



Enter the Journey

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary School Newsletter

August 4, 2009

Welcome everyone to the 2009-2010 school year! We have quite an exciting journey planned and I am excited to be here to share it with you. This is my first year as principal at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary, but not my first year at Mary Queen. I taught fourth grade for several years here, was the Assistant Principal at Christ the King for two years, spent a couple of years teaching various grades in the public school and was principal at St. Joseph in Northern Kentucky and now glad to be back home again. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received and am looking forward to getting to know your children, you and the Mary Queen community.

2009-2010 School Hours

For our 2009-10 school year the hours will be from 8:00am to 3:00pm. The doors will open at 7:30 and students are to enter in the gym at that time. Teachers will pick students up from the gym and take them to their class. Please note the dismissal time is new and students will be dismissed at 3:00pm.

Catholic Identity

This school year our Liturgies will be celebrated as an entire community on Wednesdays at 8:15. Occasionally, for feast and Holy Day celebrations, we will celebrate Mass together on days other than Wednesdays, but we will publish those changes in our newsletter. Parents are always welcomed and invited to celebrate Mass with us.

Our school theme this year will be *Enter the Journey*. The theme is based on the song *Enter the Journey* written by Mark Friedman and Janet Vogt. You will see this phrase used often throughout our school year and in many of our celebrations.

Many thanks to our volunteer parents who have been hard at work making sure that everything is ready for the doors to open on August 19. The dads who have worked late into the night installing our new Smart Boards, the moms that are working to plan our first new family welcome social and the faculty who have been in and out all summer long working to make sure our school is the best it can be!

Good Luck and Welcome

We want to wish God speed to our faculty members whose journeys will take them on another path this year; to Mrs. Breeden, Ms. Coleman, Mrs. Cornett, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Jelf, Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. Werner. Welcome our new staff members Mr. Michael Reilly and Ms. Christie Kuligoski. Mr. Reilly comes to us from Sts. Peter and Paul School. He has both middle school and counseling experience and will be our 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher. Ms. Kuligoski might be a familiar face to many of you. Although this is her first year of teaching she comes to us with experience in working with children as a coach from Lexington Catholic. Welcome to both of you, we are blessed to have you as part of our Mary Queen family.

New Families

Welcome to all our new families. We are holding a social in your honor after the 11:00 Mass this Sunday, August 9, 2009. This social will include cookies, punch and a chance to meet and greet Mary Queen families and faculty. All school families are invited to help welcome and share in the fellowship with our new families.

Curriculum Nights

Curriculum nights are August 13 for parents and guardians of students attending in grades Pre-K through grade 5 at 6:00 and August 17 for grades 6-8 at 7:00. Curriculum Night will begin in the church with a short informational session for all then we will dismiss to the classrooms for a chance to hear the plans your child's teacher has in store for this school year. Tables will be set up this evening for different groups to gather and to provide information.

Safe Environment

All adults wishing to volunteer must be in compliance with the Safe Environment policy to volunteer. This includes attending a VIRTUS training session, keep current with your monthly follow-up bulletins and complete a background check. All volunteers, including field trip chaperones, cafeteria workers, coaches, and all other volunteers must be in compliance to volunteer at Mary Queen School. A VIRTUS training session is scheduled at MQHR on Aug. 22, 2009. Please go to www.virtus.org to register.

CPR and First Aid

We are in need of a volunteer trainer to update our faculty and staff on CPR and first aid. If anyone would be willing to help us out, please contact Mrs. Bodart at mbodart@mq.cdlex.org.



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Did you know that we will be welcoming 80 new students to our Mary Queen family this year?

Did you know that 2 anonymous families donated a total of five Smart Boards to our school, two have been installed already and 3 are on their way?