



*Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School*  
*Newsletter*

**November 18, 2008**

*Kind, loving words seldom go in one ear and out the other.*

**COUGARS' DEN:** Beginning immediately, Cougars' Den will operate on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15 to 7:45. All orders will be filled at that time.

**FALL FEST:** Our annual Fall Fest is scheduled for this Friday, November 21. On Friday, students may wear black and gold (Saints attire) or spirit shirt with blue jeans, school shorts, P.E. shorts. (Please do not wear khakis). Please wear closed-toe shoes. Also, parents please make sure you have sent in both permission forms for the Saints activities. If you can volunteer, please notify your child's room mom. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any one of the Fall Fest Chairpersons: Paula Guillot, 845-1895; Wendy Robinson, 624-2605; or Michelle Smith, 845-8364.

**FAITH FEST:** What a fun afternoon! The turnout was wonderful. Thanks to all of the volunteers and families who attended. A good time was had by all.

**PARISH SURVEY:** Our parish wants to meet your needs. Mary, Queen of Peace parish is conducting a very brief survey that aims to find ways to better serve parishioners. Please take just 4 or 5 minutes to fill out the survey on our web site, [www.mqpcs.org](http://www.mqpcs.org). It is quick, anonymous and secure. Your input is necessary for us to continue to grow and serve you better. Thank you!

**BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR:** Special thanks also go to Kim Kelley and Shannon Pazos for coordinating the Barnes and Noble book fair. It was a lot of fun and we raised money for our school!

**INTERIMS:** Interims will be given out at the parent / teacher conferences. The remaining interims will be mailed home on Friday.

**SECOND GRADE PARENTS:** This Tuesday, at 7:00 pm in the church, we are having our First Reconciliation meeting. If your child is making his /her First Reconciliation, please attend this meeting.

**CAFETERIA BALANCES:** Please be aware of the cafeteria balances. We are now over \$1000.00 in the red. While that is only about \$2.00 per student, Food Services does not allow any more charges by the cafeteria or school. Therefore, I am personally responsible for this money. It would take me a lot of time to contact each person who owes money. Weekly balances are sent home when your child's balance is getting low (not enough money for the week). Please keep a positive balance in your account. Thanks!

**FLEUR-DE-FALL:** There are Party Board spots still available from the 2008 Fleur-de-Fall. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**BOX TOPS:** When you shop online – think Box Tops! Start every online shopping trip at the Box Tops for Education Marketplace. Our school will receive a donation of up to 8% back on every qualifying purchase, up to \$20,000 per year – at no additional cost to you. Please see the attached flyer for a list of participating stores.

**BAND NEWS:** The following combined school band practices are for the intermediate and advanced band members: Saturday, November 29 at MQP cafeteria, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Intermediate and Advanced Bands. 11:45--1:30, Advanced Band members only. A third practice is scheduled on December 3 at Our Lady of the Lake cafeteria: Wednesday, December 3, 4:00—6:15 pm. Band members have received handouts with additional details. Students are asked to attend at least two of these Christmas concert practices. Christmas Band Concert: Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 pm, at Mary, Queen of Peace cafeteria. The intermediate and advanced bands will perform.

**SALLY FOSTER:** What a success! Special thanks to Lauren Smith who chaired that fundraiser. We are excited about the purchase of our new Accelerated Reader program. This fundraiser made it possible...thanks, also, to all of you for supporting our school.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Make plans to attend breakfast with Santa sponsored by MQP youth group. This will take place on Saturday, December 6, from 8:30-10:30 AM in the school cafeteria. Tickets may be purchased after all Masses on November 29-30, through the school office, or at the door. Cost is \$5.00 each or \$20 max per family.

**THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE:** The MQP youth group is organizing our annual Thanksgiving basket food drive. We will be collecting canned goods and other nonperishable items through Wednesday, November 19, 2008. Please send canned goods or other nonperishable items through the school at any time, or you can bring these items to the youth room (room 4-5) after all weekend Masses. Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, November 22. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stacie Reynolds at the church office.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE:** This Thursday, our kindergarten students will have a prayer service in church at 10AM. All parents are invited to attend.

**THANKSGIVING:** As you all know, next week we are closed for Thanksgiving. I have been talking to the children about ways in which we can be thankful to God for all that we have. As we approach the holy season of Christmas, please discuss with your children the many ways we can show God how much we appreciate all of our many gifts. I hope everyone has a very happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jan Daniel Lancaster  
674-2466 or (504) 388-5528

***DATES AT A GLANCE:***

November 18, 2008	First Reconciliation Meeting 7:00
November 18, 2008	School Board Meeting 8:00
November 19, 2008	High School Application Forms Returned to School
November 19, 2008	Last day for Thanksgiving food drive
November 20, 2008	Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. Youth Ministry – Parent Meeting
November 21, 2008	Fall Fest Youth Ministry - Thanksgiving Basket Sort-a-thon (Jr. High & High School)
November 24 – 28, 2008	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 4, 2008	Mission Club Meeting
December 6, 2008	Breakfast with Santa

