



*Faith, Excellence & Joy*

*May 1, 2015*

## ***Virtues of the Month: Gratitude and Joy***

### **Prayers for Father Leopoldo and his mother**

On Thursday, April 30, Father Leopoldo's mother, Sra. Paloma Soto, passed away. Please pray for Father Leopoldo during this difficult time and pray for the soul of his mother as she is reunited with Christ. The school will have a Mass celebrated in Sra. Soto's honor (date TBD) and present Father Leopoldo a spiritual bouquet from all the students.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**

Many of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We celebrate this special day and ask that you keep all our students in your prayers.

### **Grandparents' Day May Crowning – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Grandparents are welcome to visit our school on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a reception, school tours, book fair, raffles, and classroom visits during the morning (8 am to noon). Grandparents are also invited to attend 9 am Mass. The students will be honoring Mary during the May Crowning.

### **May Crowning – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Students, don't forget to wear your Mass uniform and bring a flower for Mary for the May Crowning on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Materials and Testing Fee – Due May 1<sup>st</sup>**

The materials and testing fee is due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is \$300 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$250 for the second child. The last tuition payment was scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Arrangements need to be made with our business manager, Flora Wack, regarding any outstanding payments. Tuition payments for the 2015-2016 school year begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need financial assistance, you must fill out a FACTS form. The forms can be found online or you can request a paper copy from the school. Financial assistance may be denied if the proper forms are not filled out.

### **Hot Lunch Payments**

Students **will not** receive lunch starting Tuesday, May 5 if there is an outstanding school lunch balance through April or a hot lunch form was not submitted for the second half of the year. If you are not sure if you have a balance, please contact Maria Fox at the school.

## QofA Running Club Has Begun!

Come and train with fellow runners. We will meet at Hannan Hall at 9 am on Saturdays followed by breakfast!!!! Adults and children are welcome. Let's get ready for the 5K Run. Queen of Apostles students can earn running points for PE!

## Yard Signs

We need you to help spread the word. Consider placing a yard sign in front of your home or near an intersection close to your home. Please stop by the school office or the Extended Day desk to pick up your signs. Thank you for your help and support!

## Virginia Math League

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were recognized as one of the Top 26 schools in the Virginia Math League Contest given at our school last month. Only one other Catholic school in Arlington Diocese achieved a high ranking. Thank you, Mr. Bischoff for preparing the students for this math competition. Way to go 6<sup>th</sup> grade!!

## Pizza Contest Winners

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade won a pizza lunch from Paisano's Pizza. Many area schools entered and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade were very excited to be chosen as the winners.

## PTO Sponsored Assemblies

The students enjoyed their "Global Safari" assembly on Thursday. Students learned about snakes, chinchillas, birds, tortoises, and other animals during the interactive and hands-on assembly. The PTO will be sponsoring two more assemblies this coming month. We appreciate the PTO's support as these assemblies make learning fun! Thank You Mrs. Snell for scheduling these events for us.

## Coming Events:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion – May 4 at 10 am**
- **Book Fair - Last day May 4**
- **Grandparents Day – May 4<sup>th</sup> 8 am – noon**
- **May Crowning – May 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am Mass**
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – May 4<sup>th</sup> (Sponsored by the K-2 parents)**
- **Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> – Send the teachers a thank you note!**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – May 13 at 7 pm (rehearsal Mon. May 11)**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shakespeare Festival at PVI Catholic High School – May 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Field Day – May 22 (12:15 Dismissal)**
- **IFEST (International Festival) – May 30**
- **5K/1Mile Run – May 30**

*And more.... The school May calendar was sent home today.*

*Contact the PTO on ways you can volunteer for upcoming events.*

# PTO NEWS

## PTO Board Nominations!

If you are interested in joining the PTO board next year please contact Sandra Ashford at sandrag5178@gmail.com for more information.

## Volunteer Hours

Within the next week you will receive a written statement of your completed service hours for the 2014-2015 school year. Only hours that you have reported to Kim Battaglia at levineka@hotmail.com or in the school log located in the lobby will be included in these statements. Any service hours that you have not reported, should be emailed to Kim Battaglia ASAP. Please include "Service Hours" and your student's name and grade in the subject line. In the email, please list your first and last name, the date you volunteered, the activity/event, and number of hours.(e.g., John Smith, 4/18/15, Auction, sold raffle tix, 2 hours). This is the only written reminder that you will receive before being billed in June for not completing your service hours (24 hours for two-parent families/12 hours for single-parent families).PLEASE REPORT YOUR

## Coffee Social - Father Juan

Father Leopoldo, Father Juan, and Q of A parents took time out on April 24th to reflect on the role the Heavenly Father plays in our daily lives and in the education of our children. Parents took advantage of the opportunity to focus on their beliefs and share ideas with one another. Thanks to all who came out for this engaging encounter. Father Juan will host his final Coffee Social for the 2014-2015 academic year in May. Stay tuned for more details.

## IFEST - May 30th

Experience the excitement up close! The IFEST is in need of volunteers to help coordinate children's activities, to work shifts at various rides, and donate food (enough to serve 10-12 people). Service hours will be provided for food donations. Please take this opportunity to obtain your service hours and help make this event fun for everyone. Contact mavir2006@yahoo.com to volunteer.

# Follow us on Social Media!

The **twitter** link is <https://twitter.com/QOASchoolVA> or you can search from within **twitter** for @QoASchoolVA.

The Facebook link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Queen-of-Apostles-Catholic-School/287864854656612>

## **PTO Executive Board**

*Virginia Lorenzo- President*

*Sandra Ashford - Vice President*

*Josie Hoffend- Secretary*

*Maria Story- Treasurer*

*Sonia Pilot - Publicity Chair*

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*Jean Pierre- Member at Large*

*Greg McCaffrey- Member at Large*

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school office or send an email to Kathy Littlefield, Principal, at [k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org). If you have any PTO questions or comments or concerns, email [qoaschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:qoaschoolpto@gmail.com)