

Monday, February 13, 2017

## Re-Enrollment

Thank you to those who have returned your re-enrollment forms for the 2017-2018 school year. Re-enrollment packets are due back by February 17th. **Financial Aid online applications are due by March 17th.** [Click here to sign in.](#)

Let everyone know that we are now accepting applications of new students for the fall. Private tours can be scheduled Monday to Friday 9 am to 2 pm.

## St. Valentine's Day and the Kindergarten Post Office



Thank you to all of you who sent your valentines through the kindergarten post office. The kindergarten students learned about money and counting. Also, thank you to the parent volunteers that helped last week with the post office.

All the money received at the kindergarten post office will be given to Children's Hospital in Washington, DC.

*Happy St. Valentine's Day*

## CYO News

Congratulations to the 5th grade girls and boys basketball teams. This season, the 5th grade boys are undefeated. Congratulations to all the players and thank you to the coaches for your hard work and dedication!

*Way to go Eagles!*

# **Lego/Robotic Club at QofA is Amazing!**

The students in the Lego/Robotics clubs are exposed to basic engineering principles. The students work as best as possible without adult supervision so that they can build confidence and use their imagination. Mrs. Lyons is coordinator of the club and has added many toys and challenges for the students. These include CitiBlocks (for K-2+) in which students learn to build, but without the interlocking parts! It requires imagination and skill. She also purchased GeoMag mechanics (2nd+) for the students to explore bearings, rotations, and magnetism. In addition, the students work with snap circuits to learn the basics of electricity, OzoBots to teach visual robotic programming, and MagnaTiles for building/architecture.

This week, Mrs. Lyons introduced students to the vertical wind tunnel for a project called "soaring satellites." The students were amazed by the wind tunnel as they watched their "satellites" from paper, paper clips, and pipe cleaners float in the wind tunnel. The project taught the students about force and lift. Of course, there are plenty of Legos for the students to use and later this year, Mrs. Lyons may bring back her popular paper airplane project. These activities need parents volunteers. If you want to volunteer, be sure to visit the Lego Club SignUpGenius. Without enough parent volunteers, some Lego club days may be cancelled.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered already. We also need more middle school students to help younger students with our Lego Robotic kits.



*Exploring GeoMags*



*Building with Legos*



*Using the wind tunnel*

# Players Soccer Academy at QofA

Players Soccer Academy is now accepting registrations for its after school soccer clinic for students in kindergarten through 4th grades. Flyers were sent out last week. The clinic is on Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information, [click here](#).

## PTO Corner

Winter and spring are very busy times at Queen of Apostles Catholic School. Please sign up and volunteer to help with as many events as you can.

## Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, February 28th 6 pm in Hannan Hall

Come to our school's family-friendly Spaghetti dinner. The food is amazing! [Flyers](#) will be sent home this week with information on purchasing tickets. You don't want to miss this event.

## Annual School Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

Each year the PTO of Queen of Apostles Catholic School sponsors a dinner and auction to raise monies for funds critical to expenses of our school. Without the money raised by the auction, the school would be unable to pay for many necessary items that fall outside of the school budget. Last year these items included a new Public Address system, private-channel walkie-talkies, portable high-definition collaborative interactive boards and their accompanying computer and computer software, an automatic electronic defibrillator and many other items that directly enhance the student experience at Queen of Apostles.

We need many volunteers to help plan the event, brainstorm auction item ideas, create and execute a plan to decorate the venue, determine the menu, and help with many other tasks. You CAN make a difference. Contact [qoa-pto@googlegroups.com](mailto:qoa-pto@googlegroups.com)

# Car Raffle

The Annual Car Raffle has been kicked off and all tickets have been mailed home. Each family should have received 20 tickets. Please sell these tickets to family and friends and return the ticket stubs and checks to the parish office or drop in the offering basket at Mass. Once you have sold your 20 tickets, please drop by the parish office to pick up more to sell. If you would like to volunteer, we will be counting money and organizing tickets stubs in the Parish Office Conference room on the following dates and times. Please contact Ann Croft at [annmcroft@hotmail.com](mailto:annmcroft@hotmail.com) or use the sign up genius (see info below) to help out. Thanks!

## Counting Ticket Sales (3 people needed for each date) - 2 hours for each event

Friday, March 3 from 9am - 11am in the Parish Office Conference Room

Monday, March 13 from 8am - 10am in the Parish Office Conference Room

Monday, March 27 from 8am to 10am in the Parish Office Conference Room

Monday, April 10 from 8am to 10am in the Parish Office Conference Room

Final Count the week of April 17 (Spring Break) - date and time forthcoming

## Upcoming Events - We Need VOLUNTEERS

### February 2017

February

All Saints Car Raffle

Chair: Mrs. Ann Croft, [annmcroft@hotmail.com](mailto:annmcroft@hotmail.com)

Sign Up to help at

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0c49aca922ab9-allsaints1>

February 16

7th & 8th Grade Science Fair Judges and Data Input Volunteers Needed 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

Chair: Mr. Dex Curi, Middle School Science Teacher, [d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org)

Sign up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-annual>

You do not need to be Virtus Trained (parents of current 7th and 8th gr. students cannot volunteer). Dinner provided by the PTO!

February 25 Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00-8:00pm - Hannan Hall

Chair: Mrs. Roxana Montecinos, [rmontecinos@verizon.net](mailto:rmontecinos@verizon.net)

Sign Up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-break>

## March 2017

March

All Saints Car Raffle

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<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0c49aca922ab9-allsaints1>

March 25

School Auction

Sign Up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-auction>

## April 2017

All Saints Car Raffle

Chair: Mrs. Ann Croft, [annmcroft@hotmail.com](mailto:annmcroft@hotmail.com)

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## May 2017

May 13

5K / 1 Mile Fun Run

Chair: Mr. Tom Tennant, [tmt0302@gmail.com](mailto:tmt0302@gmail.com)

Sign Up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-5k1>

May 13

International Festival

Chair: Mrs. Stephanie Liller, [stephanie.liller@verizon.net](mailto:stephanie.liller@verizon.net)

Sign Up to help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-international>

Box Tops For Education -



Help QofA Win \$100,000!

Inside specially marked boxes of Cheerios, Chocolate Cheerios, Cinnamon Chex, Honey Nut Cheerios, Multi Grain Cheerios or Lucky Charms cereal there may be a winning code which would give QofA 1,000,000 in bonus Box Tops, the equivalent of \$100,000. In cash.



Parents may go online, create a BTFE account, and enter the code at <https://www.1millionboxtops.com/>.

OR - Parents can send in the empty cereal box with your child and it will be delivered to Mrs. Brenda Brophy and she will enter the code for you.

OR - Parents can email the code inside the cereal box to Mrs. Brophy at [baludden@yahoo.com](mailto:baludden@yahoo.com) and she will enter it for a chance to win \$100,000.

COUPONS - Each week General Mills offers coupons in the Sunday newspaper circulars for BTFE cereal brands and other General Mills products. And, before you shop, go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/coupons> and print additional coupons for your favorite General Mills products.

If any of the links above do not work, please go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and click on "Find A Sign Up" and then search for all QofA signups using the email [volunteeratqofa@gmail.com](mailto:volunteeratqofa@gmail.com). If you prefer, just send the PTO an email at [qoa-pto@googlegroups.com](mailto:qoa-pto@googlegroups.com) or email Amanda Aguilera at [amandaaguilera1@verizon.net](mailto:amandaaguilera1@verizon.net) or Julia McCluskey at [mailto:juliab@yahoo.com](mailto:mailto:juliab@yahoo.com)

After completing your volunteer service hours, don't forget to record them using the online Volunteer Tracking Form at <https://queenofapostlesschool.org/volunteer-tracking-form/>

Thank you for supporting the students of Queen of Apostles.

Contact the PTO anytime at [qoa-pto@googlegroups.com](mailto:qoa-pto@googlegroups.com).

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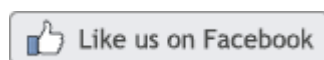
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