



# Thursday Newsletter

January 7, 2010

## Weekly Calendar

### THURSDAY, JAN 7

3:30 - 4:30 Robotics

### SATURDAY, JAN 9

12:00 - 1:00 KC Basketball Throw  
Contest in the Gym

### SUNDAY, JAN 10

9:45 WCFE  
2:00 - 4:00 KC Bingo

### TUESDAY, JAN 12

2:00 Early Dismissal  
6:00 Parent Club

### WEDNESDAY, JAN 13

8:30 Mass

### THURSDAY, JAN 14

3:30 - 4:30 Chess Club  
Robotics Club

### FRIDAY, JAN 15

Noon Dismissal, In--Service

### SATURDAY, JAN 16

6:00 KC Spaghetti Dinner

### MONDAY, JAN 18

MLK Day, No School

## Nike Shoe Recycling Program Launched at QPS

Are old athletic shoes taking up precious real estate in your closets? Free up some space and give those old shoes new life by bringing them in to the shoe recycling centers at school. Sponsored by Nike, this program converts used athletic shoes into surfaces for sports (tennis and basketball courts, etc.) and playgrounds.

**What can be donated:** The program accepts used running or athletic shoes -- any brand is fine!

**What NOT to donate:** Please do not bring sandals, flip flops, boots, dress shoes, cleats or spikes, damp or wet sneakers, or sneakers with metal.

We can accept up to 200 pairs of sneakers during the month of January. After that, we will be able to take 10 pairs per month. All you need to do is bring the shoes in and deposit them in the receptacle by the front office. Our third grade class is overseeing this project as part of their green school activities. The students are very excited about this project and appreciate your support!

## Hoop Dreams

Boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14 are invited to take part in the Knight's of Columbus Free Throw contest this Saturday at noon in the gym/multipurpose room. This is a fun, relaxed event open to children of any skill level. Saturday's winner will go to the regional free throw contest at Blanchet later this winter.

## Vaccination Deadline Approaching

This is a gentle reminder that all children must be up-to-date on their immunizations by February 17, 2010. State law requires the school to submit a list of children who are not up-to-date with their immunizations on Monday, January 11. If your child is on that list, you will receive a letter from the state saying that your child may no longer attend school if they do not receive their missing immunizations by February 17.

If you are unsure whether you have given updated immunization information to the school, please contact Mrs. Hansson by **noon**, Monday, January 11. Her report to the state has to go out in that day's mail.

Thanks!

## Errata

The annual book sale is coming soon and there are a variety of ways you can help out with this fundraiser. The sale runs from Friday, January 29 through Sunday the 31st and is held in the gym. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Thursday, January 28 after school, to work at the “checkout counter” during the sale and help with tear down on Sunday afternoon. Sale hours are 9 am - 4 pm Friday and Saturday and from 9:30 - 1:30 on Sunday.

Proceeds from the sale go to the school's tuition assistance fund. For more information about how you can help, see the Service Hour board in the main hallway or call Michelle Ungar at 503.581.8821.

### School Open House

The school will host an open house for members of the parish and prospective families from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Sunday, January 31. If you know of any families who might be interested in learning about Queen of Peace, please feel free to invite them.

## A Letter From Mrs. Janota

As we begin another year may you and your family find peace and joy each day. A personal thank you to all of you for keeping my family and myself in your prayers and thoughts. Queen of Peace School is a wonderful second home and I am so blessed to have each and every one of you in my life.

Though snow is not in the near future, I came across a ‘snowman’ definition that I’d like to share...

### The Meaning of the Snowman

The *white snow* stands for the purity of souls filled with God's grace. The circular *snowballs* represent God's everlasting love. The pieces of *coal* used to make the eyes, mouth and buttons symbolize God's almighty power. The *carrot* nose reminds us that God gives us everything we need to live and grow. The *scarf* suggests the warmth of God's tender care. The *top hat* reminds us always to keep faith our top priority. The *twig arms* are outstretched to us, as God's always cre. The *broom* made of straw and wood signifies that Jesus was born and died to cleanse us of sin.

And my special thought for you to begin this new year in January 2010 is:

“Just like a crystal snowflake, you're quite beyond compare,  
with a kindness of spirit so precious and so fair.

You have a love for living with a sparkle all your own,  
and a special way of caring that belongs to you alone.”

A miracle is from heaven, you have to know it's true  
— you make the world more beautiful just by being YOU!”

## Child Care Help Needed for Queen of Peace Ladies' Bible Study

Wanted: one marvelous person to help with child care during the spring term of Ladies' Bible Study. The hours are from 9:00 am until 11:30 am on Wednesdays. The term begins January 13 and runs through early May. The position is paid \$10/hour *or* you may volunteer. We also would like to create a pool of substitute care givers. For more information, contact Beth Churchill: 503.585.9811 or [beth@qpsalem.org](mailto:beth@qpsalem.org). This is a great way to earn service hours and help support a wonderful ministry!