial arts, etiquette, penmanship and computer learning. Classes begin January 21st and run for ten weeks. Courses are open to students in Kindergarten to high school. The cost is only \$80.00 for each 10 week class. All materials are supplied. For further information call Joselyne, Jennifer or Ms. McKinney at 973-877-3079. Class spaces are very limited.

PARKING LOT: In agreement with **Newark Preschool** who occupies the middle building the gates will be closed to vehicles between 8AM to 9AM. This means no vehicles will be allowed in the parking area. There have been numerous fender benders and too many disturbances regarding parking.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: The weather will soon be changing and wintry storms will soon be on the way. In the event that school is closed due to bad weather please turn to News 12 on cable, channel 2 or channel 4 on regular television. We will also announce school closings on the school's phone system.

APPROPRIATE UNIFORMS: All students should be in the proper uniform as outlined in our handbook and newsletters. Students are not to wear any hoodie sweatshirts unless they have the school's logo. Also students should not be wearing polo shirts. Any student who is seen wearing the polo shirt will be subject to detention.

QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH: Many people have asked about our church and parish family. Yes Queen of Angels Church has closed due to severe structural damages. Back in October the ceiling began to collapse in the area of the altar and along the outside aisles. With recent rains and winds only more damage has happened inside the church. At present it is inhabitable and unsafe for usage. The rectory where Father James resided also had severe roof damage. Both buildings would need extensive work in order to be safe for use. Repairs to the roof and ceiling are over \$1.5 million. The church was built during the pre-civil period making the structure over 150 years old. As you know with any building upkeep can be costly in today's economy. Our church family has had to move Saint Augustine's Parish on Sussex Avenue and Jay Street off of Norfolk Street. We ask for your continued prayer for the parishioners as they settle into a new worship home.