

*Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School*  
*Newsletter*  
**JANUARY 5, 2010**



*So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.~2 Corinthians 5:17*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** We hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and a happy new year. Welcome back!

**CO-OP MEETING CHANGE:** Our co-op meeting originally scheduled for January 26 has been changed to Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**OPEN HOUSE:** This Wednesday is our scheduled open house for prospective parents. If you know of any families interested in our school, please invite them to join us Wednesday at 7PM.

**NO AFTERCARE:** There will be no aftercare on January 6<sup>th</sup> because of Open House.

**FEED THE HUNGRY:** We will again be collecting non-perishable items for our local food banks on Wednesday. We have been hearing about the desperate need in our community to restock, especially after the holidays. Your generous support of this collection is encouraged.

**EPIPHANY MASS:** Please join us at our 9AM school Mass Wednesday to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany.

**2010-2011 TUITION:** Please see the sheet attached with the tuition rates for the 2010-2011 school year. Due to the support of our church parish, we are able to keep our tuition rates lower than many of the private schools in the area. However, you will notice a slight increase over last year's tuition. This increase helps MQP maintain our state of the art technology department and other advanced programs not offered at many St. Tammany parish schools. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this at greater length, please contact me.

**HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION DAY:** This is a reminder to you 7<sup>th</sup> grade students that this Saturday is high school application day across the Archdiocese.

**PRE-K REGISTRATION:** Monday, January 11, is registration day for three and four year old classes for next year. If you have a sibling that you are planning to send to Mary, Queen of Peace next year for our pre-k program, please call the office and let us know. We will send a packet home with your child before January 11 so that you may have your paperwork filled out in advance. You will still need to come in on January 11 for the registration day.

**SIBLING REGISTRATION:** Please let the office know if you have a sibling, in any grade, you plan to register at our school for next year. We give preference to siblings of our current students, so it is important that you give us this information as soon as possible.

**MQP MOMS' CLUB:** Please see the attached flyer for information about upcoming events for the Moms' Club. Hope you can join us for some or all of the activities in January and February.

**BAND NEWS:** This week's regularly scheduled Tuesday band classes have been moved to Friday, January 8 (for this week only). Mr. Smith visited school on Monday to distribute January band schedule handouts to the band students. If you have any questions you may contact Ward Smith at (504) 909-8499 or wardwellsmith@charter.net

**PARISH ASSEMBLY:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 15: A PERFECTLY SUPER PARISH ASSEMBLY, 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria. All are invited to come for dinner (gumbo!) and stay for discussion (short & sweet!) as Team MQP works out a game plan for the future. More information will be sent out soon. To reserve a spot for child care, e-mail Laura at [laurasmo@bellsouth.net](mailto:laurasmo@bellsouth.net) Hope to see you there!

**PARISH MISSION:** Come, Satisfy the Thirst. Parish Lenten Mission February 21-24, 2010. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**MOTHER/SON AND FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE:** Save the date....First ever at MQP - Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance is going to be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Come and enjoy an enchanted evening of music and fun with your child(ren). If anyone is interested in planning and/or helping with this event, please contact either Gina Cherry or Ronald Pierson.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK:** ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON—January 4 - “Mother Seton” was the name everyone knew Elizabeth by when she died on January 4, 1821, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. A life full of surprises had led to that name. Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774. Her father, Richard Bayley, was a well-known doctor. Her mother, Catherine, died when Elizabeth was just three years old. In 1794, Elizabeth married William Seton. He was a rich merchant who owned a fleet of ships. Elizabeth, William, and their five children had a happy life together. Elizabeth devoted her time to her family, to helping others, and to prayer. The Seton family belonged to Trinity Episcopal Church in New York City. But soon, Elizabeth’s happy life would change. First her father, whom she loved very much, died. Then her father-in-law also died, and the Seton fortune quickly dwindled. Next Elizabeth’s husband Will became sick. In October, 1803, Elizabeth brought Will to Italy, hoping the climate there might help him get better. With their oldest daughter, Anna, they journeyed by ship. But Will died shortly after their arrival. In her grief, Elizabeth prayed, “My God, I am alone in the world with you and my little ones. But you are my Father and doubly theirs.” Elizabeth and Anna remained in Italy as guests of the Filicchi family. The Filicchis were very kind. They tried to ease Elizabeth and Anna’s sorrow by sharing with them their own deep love for the Catholic faith. Elizabeth returned home to New York convinced that she would become a Catholic. Her family and friends didn’t understand and were upset with her decision. But Elizabeth went ahead with courage. She joined the Catholic Church on March 14, 1805. A few years later, Elizabeth was asked to come and open a girls’ school in Baltimore. It was there that Elizabeth decided to live as a religious sister. Many women came to join her, including her sister and sister-in-law. Her own daughters, Anna and Catherine, also joined the group. They became the Sisters of Charity, and Elizabeth was given the title “Mother Seton.” The sisters’ first house was small, with no running water. In the winter, they would wake up in the morning covered with a dusting of snow that had fallen through the roof! They had to walk several miles every Sunday to attend Mass in town. More young women came to join Mother Seton, and the community grew. The sisters moved into a larger house, and Elizabeth’s good works continued to spread. Besides founding many Catholic schools, she also opened orphanages. She even made plans for a hospital, which was begun after her death. Elizabeth loved to write. She also translated some textbooks from French to English. But she was best known for the way she visited the poor and the sick. Elizabeth was canonized a saint by Pope Paul VI on September 14, 1975. She is the first U.S.-born citizen to be declared a saint.

Please remember to call me with any suggestions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jan Daniel Lancaster  
(504) 388-5528

***Important Dates:***

January 6	Open house for prospective parents, 7PM
January 6	Feed the hungry
January 6	Epiphany Mass, 9AM
January 9	High school application day
January 11	Pre-K registration, 8AM-2PM
January 13	Report cards distributed at school

# MQP Mom's Club

Just wanted to let everyone know what the Mom's Club has planned for January!

- Lunch (11 am-1 pm) Corks N Canvas: Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>; \$35 a person (must be paid in advance), minimum 10 people, limit 35 people.



- Habitat for Humanity: Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, with the church. Builds start at 8 am and go till 3:30pm, but we can choose to leave at noon.
- Night (7:30-9:30 pm) Corks N Canvas: Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>; \$35 a person (must be paid in advance), minimum 10 people, limit 35 people.



I am going to start asking for a head-count the week that school resumes, however if you KNOW you would like to attend one of the above events, please feel free to e-mail me at [tdale70@yahoo.com](mailto:tdale70@yahoo.com), and I will contact you with further information.

Thanks and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Kristen Blackburn



# COUGARS DINE OUT!

Tuesday January 12

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

5:00-8:00

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!!!

15% OF ALL PURCHASES MADE BY  
MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WILL BE DONATED  
TO OUR CO-OP.

Simply write MQPCS on the back of your receipt.

**Location:**

***Biagio's***

Madison Square Shopping Center  
Across from Rouses off HWY 22

**TUITION AND FEES FOR 2010-2011**

*Catholic students meeting support guidelines for Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish*

Family size	Base tuition	Reg. Fee	Non/Parish Fee	Total Cost
One child	\$4,225 4,219	\$165	0	\$4,390
Two children	\$7,395	\$315	0	\$7,710
Three children	\$9,510	\$465	0	\$9,975
Four children	\$10,565	\$615	0	\$11,180

*Catholic students not meeting support guidelines for Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish*

Family Size	Base Tuition	Reg. Fee	Non-Parish Fee	Total Cost
One child	\$4,225	\$165	\$300	\$4,690
Two children	\$7,395	\$315	\$600	\$8,310
Three children	\$9,510	\$465	\$900	\$10,875
Four children	\$10,565	\$615	\$1200	\$12,380

*Non-catholic students*

Family Size	Base Tuition	Reg. Fee	Non-Parish Fee	Total Cost
One child	\$5,125	\$165	In base tuition	\$5,290
Two children	\$8,975	\$315	In base tuition	\$9,290
Three children	\$11,535	\$465	In base tuition	\$12,000
Four children	\$12,815	\$615	In base tuition	\$13,430

*Pre-kindergarten*

(Family plan is not applicable to pre-kindergarten)

	Base tuition	Reg. Fee	Non-Parish Fee	Total Cost
Catholic	\$4,830	\$165	In base tuition	\$4,995
Non-Catholic	\$5,750	\$165	In base tuition	\$5,915

*Pre-kindergarten 3 year olds*

(Family plan is not applicable to pre-kindergarten)

	Base tuition	Reg. fee	Non-Parish Fee	Total Cost
Catholic 5 days/week	\$4,830	\$165	In base tuition	\$4,995
Non-Catholic 5 days/week	\$5,750	\$165	In base tuition	\$5,915
Catholic 3 days/week	\$3,115	\$165	In base tuition	\$3,280
Non-Catholic 3 days/week	\$4,040	\$165	In base tuition	\$4,205

Reg. Fee = Non-refundable Registration Fee