

# QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**“GROW GREEN”  
“CONNECTED IN CHRIST”**

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## **OCTOBER CALENDAR:**

Was distributed to the students. Please keep it handy at all times.

## **CHAPEL OFFERING:**

**The children attend Chapel every Wednesday. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> should have offering envelopes and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> may drop their offering in the basket. We ask that you be as generous as possible. The offering for the month of October will be sent to “Doctor’s Without Borders.” This is an organization where doctors and nurses volunteer to provide urgent medical care in countries to victims of war and disaster regardless of race, religion, or politics.**

## **A NOTE FROM THE**

### **NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE:**

For schools with enrollments of 400 students or fewer and a school nurse, DOHMH will make available H1N1 vaccine and ancillary vaccination supplies, provided the school has refrigerator storage capacity and a refrigerator thermometer. For schools without school nurses and schools with enrollments greater than 400 students, DOHMH is planning to provide this service through on-site vaccination teams, provided the school has a minimum of 50 signed parental consents. Parents of children who are not vaccinated in school can find information about other sites where they can be vaccinated by calling 311 in New York City or visit [www.nyc.gov/flu](http://www.nyc.gov/flu)

#### **LUNCH:**

Many of you turned in the forms for **pizza, hot dogs, Family Corner and Souvlaki**. Pizza started on Monday, Hot Dogs on Tuesday, Pizza on Wednesday, Family Corner on Thursday and Souvlaki on Friday. The children had no complaints so far. On Friday October 9 the P.T.A. will serve spaghetti and meatballs bread and butter as a fundraiser and October 16 they'll serve Subway.

#### **CARE CARDS:**

Our **students handmade "Sweetest Day Cards"** which were sent to a Nursing Home. Care Cards is a non-profit organization, founded by a Manhasset, NY resident, that strives to get communities and individuals involved to help brighten people's lives through the making and sending of handmade cards. [www.care-cards.org](http://www.care-cards.org)

#### **SCHOOL CLOSED:**

On **Monday, October 12** in observance of Columbus Day. Spend the day with your son/daughter and do something special. As you know, they grow up soooooo fast.

#### **TERRA NOVA TESTS:**

Will be administered to **grades 1 through 8**, Tuesday, October 13 through Friday, October 16. This is not a test they can study for. The Terra Nova

test shows your child's strengths and weaknesses. The weaknesses could reflect that your child did not understand or that part of the curriculum was never taught. This test is a measuring rod for the teacher. It shows the teacher in what area your child needs more preparation and help. This test does not test your child's I.Q. and it does not tell you how smart he/she is.

**P.T.A. MEETING:**

Our second meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 15**. We urge every parent or guardian to attend this and every P.T.A. meeting. There are always interesting topics that are covered and discussed and we need your input.

Our first P.T.A. meeting had a very good turn out! At the meeting, Pastor Klockau mentioned that on Friday, October 16 some media/VIP's will be visiting our school. As most of you know, the patch of property where the greenhouse is (behind the playground) is in desperate need of a sprucing up which must be done before the 16<sup>th</sup>, but at this time this has been put on hold. Pastor Klockau has done and continues to do so much for our children; let's all try to come to the Oktoberfest, visit the greenhouse and show our appreciation. Many thanks and kind regards, Harriet Hoffmann

**OKTOBERFEST:**

Will be held in the school yard on **Friday, October 16 between 10:00-2:00**. EVERYONE'S INVITED. We'd like you to see our greenhouse and the plants and vegetable your children are nursing. At the Oktoberfest we'll have apple juice, apple cider, pumpkin decorating, singing and much more.

**AFTER SCHOOL  
RECORDER CLASS:**

Will be taught by Mrs. Caussin **every Friday beginning October 16 to children in grade 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**. Recorder and Music Appreciation will be taught. Letters have been handed out to the children.

**SCHOOL CLOSED:**

On **Monday, October 19** for a Professional Development Day.

**SCHOOL TRIP:**

**Tuesday, October 27** grades **1 - 8** will go by bus to The New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx.

**IMMUNIZATION SURVEY:**

I must turn it in before **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. All medical forms should have been handed to me by now. If I am missing any I will contact you and ask you to keep your child home until all the necessary form and immunizations are complete.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:**

P.T.A. is hosting their first fundraiser party for children in **K - 8<sup>th</sup>**. It will take place in the Blue Room on **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.** Letters and permission slips have been distributed and e-mails have been sent. The children will have fun in a safe environment.

**HALLOWEEN BASKET:**

Is being raffled. Chances are being sold in the office in the lower level - - - \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for six. This is one of our many fundraisers we plan to have throughout the school year. Please help raise funds for your child's school and purchase chances for everyone in your family, friends and neighbors included. Thank you.

**YANKEE CANDLE:**

Information will soon be distributed and you'll hear more about this at our next P.T.A. meeting.

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:**

Our **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** grade students and their parents/guardians have been visiting the many high schools in our boroughs. Ms. Darden, **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** grade teacher, keeps her students updated and hands out information regarding high school as soon as she receives it.

**ART:**

Mr. Hanson teaches **5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** on Wednesdays

**MUSIC:**

Mrs. Caussin teaches **1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** on Wednesdays

Ms. Nicole teaches 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> on Mondays

**RELIGION:**

Pastor James Klockau teaches 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade is taught by the classroom teacher.

**SPANISH:**

Ms. Rosado Malinowski teaches 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Mendoza teaches 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

**TITLE I READING:** \_\_\_\_\_ Has begun. Students who scored 45 or below on their Terra Nova test will receive services here at the school every Thursday during the school day. Service is provided by the Board of Ed. and it's free. Mr. Alan was the instructor last year and will be the instructor this year as well.

**TITLE I MATH:** \_\_\_\_\_ Will soon start.

**CHILDREN'S MASS**

Is celebrated every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Pastor Klockau is very pleased with the number of children at his Sunday Church Service. Pastor has come to us to pray for our community and to make our children aware of their blessings from Christ. Pastor would like to see a greater attendance of our children at the 9:00 a.m. Service, therefore, we ask each child that was at the service to ask a classmate that was not there to attend this week's Service. Come celebrate with us.

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Ms. Gigler



- ☺ **Good golly!!! October is already here! September was a time to learn routines and rules, make new friends and reacquaint ourselves with old ones.**
- ☺ **We got an introduction to growing seeds in the greenhouse. Our radishes sprouted in 2 days. Our lettuce and pumpkin seeds are coming up. We planted collards also, and hope they come up soon. We will be studying the parts of a tree soon.**
- ☺ **Come and see the bulletin board on the way to the office. We colored pictures and told the story about Christopher Columbus.**
- ☺ **Mrs. Hoffmann, Peter's mom helped us make applesauce. Check out the pictures on our website [www.queenslutherschool.com](http://www.queenslutherschool.com) Most children said it was "Yummy."**
- ☺ **Ms. Cooke and Mrs. Vanik are busy organizing books in our hall library. They hope to have it ready soon for students to begin borrowing books.**
- ☺ **A trip has been planned for all grades on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. We will go on a self guided tour of the last remaining forest within New York City. We'll see old and new forest growth, rock outcrops, birds, squirrels, a river and a waterfall. We'll have lunch at an outdoor pavilion. We hope for a sunny day! More info coming next week!**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mr. Busch


Grades 3 & 4 are adjusting to new, and more demanding work.

They are learning how to exist together in their very small.....I mean cozy, classroom. There are now 18 students in the classroom.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Ms. Darden



 **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders** are reading “*Dacey’s Song*” a wonderful book by Cynthia Voight.

 **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders** are reading “*The Red Pony*” by John Steinbeck.

 **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders** will be taking the Terra Nova Tests, Tuesday, October 13 - Friday, October 16.

 **8<sup>th</sup> graders** are looking at various high schools and filing applications.

 An outdoor **Oktoberfest** is planned for Friday, October 16, weather permitting.

 A trip to the planned for

**NY Botanical Garden** in the Bronx is Tuesday, October 27.



## From the desk of Ms. Costanzo

It's hard to believe a month has gone by since school began.

- ★ Grades 5 through 8 have been busy, busy, busy. The students completed their first science project on plants. The reports are beautiful and the students did a wonderful job on them.
- ★ We have also planted many things in our new greenhouse. The students have been recording the progress of their plants. It's so exciting watching the plants begin to sprout. Everyone seems to be having fun while learning.
- ★ The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are taking surveys and will be creating charts and graphs to display their data.

If you have time come to the lower things your children

please stop by and level to see the great are doing in school.

*Happy*



*Halloween*

### Student Council 2009-2010 School Year

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