

† Dear QOA Families,

As the summer draws to a close and preparations for a new school year are underway, I take this opportunity to share with you a recent Gospel reflection. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." I think of the awesome responsibility and privilege it is to bring the children to Jesus. How is this possible? We cannot do it on our own, but only with God's grace. Some ways to bring the children to Jesus are:

1. Participate in attending Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family. This is the best way to bring the children to Jesus by providing them with the opportunity to hear God's Word and to receive Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. In this ultimate gift of Jesus, we become one with Jesus and He with us. We are called to become Whom we receive – Jesus.
2. Talk freely about the impact God has on your life.
3. Discuss the Gospel reading as a family. The readings for each Mass of the week can be found at <https://bible.usccb.org>
4. Model Christlike living by using kind and charitable speech, donating to the poor, giving service to family, parish, and neighbors.

Jesus wants all of us to come to Him. We need to be like children; trusting and open to receive God's life and love in us.

Parents, next week the QOA faculty will participate in our annual retreat. As we will be praying for you, we ask you to please remember us in your prayers. The theme for our school year is from John 15: "I am the True Vine; you are the branches. Remain in Me and you will bear much fruit." May we place our trust in Jesus and in one another and work together to make this a great school year. We are here for your children and you as we grow together in Jesus!



The teachers are certainly *branching out* as they have been diligently working for weeks in preparing for the opening of school. I am most grateful for their expertise and dedication to Catholic education. We warmly welcome Ms. Reed (Grade 4), Mrs. Rash (Grade 6-8 ELA), Miss Mathai (Grade 6 Religion, Grade 6-8 Science, and Grade 7-8 Social Studies), and Mrs. Koch (Art). Mrs. Behan will teach Grade 6 Social Studies. We thank Mrs. Schmauk, Mr. Koerbler, and Mrs. Kuttner for their time and dedication at QOA. We wish them, Mrs. Kleinbrahm and Mrs. Carter all the best in their new endeavors.

We look forward to welcoming **K-8 Students** on **Tuesday, August 30** for a full day 1 of school year **2022-2023** and **PreK Girls and Boys** on **Wednesday, August 31**. Please be sure to visit the school website for more details. God's special blessings to all!

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, I am,  
Sister Mary C. Chapman, IHM, Ed.D.  
Principal

### For your reference as you prepare your children for school re-entry:

**Hair Styles/Grooming - Personal appearance that constitutes a distraction, such as tattoos of any kind, body piercing, and nail polish are not permitted.** The student's hair is to be neat and clean, and groomed conservatively. *No extreme bleaching, coloring (pink, blue, purple, green, etc.), length or styles.* Headbands and hair bow for girls should be flat against the head, and conservative/no extremes. **Boys' hair length is to be above the collar, around the ears, and above the eyebrows.** Boys that need to shave should be cleanly shaven at all times. Students are expected to come to school in a state of cleanliness.

**Jewelry -** Although jewelry is not a part of the school uniform, post earrings of a small and conservative style are permitted to be worn by the girls (no more than two earrings per ear). **Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Bracelets, both ankle and wrist,** and buttons are not a part of the school uniform, however, one small wrist bracelet appropriate for a Catholic school is permitted. A religious medal or cross on a chain is permitted. However, *no jewelry whatsoever may be worn to physical education classes.*