

Still have questions?

No problem! Please don't hesitate to give us a call -- and we can help you to navigate your way through your child's first year at Queen of Peace. The New Parent Committee was formed to serve as a resource for incoming families. They are happy to answer any questions you might have about life at Queen of Peace! You may also call the school office at any time -- our doors are always open!

New Parent Committee

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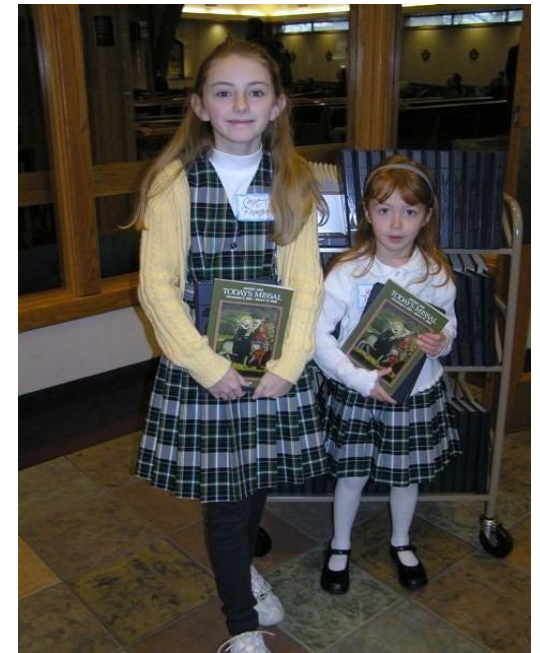
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QUEEN OF PEACE Catholic School



2008-2009

New Family Brochure

A brief overview of what to expect
when you get here!

Welcome!

We are very happy that you have joined the Queen of Peace family! We also want to help make sure that the transition to Queen of Peace goes smoothly for you and your children. This brochure will hopefully give you some basic information about what to expect during the school day and throughout the school year. We encourage you to call or stop by the office with any questions, and also encourage you to call a New Family Committee member too!

Pick up and drop off...

School doors open at 8:00 am and school begins at 8:15. There are two ways to get your child from the car to the classroom: park in the parking lot and walk him/her into the school or use the drive-through lane between the parish Youth Center and the basketball court. If your child has difficulty getting out of the car or has items in the trunk, please park and bring them into the school. This helps keep the line moving!

The school day ends at 3:15. If you wish to park and walk into the school to get your child, you are most welcome to do so! We only ask that you wait outside the classroom door until the teacher has dismissed the students. Students whose parents are not waiting for them by the classroom door will go to the sidewalk next to the basketball court to wait. Again, if your child has a hard time managing the transition from class to car, please park and come in.

Students are not allowed to wait at the office for a parent to pick them up, unless that parent is running late, which brings us to this: we ask that all parents whose children are not enrolled in Y-care pick their child up no later than 3:30. After that, the children will wait in the reception area.

Uniforms -- Where to get them & what not to wear!

Clothing that meets the school's dress code may be purchased anywhere, but here are a few best bets: Land's End, Dennis Uniform, Old Navy, Gap Kids, Target, Sears, and JC Penney. Better still, stop by our Clothes Closet and pick up some gently used items -- **for free!** It is located in the hallway leading to the courtyard. Queen of Peace t-shirts and sweat shirts are available for sale at school year round. Please see the handbook for dress code requirements.

The top three dress code violations are: not wearing socks; wearing skirts, shorts or skorts that are too short; and non-Queen of Peace t-shirts.

The School Day...

Each day begins with a 15-minute long, all-school assembly in the Youth Center. This gives the students the opportunity to be together for prayer, music, special announcements and more!

There is a morning recess at 10:15 and lunch is from 11:45 until 12:15. The lunch period is followed by a half-hour recess. The primary grades (K-3) also have a 15 minute afternoon recess. Rainy day recess is in the classrooms.

Weekly Mass

All students attend mass on Wednesday mornings at 8:30. Each grade is responsible for planning the Wednesday liturgies or prayer services. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend!

School Lunch

Hot lunch is offered starting the 2nd week of school. Please make sure to pack a lunch the first week of school! Prices for the 2008-09 school year are \$2.60 for a full lunch (including milk) or 40 cents for milk only. Payments may be made at the school office. Please pay *before* your child has a hot lunch or milk.

Snacks

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat during morning recess (little stomachs sometimes can't wait until noon).

After School Care

Onsite before and after school care is provided by the YMCA. Please contact the Y registration desk at 503.399.2759 to enroll.

Service Hours

All school families are asked to volunteer. Two-parent families are asked to give 30 hours of service each year and single-parent families are asked to give 15 hours of service per year. There are a variety of ways to get involved -- whether you work outside the home or are available during school hours! We ask that at least 10 hours of time be directed towards fund-raising activities (i.e. auction, Sally Foster).

Fund Raisers

Since tuition does not cover the true cost to educate each student, we have a number of fund raisers throughout the year. The auction is the largest and can generate up to \$100,000 towards operating expenses. Other fundraisers include Sally Foster gift wrap sales. There is also an annual fund drive in the Spring.